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## National Capital Baptist Convention Backs Northeast Maglev Project to Bring Economic Opportunity to Communities in Need

**Lanham, Md.** – Leaders from the National Capital Baptist Convention (NCBC) announced their support of Northeast Maglev, the company promoting the SCMAGLEV high-speed rail project between the nation's capital and New York City, and plans for Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail to develop the initial Washington, DC to Baltimore segment. This partnership is centered on the SCMAGLEV project's ability to create thousands of jobs and other opportunities in metropolitan Washington, D.C. as well as the entire Northeast Corridor.

A strong supporter of families and collaborating to build a better region, NCBC firmly stands with Northeast Maglev, which looks to bring the revolutionary SCMAGLEV technology, an estimated 74,000 construction jobs, more than 1,500 permanent jobs, new opportunities for job training, and millions of dollars annually in economic activity.

Rev. Charles W. McNeill, Jr., president of NCBC and senior pastor of Unity Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., emphasized the importance of the SCMAGLEV project coming to the Maryland-DC region and the community support for the billions of dollars in beneficial investment.

“Our relationship with Northeast Maglev underscores our commitment to promote projects that will benefit communities served by our member churches,” Rev. McNeill said. “We are not only places of worship, but stewards of our community's welfare. The economic opportunities this project will provide are momentous.”

“I am excited to have this relationship with such a vital member of the Washington, D.C. community,” Wayne Rogers, Chairman and CEO of Northeast Maglev said. “I look forward to Northeast Maglev and the National Capital Baptist Convention working together with area residents, government officials, institutions, and other organizations to secure the SCMAGLEV project's future, starting in the Baltimore Washington Corridor.”

The partnership with Northeast Maglev underscores NCBC's Networking, Education and Worship vision, which is aimed at collaborating with organizations and leaders for resources and keeping communities well informed about the SCMAGLEV project. Northeast Maglev intends to work with NCBC as a local resource helping address construction concerns and connecting residents to employment opportunities.

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## About the National Capital Baptist Convention

Founded in 1886, the National Capital Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. is the nation's oldest and largest African American religious convention with an estimated membership of 7.5 million. The mission of the Convention is to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and healing. For more information about NCBC, visit [www.nationalbaptist.com](http://www.nationalbaptist.com).

## About The Northeast Maglev

The Northeast Maglev is a private U.S. owned company that is working with the Central Japan Railway Company (JR Central) to promote the world's fastest ground transportation system – JR Central's Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) system – in the Northeast Corridor of the U.S. The SCMAGLEV system is a safe and transformative transportation solution that will revolutionize how people live and work in the most congested region of the country. JR Central is currently building a SCMAGLEV project to connect Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka. JR Central's SCMAGLEV line outside of Tokyo has undergone more than 1.5 million miles of testing since 1998, carrying more than 260,000 passengers. Learn more at [www.northeastmaglev.com](http://www.northeastmaglev.com).