



KONSTANTINOS RODITIS

HIDDEN TRUTH SHOW WITH JIM BRESLO
TRAIN TO NOWHERE

AVAILABLE ON ALL PODCAST APPS



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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,220

[Music]

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00:00:14,150 --> 00:00:12,140

what was your initial reaction when you

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00:00:17,090 --> 00:00:14,160

heard about this bullet train project

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00:00:20,720 --> 00:00:17,100

well back in in basically 2008 so I was

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00:00:22,670 --> 00:00:20,730

a know from the get-go onto the train

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00:00:24,349 --> 00:00:22,680

just simply from the fact that it

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00:00:27,470 --> 00:00:24,359

doesn't solve any of the congestion

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00:00:29,630 --> 00:00:27,480

problems and basically it was strapped

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00:00:32,389 --> 00:00:29,640

full of lies I mean if you just look at

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00:00:34,880 --> 00:00:32,399

bullet trains inherently they are a

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00:00:36,680 --> 00:00:34,890

money loss they don't make money they're

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00:00:38,720 --> 00:00:36,690

not self-sustaining from what I remember

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00:00:42,440 --> 00:00:38,730

there's only two lines in the entire

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00:00:45,080 --> 00:00:42,450
world that that are profitable four

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00:00:46,430 --> 00:00:45,090
lines and that's in France but then they

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00:00:47,959 --> 00:00:46,440
added a bunch of other things

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00:00:50,690 --> 00:00:47,969
another lines because all politicians

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00:00:52,189 --> 00:00:50,700
wanted to add their lines and you know

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00:00:55,639 --> 00:00:52,199
basically a lot of bureaucracy got in

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00:00:57,619 --> 00:00:55,649
the way and it's a money loss so to me I

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00:00:59,889 --> 00:00:57,629
don't understand why you would be using

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00:01:02,959 --> 00:00:59,899
basically into the sense 1960s 1970s

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00:01:04,670 --> 00:01:02,969
technology to build something that cost

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00:01:07,399 --> 00:01:04,680
billions of dollars that doesn't

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00:01:11,600 --> 00:01:07,409
alleviate traffic so the promises that

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00:01:13,300 --> 00:01:11,610
were made were garbage yeah well I mean

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00:01:16,760 --> 00:01:13,310
I agree I think it's old technology

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00:01:19,490 --> 00:01:16,770
they're not as safe as planes by far

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00:01:21,080 --> 00:01:19,500
they're not as safe as planes and I

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00:01:24,560 --> 00:01:21,090
don't think there is cost-effective as

31
00:01:26,810 --> 00:01:24,570
no there isn't because you don't have if

32
00:01:29,499 --> 00:01:26,820
it was cost-effective then you would

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00:01:31,760 --> 00:01:29,509
have really private companies building

34
00:01:33,800 --> 00:01:31,770
high-speed rails without government

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00:01:36,760 --> 00:01:33,810
subsidies and being dependent upon them

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00:01:39,170 --> 00:01:36,770
to survive airlines don't need

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00:01:41,030 --> 00:01:39,180
government subsidies people take them

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00:01:42,410 --> 00:01:41,040

and then especially with newer

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00:01:47,389 --> 00:01:42,420

technology is going to be coming out

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00:01:50,450 --> 00:01:47,399

with faster planes quieter like near

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00:01:52,429 --> 00:01:50,460

supersonic like planes it doesn't make

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00:01:54,969 --> 00:01:52,439

sense to build this now if you're going

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00:01:56,959 --> 00:01:54,979

to build transportation I'm all for it

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00:02:00,499 --> 00:01:56,969

transportation solutions but you gotta

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00:02:02,929 --> 00:02:00,509

actually address issues that help with

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00:02:05,749 --> 00:02:02,939

traffic congestion and high-speed rail

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00:02:11,119 --> 00:02:05,759

does not do that one I mean it's just

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00:02:13,010 --> 00:02:11,129

basically a project for you know unions

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00:02:15,770 --> 00:02:13,020

and construction company

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00:02:17,450 --> 00:02:15,780

and you know government consultants to

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00:02:19,850 --> 00:02:17,460
make money no one's gonna take this

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00:02:22,490 --> 00:02:19,860
thing it's it's garbage from day one I

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00:02:23,870 --> 00:02:22,500
was recently reading about China and

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00:02:25,610 --> 00:02:23,880
everything that they've done with their

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00:02:28,780 --> 00:02:25,620
high-speed rail and it's just been

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00:02:31,670 --> 00:02:28,790
incredibly inexpensive but then again

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00:02:34,190 --> 00:02:31,680
it's it's being run by the federal

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00:02:38,750 --> 00:02:34,200
government very low labor costs very low

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00:02:39,830 --> 00:02:38,760
land costs like zero probably so every

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00:02:41,480 --> 00:02:39,840
circumstance is different in California

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00:02:45,410 --> 00:02:41,490
you've got the most expensive real

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00:02:47,360 --> 00:02:45,420
estate in the world well yes and you

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00:02:48,830 --> 00:02:47,370

know part of this stuff is you know they

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00:02:50,120 --> 00:02:48,840

were supposed to start basically into

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00:02:51,680 --> 00:02:50,130

the Central Valley where it was going to

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00:02:54,680 --> 00:02:51,690

be cheaper and it's going to have less

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00:02:57,050 --> 00:02:54,690

requirements from you know seismic

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00:03:00,410 --> 00:02:57,060

activities cos this is California so we

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00:03:03,260 --> 00:03:00,420

have to worry about earthquakes and

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00:03:05,510 --> 00:03:03,270

everything else but you've seen the land

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00:03:07,160 --> 00:03:05,520

explosion they came up with I against

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00:03:09,080 --> 00:03:07,170

typical government kind of in to the

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00:03:11,060 --> 00:03:09,090

census where they they wanted to do a

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00:03:14,240 --> 00:03:11,070

project they didn't count the cost

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00:03:16,670 --> 00:03:14,250

basically of what was going to take to

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00:03:18,890 --> 00:03:16,680

you know build a high-speed rail didn't

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00:03:22,760 --> 00:03:18,900

do land proper land acquisition and the

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00:03:24,530 --> 00:03:22,770

problem is oh it's instead of looking at

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00:03:25,490 --> 00:03:24,540

this project and saying how can we build

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00:03:27,170 --> 00:03:25,500

even if you were going to build a

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00:03:28,670 --> 00:03:27,180

high-speed rail this is how it should

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00:03:30,410 --> 00:03:28,680

work just like it does in the private

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00:03:32,240 --> 00:03:30,420

sector what would work what is the best

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00:03:33,940 --> 00:03:32,250

route to do and let's go ahead and do

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00:03:37,970 --> 00:03:33,950

that one but it doesn't matter because

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00:03:40,430 --> 00:03:37,980

government severely wants to waste money

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00:03:41,990 --> 00:03:40,440

right you have a politician and Fresno

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00:03:43,640 --> 00:03:42,000

or somewhere else who wants a high-speed

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00:03:46,730 --> 00:03:43,650

rail they want the roof line coming into

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00:03:48,100 --> 00:03:46,740

their area those serves no purpose but

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00:03:50,600 --> 00:03:48,110

it's going to go ahead and give jobs

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00:03:52,670 --> 00:03:50,610

locally so they go ahead and build it

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00:03:55,190 --> 00:03:52,680

out right it's a it's a coalition of

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00:03:56,660 --> 00:03:55,200

garbage that gets put into it and that's

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00:03:58,460 --> 00:03:56,670

why you get something that balloons I

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00:04:01,040 --> 00:03:58,470

mean originally we're looking at this

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00:04:03,290 --> 00:04:01,050

project being 33 billion dollars and

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00:04:06,050 --> 00:04:03,300

then when the new s event from the

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00:04:08,300 --> 00:04:06,060

high-speed rail from there said you know

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00:04:10,790 --> 00:04:08,310

it would be about 77 billion but it

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00:04:12,620 --> 00:04:10,800

could cost up to almost 100 billion it

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00:04:14,900 --> 00:04:12,630

was about 98.1 billion it's going to

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00:04:17,240 --> 00:04:14,910

exceed that - if it continues to

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00:04:18,530 --> 00:04:17,250

basically go on there is no way they

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00:04:20,150 --> 00:04:18,540

have no ways to get through the

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00:04:22,550 --> 00:04:20,160

grapevine they're gonna have to war I

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00:04:24,530 --> 00:04:22,560

mean this thing is gonna be way north of

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00:04:26,629 --> 00:04:24,540

a hundred billion dollars yeah and I

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00:04:28,879 --> 00:04:26,639

think that at this point

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00:04:30,080 --> 00:04:28,889

this interviews we've done so far I you

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00:04:31,100 --> 00:04:30,090

know I would imagine our listeners

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00:04:32,839 --> 00:04:31,110

probably aren't gonna need to be

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00:04:35,149 --> 00:04:32,849

convinced that this thing is kind of a

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00:04:36,559 --> 00:04:35,159

way off the rails in a disaster I think

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00:04:41,809 --> 00:04:36,569

the two things I'm kind of interested in

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00:04:44,450 --> 00:04:41,819

is how did we get here you know where

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00:04:46,580 --> 00:04:44,460

where did this thing make a big left

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00:04:48,679 --> 00:04:46,590

turn and then how do we stop this thing

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00:04:51,830 --> 00:04:48,689

so going back to the beginning as far as

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00:04:54,170 --> 00:04:51,840

the initial referendum on this who who

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00:04:56,600 --> 00:04:54,180

was putting money in this thing to

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00:05:00,140 --> 00:04:56,610

support this initiative do you know how

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00:05:03,439 --> 00:05:00,150

the money was from what I know back in

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00:05:06,529 --> 00:05:03,449

2009 widows prop 1a was a coalition of

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00:05:08,779 --> 00:05:06,539

obviously unions and contractors and

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00:05:10,369 --> 00:05:08,789

what eventually became like the

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00:05:12,260 --> 00:05:10,379

president of the high-speed rail

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00:05:14,119 --> 00:05:12,270

authority which is interesting and the

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00:05:19,579 --> 00:05:14,129

fact I can't remember his name Quintin

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00:05:22,100 --> 00:05:19,589

Hogg yeah he's suing you know even if

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00:05:25,519 --> 00:05:22,110

we've interviewed Quentin Kopp and yeah

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00:05:28,219 --> 00:05:25,529

he he's still a huge advocate of a train

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00:05:29,689 --> 00:05:28,229

he's just upset with how this is being

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00:05:32,209 --> 00:05:29,699

managed and the fact that it's no longer

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00:05:36,439 --> 00:05:32,219

gonna be high-speed rail that's yeah I

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00:05:38,869 --> 00:05:36,449

mean and that was a requirement so if

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00:05:41,409 --> 00:05:38,879

you're not familiar I ended up running

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00:05:43,939 --> 00:05:41,419

for California State Controller back in

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00:05:46,179 --> 00:05:43,949

2018 and one of the functions of the

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00:05:49,670 --> 00:05:46,189

controller is being able to hold funding

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00:05:52,820 --> 00:05:49,680

from the Train if it doesn't comply with

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00:05:54,860 --> 00:05:52,830

state law so you know the current

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00:05:56,149 --> 00:05:54,870

controller and was reelected Betty Yee

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00:05:58,670 --> 00:05:56,159

you know she was like oh well yeah you

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00:06:00,079 --> 00:05:58,680

can but you know I'm not allowed to do a

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00:06:01,550 --> 00:06:00,089

performance on it and that's like you

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00:06:06,550 --> 00:06:01,560

don't need to do a performance audit on

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00:06:08,659 --> 00:06:06,560

this thing the documentation is saying

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00:06:10,909 --> 00:06:08,669

exactly what you already need to know

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00:06:12,829 --> 00:06:10,919

from the high speed rail the third of

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00:06:14,450 --> 00:06:12,839

this is not being funded by the private

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00:06:16,189 --> 00:06:14,460

sector a third is not being funded by

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00:06:19,879 --> 00:06:16,199

the federal government we're paying for

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00:06:22,010 --> 00:06:19,889

it 100% violation of prop 1a I suppose

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00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:22,020

have time restrictions and actually be

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00:06:26,689 --> 00:06:24,960

high speed well it is at high-speed rail

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00:06:29,329 --> 00:06:26,699

and then also the other requirement was

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00:06:30,769 --> 00:06:29,339

there would go no ongoing subsidies and

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00:06:33,139 --> 00:06:30,779

we're already looking at 100 billion

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00:06:35,749 --> 00:06:33,149

dollars from that one you know I would

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00:06:37,579 --> 00:06:35,759

still encourage the controller Betty Yee

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00:06:39,740 --> 00:06:37,589

to go ahead and stop funding on this

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00:06:40,279 --> 00:06:39,750

immediately you don't need to do a

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00:06:42,350 --> 00:06:40,289

performer

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00:06:43,969 --> 00:06:42,360

taught it all you need to do is stick

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00:06:46,459 --> 00:06:43,979

their own documentation and go ahead and

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00:06:49,189 --> 00:06:46,469

cancel the project unfortunately she's

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00:06:51,139 --> 00:06:49,199

not going to do it and that's why us

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00:06:53,540 --> 00:06:51,149

have reformed California we're gonna be

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00:06:56,239 --> 00:06:53,550

putting a ballot initiative in 2020 to

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00:06:57,709 --> 00:06:56,249

repeal the high-speed rail and to fund

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00:06:59,989 --> 00:06:57,719

this once and for all we're gonna bring

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00:07:02,089 --> 00:06:59,999

it back to the few buzzers so she's not

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00:07:04,129 --> 00:07:02,099

defunding it because she says I don't

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00:07:05,540 --> 00:07:04,139

have the authority to not defund it well

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00:07:08,450 --> 00:07:05,550
she never said she didn't have because

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00:07:10,309 --> 00:07:08,460
she never stated when we would be

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00:07:11,899 --> 00:07:10,319
debating or we had radio interviews

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00:07:14,659 --> 00:07:11,909
radio debates and everything else said I

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00:07:16,339 --> 00:07:14,669
wanted to be funded she said she never

181
00:07:18,619 --> 00:07:16,349
said that I couldn't because that is the

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00:07:20,540 --> 00:07:18,629
job of the controller is to hold funding

183
00:07:23,119 --> 00:07:20,550
if something doesn't comply with state

184
00:07:26,029 --> 00:07:23,129
law you know it's been a basic audit now

185
00:07:28,730 --> 00:07:26,039
her thing was I'm not allowed to do a

186
00:07:31,969 --> 00:07:28,740
performance on it on the high-speed rail

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00:07:33,949 --> 00:07:31,979
which I will agree she couldn't do a a

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00:07:36,109 --> 00:07:33,959

performance audit on the high-speed rail

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00:07:38,149 --> 00:07:36,119

it but it doesn't need to because their

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00:07:40,639 --> 00:07:38,159

own documentation coming from the high

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00:07:43,040 --> 00:07:40,649

speed rail authority is proving that

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00:07:44,809 --> 00:07:43,050

there are not compliance with the law so

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00:07:46,519 --> 00:07:44,819

you just have to take their statements

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00:07:49,670 --> 00:07:46,529

put out a nation and say until this

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00:07:51,499 --> 00:07:49,680

project complies with prop 1a what the

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00:07:54,259 --> 00:07:51,509

law says and what the voters approved

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00:07:55,699 --> 00:07:54,269

are going to be holding funding until

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00:07:58,070 --> 00:07:55,709

and then allow the high-speed rail

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00:08:03,290 --> 00:07:58,080

authority then to come back issue

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00:08:08,179 --> 00:08:03,300

payments and we lose connection no I

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00:08:09,649 --> 00:08:08,189
still got you oh now you paused it was

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00:08:14,209 --> 00:08:09,659
going fine and all the sudden it froze

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00:08:21,199 --> 00:08:14,219
oh okay hold on sorry yeah I think

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00:08:22,939 --> 00:08:21,209
you're back okay yes so in your view is

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00:08:24,529 --> 00:08:22,949
she simply just toeing the party line

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00:08:26,299 --> 00:08:24,539
bottom line you know everything these

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00:08:27,889 --> 00:08:26,309
days comes down to politics you're there

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00:08:29,749 --> 00:08:27,899
for dirt against it based on your party

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00:08:33,439 --> 00:08:29,759
Democrats are in favor of this so is

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00:08:35,839 --> 00:08:33,449
that why she's not doing anything to try

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00:08:37,550 --> 00:08:35,849
to stop this project well I I truthfully

212
00:08:39,409 --> 00:08:37,560
think the Democrats actually want this

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00:08:41,929 --> 00:08:39,419

project dead I think even Gavin Newsom

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00:08:43,999 --> 00:08:41,939

wants this project dead they know it's a

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00:08:45,790 --> 00:08:44,009

boondoggle but they can't I don't think

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00:08:48,410 --> 00:08:45,800

they can so I think it is basically

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00:08:49,790 --> 00:08:48,420

toeing the party line no no what no

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00:08:51,079 --> 00:08:49,800

one's gonna use this train we already

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00:08:53,300 --> 00:08:51,089

know it's gonna cost billions of dollars

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00:08:53,870 --> 00:08:53,310

and they would like to obviously focus

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00:08:55,190 --> 00:08:53,880

on spending

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00:08:57,290 --> 00:08:55,200

billions of dollars and other projects

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00:08:59,870 --> 00:08:57,300

that we don't agree with which would be

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00:09:01,370 --> 00:08:59,880

you know some of the social programs in

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00:09:03,200 --> 00:09:01,380

welfare state that they want to create

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00:09:05,000 --> 00:09:03,210

in California and they'd rather spend

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00:09:07,340 --> 00:09:05,010

the money there than on a high-speed

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00:09:09,200 --> 00:09:07,350

rail that will never really be built in

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00:09:11,420 --> 00:09:09,210

not be high-speed and no one will take

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00:09:13,160 --> 00:09:11,430

it and drain the state of billions of

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00:09:15,800 --> 00:09:13,170

dollars so hold on if you're saying that

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00:09:19,400 --> 00:09:15,810

you believe that even Democrats oppose

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00:09:21,230 --> 00:09:19,410

this project why aren't they taking the

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00:09:22,580 --> 00:09:21,240

steps then to stop it because it is 100

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00:09:24,980 --> 00:09:22,590

percent within their control to do so

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00:09:27,860 --> 00:09:24,990

because it's politics right because

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00:09:30,470 --> 00:09:27,870

there's enough funders and donors I

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00:09:32,930 --> 00:09:30,480

think from on the Democratic side or on

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00:09:34,670 --> 00:09:32,940

the unions that are making you know

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00:09:36,320 --> 00:09:34,680

there's a lot of people working on this

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00:09:38,390 --> 00:09:36,330

thing and it's a project so they're not

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00:09:40,210 --> 00:09:38,400

happy with it but I don't think there's

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00:09:43,250 --> 00:09:40,220

political will for them to get rid of it

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00:09:44,810 --> 00:09:43,260

well no some at some point I mean am I

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00:09:46,880 --> 00:09:44,820

correct he has not really made a

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00:09:49,340 --> 00:09:46,890

statement about the Train since he was

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00:09:51,020 --> 00:09:49,350

inaugurated earlier this month yeah from

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00:09:53,360 --> 00:09:51,030

what from what I know and then he just

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00:09:55,300 --> 00:09:53,370

talked about maybe having it from Fresno

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00:09:57,950 --> 00:09:55,310

to San Francisco or blah blah blah and

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00:10:00,230 --> 00:09:57,960
canceling the portion basically coming

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00:10:02,210 --> 00:10:00,240
to Southern California because obviously

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00:10:06,320 --> 00:10:02,220
that would be even a more disaster and

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00:10:07,910 --> 00:10:06,330
very expensive to you actually do so I I

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00:10:09,680 --> 00:10:07,920
think for the most part even from our

256
00:10:12,580 --> 00:10:09,690
polling data that we did with reform

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00:10:15,590 --> 00:10:12,590
California you know two thirds about of

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00:10:17,540 --> 00:10:15,600
Californians depends I've seen also

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00:10:19,940 --> 00:10:17,550
about 57 percent but I've seen enough up

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00:10:21,620 --> 00:10:19,950
to higher that want to get rid of this

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00:10:23,930 --> 00:10:21,630
train I think it's you know it's a

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00:10:26,870 --> 00:10:23,940
bipartisan thing it was well intentioned

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00:10:29,690 --> 00:10:26,880

we kind of you know wished that what we

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00:10:31,970 --> 00:10:29,700

promised was gonna actually work but you

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00:10:33,320 --> 00:10:31,980

know it's not so by the way that was a

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00:10:34,730 --> 00:10:33,330

question I was gonna ask but you and you

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00:10:37,070 --> 00:10:34,740

say it was well intentioned I mean do

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00:10:41,210 --> 00:10:37,080

you feel that the original initiative

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00:10:42,800 --> 00:10:41,220

was in good faith there was they truly

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00:10:44,300 --> 00:10:42,810

felt this thing could be built for those

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00:10:47,240 --> 00:10:44,310

dollars and there was proper due

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00:10:49,340 --> 00:10:47,250

diligence done well no no I don't think

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00:10:51,980 --> 00:10:49,350

there was proper due diligence I mean I

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00:10:54,020 --> 00:10:51,990

just think it's you know you know they

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00:10:55,880 --> 00:10:54,030

blindsided with you know how sexy a

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00:10:57,830 --> 00:10:55,890

high-speed rail sounds and everything

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00:11:00,110 --> 00:10:57,840

else and they wanted to build it so they

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00:11:03,500 --> 00:11:00,120

negate the fact that basically do due

279

00:11:07,400 --> 00:11:03,510

diligence in it and a lot of times you

280

00:11:07,820 --> 00:11:07,410

know there's no you know political you

281

00:11:11,930 --> 00:11:07,830

know there

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00:11:13,880 --> 00:11:11,940

two stewards of the taxpayers money it's

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00:11:15,590 --> 00:11:13,890

not like a corporation where you're you

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00:11:17,030 --> 00:11:15,600

know you own stock into it you're

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00:11:18,650 --> 00:11:17,040

getting paid money if you waste money

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00:11:21,050 --> 00:11:18,660

and you do something stupid it's not

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00:11:23,300 --> 00:11:21,060

your money anyways wouldn't you say the

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00:11:27,440 --> 00:11:23,310

biggest mistake then that was made was

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00:11:30,950 --> 00:11:27,450

actually commencing construction of this

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00:11:33,890 --> 00:11:30,960

thing and commencing the spending of

291

00:11:36,110 --> 00:11:33,900

billions of dollars which started you

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00:11:38,540 --> 00:11:36,120

know what a couple years ago yeah I mean

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00:11:40,550 --> 00:11:38,550

it to me is look if you went ahead and

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00:11:41,780 --> 00:11:40,560

put it under the prop I'm trying to look

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00:11:43,300 --> 00:11:41,790

at a lot of different stuff I know

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00:11:45,530 --> 00:11:43,310

they've talked about you know doing a

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00:11:47,030 --> 00:11:45,540

you know state-run bank which I don't

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00:11:48,740 --> 00:11:47,040

disagree with obviously with the

299

00:11:50,990 --> 00:11:48,750

cannabis and so forth but if you wanted

300

00:11:52,850 --> 00:11:51,000

to conduct a study and properly take a

301
00:11:55,190 --> 00:11:52,860
look and say what's a you know

302
00:11:57,980 --> 00:11:55,200
constitutional arguments you know parole

303
00:11:59,690 --> 00:11:57,990
against it you know what kind of issues

304
00:12:01,940 --> 00:11:59,700
we'll get with federal regulation and do

305
00:12:03,620 --> 00:12:01,950
a study on something I'm fine with that

306
00:12:06,770 --> 00:12:03,630
and if the voters want to but before you

307
00:12:07,880 --> 00:12:06,780
break ground you know buy the land know

308
00:12:10,250 --> 00:12:07,890
exactly where the line is going to be

309
00:12:11,480 --> 00:12:10,260
going have true estimates and you know

310
00:12:13,370 --> 00:12:11,490
costs overruns you have to have

311
00:12:15,440 --> 00:12:13,380
legitimate liens ones you know all

312
00:12:17,840 --> 00:12:15,450
government basically big projects have

313
00:12:20,030 --> 00:12:17,850

always gone over budget by huge amounts

314

00:12:22,520 --> 00:12:20,040

typically somebody's trying to account

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00:12:24,200 --> 00:12:22,530

for that and then say this is what it's

316

00:12:26,810 --> 00:12:24,210

going to be really looking at here's the

317

00:12:30,080 --> 00:12:26,820

problems that we have this is what kind

318

00:12:32,210 --> 00:12:30,090

of land we're gonna have to acquire or

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00:12:34,370 --> 00:12:32,220

you know do we move forward on to it

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00:12:36,590 --> 00:12:34,380

where basically they just really wanted

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00:12:38,840 --> 00:12:36,600

to break ground and build so much we're

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00:12:40,730 --> 00:12:38,850

at the end government would basically go

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00:12:43,340 --> 00:12:40,740

to those what we've gone this far let's

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00:12:45,740 --> 00:12:43,350

just complete it anyways I mean how far

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00:12:47,270 --> 00:12:45,750

have they gone so far as far as dollars

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00:12:50,900 --> 00:12:47,280

spent you know any penny billions have

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00:12:53,450 --> 00:12:50,910

been spent not the exact amount I think

328

00:12:55,550 --> 00:12:53,460

it's around ten some are within there I

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00:12:57,800 --> 00:12:55,560

believe but I can't remember the exact

330

00:12:59,870 --> 00:12:57,810

number yeah I've had trouble getting

331

00:13:02,000 --> 00:12:59,880

that number which is kind of sad in and

332

00:13:04,940 --> 00:13:02,010

of itself but yeah I'm hearing estimates

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00:13:07,580 --> 00:13:04,950

as high as ten billion dollars already

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00:13:09,710 --> 00:13:07,590

spent does that already make it the

335

00:13:11,990 --> 00:13:09,720

biggest white elephant in the history of

336

00:13:12,980 --> 00:13:12,000

the United States of America yeah I mean

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00:13:15,670 --> 00:13:12,990

pretty much because you haven't built

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00:13:18,020 --> 00:13:15,680

anything I mean Donald Trump is the

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00:13:20,090 --> 00:13:18,030

federal government the federal

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00:13:20,949 --> 00:13:20,100

government is shut down over a debate

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00:13:23,799 --> 00:13:20,959

over five

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00:13:26,650 --> 00:13:23,809

and the state of California has already

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00:13:29,650 --> 00:13:26,660

spent almost ten billion building tracks

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00:13:31,150 --> 00:13:29,660

in the middle of nowhere yeah and it

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00:13:33,189 --> 00:13:31,160

makes no sense and a lot of the things

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00:13:35,019 --> 00:13:33,199

that they built does it meet code for

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00:13:39,759 --> 00:13:35,029

the seismic so they have to be torn down

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00:13:41,769 --> 00:13:39,769

and rebuilt again and so and then the

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00:13:43,569 --> 00:13:41,779

problem is that they say well the delay

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00:13:46,030 --> 00:13:43,579

you know those are going to be paid from

351

00:13:47,829 --> 00:13:46,040

the contractors you know it won't be

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00:13:49,809 --> 00:13:47,839

paid by the taxpayers and this is what

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00:13:51,609 --> 00:13:49,819

happens the longer project goes the

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00:13:53,829 --> 00:13:51,619

inflation they're gonna charge the state

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00:13:55,480 --> 00:13:53,839

more money anyways so that's where you

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00:13:57,249 --> 00:13:55,490

get the inflation from their own study

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00:13:59,559 --> 00:13:57,259

that it could cost up to a hundred

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00:14:02,919 --> 00:13:59,569

billion dollars so Gavin do some I think

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00:14:06,100 --> 00:14:02,929

wants to run for president one day this

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00:14:08,970 --> 00:14:06,110

project is going to be a major blemish

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00:14:11,769 --> 00:14:08,980

on his record if he doesn't do something

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00:14:13,359 --> 00:14:11,779

relatively soon it seems to me oh I

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00:14:15,669 --> 00:14:13,369

don't think this is gonna be his biggest

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00:14:17,259 --> 00:14:15,679

problem on election night on you know

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00:14:19,179 --> 00:14:17,269

speaking you know casually with county

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00:14:20,590 --> 00:14:19,189

matters I told them if I was Gavin

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00:14:23,259 --> 00:14:20,600

Newsom was consulted I would probably

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00:14:27,460 --> 00:14:23,269

recommend he run for president this time

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00:14:29,559 --> 00:14:27,470

in 2020 not wait until 2024 because the

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00:14:30,549 --> 00:14:29,569

pension crisis that's looming which you

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00:14:32,319 --> 00:14:30,559

know we're probably looking at a

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00:14:36,819 --> 00:14:32,329

recession somewhere around the summer of

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00:14:39,610 --> 00:14:36,829

2020 s most people expect a recession

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00:14:41,499 --> 00:14:39,620

because well I mean it's just an in a

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00:14:44,379 --> 00:14:41,509

natural course of economics I mean

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00:14:46,480 --> 00:14:44,389

you're the the tax breaks and so forth

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00:14:47,710 --> 00:14:46,490

you know they always will have a boost

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00:14:50,139 --> 00:14:47,720

into the economy but they eventually

379

00:14:51,759 --> 00:14:50,149

will kind of run their course they're

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00:14:54,369 --> 00:14:51,769

not permanent and other things there's

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00:14:56,769 --> 00:14:54,379

going to be changes you know you expect

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00:14:59,019 --> 00:14:56,779

to have you know a downturn could it be

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00:15:00,819 --> 00:14:59,029

a recession or simply downturn after the

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00:15:03,249 --> 00:15:00,829

market will not consume so your point is

385

00:15:05,710 --> 00:15:03,259

whenever we do have that downturn which

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00:15:07,600 --> 00:15:05,720

is inevitable whether it's 2020 or later

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00:15:08,710 --> 00:15:07,610

when we do have that downturn what's

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00:15:11,860 --> 00:15:08,720

going to happen to California

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00:15:13,299 --> 00:15:11,870

Oh massive pension crisis right now with

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00:15:15,009 --> 00:15:13,309

the discount rate of return that we

391

00:15:21,069 --> 00:15:15,019

basically are saying we're migrating it

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00:15:23,109 --> 00:15:21,079

from 7.5 the 7% CalPERS for instance our

393

00:15:24,999 --> 00:15:23,119

outside consultants say the rate of

394

00:15:26,739 --> 00:15:25,009

return on our investments on long term

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00:15:28,059 --> 00:15:26,749

at least over the next ten years should

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00:15:31,660 --> 00:15:28,069

be 6.2 percent

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00:15:33,819 --> 00:15:31,670

Stanford did an analysis and said it

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00:15:34,570 --> 00:15:33,829

should be five point five percent so if

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00:15:37,990 --> 00:15:34,580

we took Stanford

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00:15:40,120 --> 00:15:38,000

and so people know CalPERS is is the

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00:15:43,269 --> 00:15:40,130

California pension system basically

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00:15:47,560 --> 00:15:43,279

which rick has most government employees

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00:15:51,130 --> 00:15:47,570

into it plus the Cal State University

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00:15:53,530 --> 00:15:51,140

employees then there is CalSTRS which is

405

00:15:56,650 --> 00:15:53,540

administrators in schools primarily and

406

00:15:58,540 --> 00:15:56,660

then there's a UC regents those are the

407

00:16:00,519 --> 00:15:58,550

three big ones that have now there's

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00:16:03,730 --> 00:16:00,529

also independent ones like LA and like

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00:16:05,710 --> 00:16:03,740

LAUSD are part and depending on their

410

00:16:07,710 --> 00:16:05,720

own and don't have their own but within

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00:16:10,840 --> 00:16:07,720

California those are the three major

412

00:16:13,690 --> 00:16:10,850

pensions so California really is a boom

413

00:16:15,160 --> 00:16:13,700

and bust state when it comes to the the

414

00:16:18,550 --> 00:16:15,170

funding of the state government because

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00:16:20,860 --> 00:16:18,560

our taxes are so high that when the

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00:16:23,319 --> 00:16:20,870

economy is doing well the state

417

00:16:25,420 --> 00:16:23,329

government rakes in the money then when

418

00:16:28,690 --> 00:16:25,430

things turn suddenly there's a

419

00:16:30,639 --> 00:16:28,700

significant drop in those dollars well

420

00:16:32,980 --> 00:16:30,649

yeah because California primarily has

421

00:16:35,410 --> 00:16:32,990

their capital gains tax is where they

422

00:16:37,870 --> 00:16:35,420

get because we have high income tax and

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00:16:39,790 --> 00:16:37,880

it's based on income tax and really 1%

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00:16:43,060 --> 00:16:39,800

of the population the one-percenters is

425

00:16:45,790 --> 00:16:43,070

basically who fund California from what

426

00:16:48,519 --> 00:16:45,800

I remember the statistics about 15,000

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00:16:51,490 --> 00:16:48,529

families like individuals families

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00:16:55,410 --> 00:16:51,500

taxpayers fund about 25% of the general

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00:16:58,060 --> 00:16:55,420

fund about seventy thousand fund about

430

00:17:02,740 --> 00:16:58,070

forty eight percent so that's why you'll

431

00:17:05,260 --> 00:17:02,750

see a huge increase in you know the

432

00:17:06,880 --> 00:17:05,270

surplus as we say we'll get that one and

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00:17:09,900 --> 00:17:06,890

then it will dramatically cut down and

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00:17:12,340 --> 00:17:09,910

drop simply from the fact that you know

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00:17:14,409 --> 00:17:12,350

we're based so much on the stock market

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00:17:15,669 --> 00:17:14,419

and those capital gains and so that's

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00:17:17,230 --> 00:17:15,679

why they want to add the service and

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00:17:18,699 --> 00:17:17,240

labor tax that's what Gavin Newsom is

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00:17:21,189 --> 00:17:18,709

gonna be looking at doing yeah I mean

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00:17:22,780 --> 00:17:21,199

it's just one of the just general

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00:17:23,829 --> 00:17:22,790

observations I have about Californians

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00:17:24,699 --> 00:17:23,839

just incredible that you know you got

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00:17:26,860 --> 00:17:24,709

Silicon Valley

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00:17:28,990 --> 00:17:26,870

you've got Los Angeles you got San

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00:17:32,320 --> 00:17:29,000

Francisco you've got billionaires galore

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00:17:34,510 --> 00:17:32,330

in California you have probably the most

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00:17:36,700 --> 00:17:34,520

expensive real estate in the world that

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00:17:39,850 --> 00:17:36,710

has property taxes associated with it

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00:17:43,060 --> 00:17:39,860

you have sales tax that's almost 10% I

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00:17:45,790 --> 00:17:43,070

mean the money that California must

451
00:17:48,140 --> 00:17:45,800
bring in in taxes and yet we have such

452
00:17:50,830 --> 00:17:48,150
basic problems like

453
00:17:54,890 --> 00:17:50,840
homelessness which is a frickin mess

454
00:17:57,140 --> 00:17:54,900
roads that are an embarrassment I mean

455
00:17:59,290 --> 00:17:57,150
you just go over to Arizona and you

456
00:18:03,320 --> 00:17:59,300
drive around Phoenix and Scottsdale

457
00:18:05,360 --> 00:18:03,330
gorgeous roads mm-hmm California with

458
00:18:07,340 --> 00:18:05,370
all the money that we have we can't even

459
00:18:09,740 --> 00:18:07,350
have basic roads and instead we're gonna

460
00:18:11,900 --> 00:18:09,750
spend it on a bullet train well I mean

461
00:18:13,340 --> 00:18:11,910
it's just like a you know it's a trust

462
00:18:14,900 --> 00:18:13,350
fund kid right California is a trust

463
00:18:17,630 --> 00:18:14,910

fund kid doesn't matter how much money

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00:18:19,510 --> 00:18:17,640

you have they never learned fiscal

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00:18:21,770 --> 00:18:19,520

discipline and how to be good stewards

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00:18:23,930 --> 00:18:21,780

money and you can have somebody who

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00:18:25,940 --> 00:18:23,940

doesn't make as much money but you know

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00:18:27,230 --> 00:18:25,950

we'll have a home paid off have a cards

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00:18:30,549 --> 00:18:27,240

because it'd been good stewards of their

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00:18:33,200 --> 00:18:30,559

money California they just waste money