I-20X High-speed Intercity Passenger Rail

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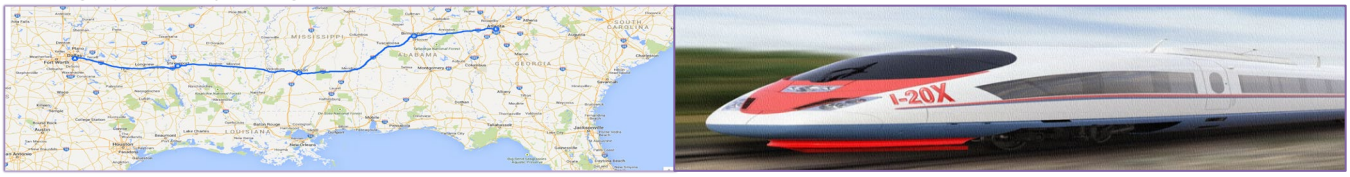

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*A premier PowerNomics® project based on the PowerNomics Principles of Dr. Claud Anderson**

It has long been known that high-speed rail (HSR) that interconnects major cities in the South would be a game-changer for the region, transforming everything from the real estate sector and economic development, to tourism, college football game days, and beyond. **Finley Group, Inc.** proposes such a plan to develop the **Interstate-20 eXpress High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail** (referred to as "**I-20X**"), and related transit-oriented development (TOD). The I-20X was conceived to deliver on the prime objective stipulated by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program, i.e., *"Build new high-speed rail corridors that expand and fundamentally improve passenger transportation in the geographic regions they serve".*

This major infrastructure initiative is the premier project based on the PowerNomics® Principles of Dr. Claud Anderson. In his best-selling book, PowerNomics®: The National Plan to Empower Black America, Dr. Anderson introduces a framework that Black businesses can use to aggregate and vertically align their resources and expertise to create a supply chain that can perform as well as or even more efficiently than much larger firms.

The I-20X corridor is approximately 816 miles between Dallas TX and Atlanta GA that will generally align with the Interstate-20 Highway. Stations will be established in Shreveport LA, Jackson MS, and Birmingham AL. This corridor will have a potential population reach of over 15 million people comprising a combined fifty-seven percent (57%) Black population, which is more than four times the national average. Transit-oriented development (TOD) provide the catalyst for expanding local interconnected transit and more connected regions, including Tyler TX, Longview TX, Monroe LA, Vicksburg MS, Meridian MS, Tuscaloosa AL, and Anniston-Oxford AL.

I-20X will utilize the latest high-speed rail technology on dedicated elevated tracks (i.e., no sharing with freight or other passenger rail services), with speeds of up to or over 200-mph that is capable of a commute time of 4 to 5 hours between Dallas and Atlanta. This paradigm shift in travel, creates a tremendous opportunity for the success of I-20X as the economic engine to change cities by using station sites as destination centers for business, leisure and other travel purposes.

I-20X will be developed in multiple phases over a 10- to 12-year horizon, at a cost of $41 billion to $50 billion per mile, including stations. I-20X will be built with private investments rather than taxpayer dollars. Each development phase will undergo four (4) major stages: Feasibility & Planning, Regulatory (Safety & Environmental), Engineering and Design, and Procurement & Construction. The I-20X Phase 1 development is the Atlanta-Birmingham corridor, schedule to enter design in 2025.

Developing I-20X within the South region is an important element for continued metropolitan expansion in the South. This metropolitan expansion has the potential to create a scale of geography for the formation of megaregions that will significantly expand economic growth. Key benefits of I-20X include but not limited to:

- ☑ Serves as catalyst for revitalization of local communities
- ☑ $billions in real estate development around station sites
- ☑ $millions to $billions in new tax revenues annually (local and state)
- ☑ Thousands of local jobs during construction including associated "economic multiplier"
- ☑ Hundreds of permanent jobs, including operations and maintenance, customer service, retail, goods and services supply, etc.

**Dr. Anderson's book PowerNomics®: The National Plan to Empower Black America. A 5-star best seller on Amazon that explores the issue of race for the purpose of correcting the historical economic exclusion of Blacks. This HSR project employs the key PowerNomics concept of Vertical Integration. Dr. Anderson is a member of the Finley Group team.*

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