

NORTHEAST MAGLEV

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CG/LA names Northeast Maglev “Top Engineering Project of the Year”

Northeast Maglev one of five projects honored at 2020 Infrastructure Project of the Year Awards

Baltimore, Md. – The Northeast Maglev, the 311 mph high-speed train project which would connect Washington and Baltimore in 15 minutes and Washington to NY in one hour, has been named North America’s “Top Engineering Project of the Year” by CG/LA Infrastructure. CG/LA is the global leader in infrastructure strategy and project development information and policy development. The award was announced during CG/LA Infrastructure's 2020 Infrastructure Project of the Year Awards at the 12th North American Infrastructure Leadership Virtual Forum.

The Infrastructure Project of the Year Awards are presented each year at CG/LA Infrastructure’s Leadership Forum event. This year’s awards, sponsored by Oracle Construction and Engineering, recognized projects identified as global models across five categories: Job Creation, Sustainability/Green Infrastructure, Finance/Funding, Engineering, and Strategic. After participating in the Leadership Forum’s “Top Rail Projects in America” panel earlier this week, Northeast Maglev was one of three projects nominated for “Engineering Project of the Year.”

“We are delighted to be named Engineering Project of the Year,” said Ian Rainey, Senior Vice President of Northeast Maglev, accepting the award on behalf of the project. “Getting focused on infrastructure right now is more critical than ever, and our company remains laser-focused on bringing this revolutionary 311-mph superconducting maglev train technology to the Northeast Corridor.”

Northeast Maglev will bring the world’s fastest ground transportation system – the Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) – to the Northeast Corridor of the United States, beginning with a 36-mile 15 minute trip from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore City, with a stop at BWI Marshall Airport. Ultimately, one-hour service from Washington, D.C. to New York City will be available.

The Northeast Corridor is home to 17 percent of the United States population and 20 percent of United States jobs — all on a land area that represents just 2 percent of the country. Travel between the major cities of the Northeast Corridor is predicted to increase by 115 percent by 2040. In announcing the awards, CG/LA called Northeast Maglev “unlike anything you’ve ever seen.”

“If we do not bring advanced transportation technology and new ways of thinking about transportation to the corridor, delays will only become worse,” CG/LA said in a press release. “The SCMAGLEV will revolutionize travel in the Northeast Corridor.”

On October 21, Northeast Maglev was named to CG/LA’s 2020 Strategic 100 Top North American Infrastructure projects lists. The listing was based on metrics including jobs created, infrastructure sectors, location and value, as well as qualitative data such as strategic and economic value, local benefit, sustainability and business generation.

The Project is currently under review by federal, state and local agencies as the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Maryland Department of Transportation-Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT-MTA) complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Wayne Rogers, the Chairman and CEO of the Northeast Maglev said “We are honored to receive this award and have this global recognition joining the important support from many organizations in our region.”

Numerous organizations have come forward to support the Northeast Maglev project. Among the project’s growing list of supporters are: North America’s Building Trades Unions (NABTU) and the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters; the Greater Baltimore Urban League; the National Capital Baptist Convention; the Maryland State Conference NAACP and four of the NAACP local branches in Baltimore City, Prince George’s, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore Counties; the Baltimore-Washington Corridor Chambers of Commerce including the Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce, Northern Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce, Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce, and Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce.

The Draft EIS is scheduled to be released in the first quarter of 2021 and Northeast Maglev is continuing to work to engage members of local communities, listening to residents and addressing concerns while partnering with organizations that seek to maximize the environmental, social and economic benefits associated with bringing an ultra-high speed train to the region.

For more information about the Northeast Maglev project or to request a speaker in your community, visit www.northeastmaglev.com. To support the project, visit www.supportnortheastmaglev.com.

About Northeast Maglev: Northeast Maglev is a private, 100% U.S.-owned company working to promote the world’s fastest ground transportation system – the Superconducting Maglev (SCMAGLEV) – in the Northeast Corridor of the United States. The SCMAGLEV train is a safe and transformative transportation solution that will revolutionize how people live and work in the most congested region of the U.S. The first leg will provide 15-minute service between Baltimore and Washington, D.C., and ultimately one-hour service will be provided from Washington, D.C. to New York City. The Northeast Maglev is modeled on the Central Japan Railway SCMAGLEV project in operation since 1998. Learn more at www.northeastmaglev.com.

About the 12th North American Infrastructure Leadership Forum: Infrastructure is at the center of our economic recovery. Built on CG/LA’s Top 100 projects (\$372 billion) in North America, this year’s Forum highlights real project opportunities and their benefits across North America (The United States, Canada, and Mexico) - and the project 'owners' driving those projects. CG/LA brings together more than 300 experts from across the region to: (1) build business; (2) revitalize networks; and (3) engage with key thought leaders on the trends driving - new technology, active investors and economic recovery. To learn more, visit www.cg-la.com.

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