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I know you have heard about the Bridge to no where. There was a great editorial in the Wall Street Journal recently regarding our State's high speed rail to no where.

A few months ago I commented about our State Budget and the shortfall of \$9 Billion for the up coming fiscal year and how \$7 Billion of that amount was going for general operating expenses. Our State now spends \$30 Billion more than in 2007 - 08 fiscal year.

But now, the real short fall is about \$17 Billion and 70% more since January, and our Governor wants to spend \$100 Billion on a high speed train from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

In 2008 the voters of this great State voted to finance \$9 Billion when they \ were told the whole system would only cost \$33 Billion.

According to this editorial, even if the rail line were constructed, it wouldn't run because our State does not have the money to electrify the rails.

Even Contractors are refusing to bid on the plans because that they are concerned they won't get paid , such as Kings County.

Current polls show that the voters of this great State are now against the project. In addition a number of Municipalities are challenging the train's legality.

Now there is some evidence that the State would use Cap and Trade funds to finance the project, but some groups have threatened suit if that is done because the train would not reduce carbon emissions but would actually increase them over the next 30 years/

What our governor expects is that we will get so far into the project that We cannot back out!

I leave you with a point to ponder: Don't you think that our State Government should abandon this project that some call Camino Unreal!

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