

Let's vote again on HSR

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Regarding the op-ed by Congressman Jim Costa and colleagues in The Bee on Jan. 29 where they took the liberty to quote Sen. Patrick Moynihan's "we are not entitled to our own facts" regarding the high-speed rail project, let's review a "financial fact" pertaining to the project.

The original Proposition 1A "safe, reliable high-speed passenger train bond act," passed by voters in 2008, reads in part that the HSR was to "Provide for a bond issue of \$9.95 billion to establish high-speed train service linking southern California counties, the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley, and the San Francisco Bay Area."

The latest "facts" show that the California High-Speed Rail Authority now estimates that the cost to complete Gov. Brown's amusement ride to be between \$98.5 and \$118 billion!

Another famously renowned politician, John Adams, the second president of the United States, was quoted in December of 1776: "Facts are stubborn things, and whatever may be your wishes, your inclinations, or the dictates of your passion they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

I've got buyer's remorse on this HSR boondoggle. How 'bout we vote on it again?

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