

STATE OF MICHIGAN



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Resolution No. 23

Offered by Representatives DeRossett, Adamini, Anderson, Brown, Ehardt, Elkins, Gielegghem, Gillard, Jamnick, Koetje, Lipsey, Meyer, Sheltroun, Woodward, Zelenko, Amos, Bradstreet, Gleason, Hager, Howell, Murphy, Nofs, Pastor, Shackleton, Stakoe, Toboeman, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Ward and Paletko

A RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO SUPPORT RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERSTATE TRAVELER PROJECT THROUGH THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT OF THE 21ST CENTURY (TEA-21) AND/OR OTHER RELATED FEDERAL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, The Interstate Traveler Project is an elevated maglev (magnetic levitation) rail mass transit system that is based upon a conduit cluster concept powered by hydrogen and solar power. The project promises to provide travelers with a clean, quiet, safe, reliable mode of transportation. The intent of the project is to create the world's first switchable maglev rail network that will provide inter-urban/inter-city pedestrian, automobile, and light freight transit services. The project will simultaneously produce, store, and distribute hydrogen, which will not only serve as an alternative energy resource, but also will give Michigan's automakers the incentive to produce hydrogen internal combustion engines, fuel cell cars, and the manufacturing opportunity to build maglev rail cars; and

WHEREAS, By fully integrating with the interstate highway system, existing transportation infrastructure, and mass transit systems, the Interstate Traveler Project seeks to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution while improving traffic safety and efficiency. The Interstate Traveler Project substations will utilize the existing interstate highway system's entrances and exits, providing a seamless link of private automobiles, pedestrian traffic, existing municipal bus routes, and taxi services. These substations will also support the hydrogen distribution system, as well as fiber optics, water, electricity, and other utilities. Although the Interstate Traveler Project is ideally suited for the interstate highway system, it may also be integrated with existing and abandoned railroad right-of-ways or along other appropriate lands; and

WHEREAS, The Interstate Traveler Project is consistent with the 2003 State-of-the-Union address which called on Congress to appropriate \$1.2 billion for hydrogen fuel cell technology; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize Congress to enact legislation to support research, development, and construction of the Interstate Traveler Project through the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act of the 21st Century (TEA-21) and/or other related federal programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, April 10, 2003.



Sandy L. Randall
CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN



MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 89

Offered by Senators Allen, Kuipers, Jelinek, Prusi, Cropsey, Cassis, Goschka, Gilbert and Clarke

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Adopted by the Senate, May 28, 2003.





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Speaker of the House

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August 8, 2003

Ms. Gloria Jeff, Director
Michigan Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Jeff,

I am writing to offer my support and to inform you of the support of the Michigan Legislature, as indicated by House Resolution 23, Senate Resolution 89 and boilerplate language in the 2004 Transportation Budget bill (Senate Bill 265, Sec. 728), regarding an alternative multi-modal magnetic levitation rail passenger service concept (a.k.a., Interstate Traveler Project).

Not only is this concept new and innovative (vehicles powered by solar energy/hydrogen/fuel cell technology on mag/lev rails within existing rights-of way), it has all the markings of being a self-sufficient public transportation provider that could also generate revenue for the state, considering all of the other deliverables (hydrogen, communication, utilities, drinking water, etc.) associated with the mag/lev rail design. This project also has the potential for addressing the hydrogen/fuel cell passenger vehicle question . . . why build hydrogen passenger vehicles if there is no hydrogen distribution network?

It is my understanding that after a brief research and development phase (which will also provide assurances to the Legislature, Administration and MDOT regarding this public/private partnership), the Interstate Traveler Company, LLC (inventor of the Interstate Traveler Project) could move quickly into the pilot phase of the project.

This project/concept has indeed captured the interest of the Michigan Legislature, Federal Government Officials, Local Units of Government, Planning Organizations around the state, as well as other states and counties. If we are truly interested in providing clean, inexpensive, reliable rail transportation for the citizens of Michigan and beginning the hydrogen energy source conversion for passenger vehicle, this is a perfect opportunity for Michigan to invest some of its resources in this new mode of transportation.

This new and innovative project could place Michigan on the global leading edge of public transportation, hydrogen distribution and would be an excellent use of research and development funds.

Sincerely,


Speaker Rick Johnson

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September 18, 2002

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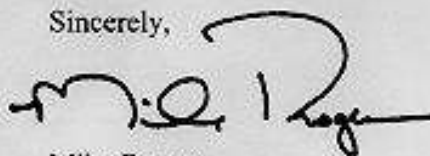
Mr. Justin Sutton
9594 Main
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Thank you for following-up with my office regarding your interest in maglev technology. I appreciate being kept informed on your progress and the endeavors you are pursuing in the transportation arena.

Again, thank you for your correspondence. If you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

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MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON:
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SUBCOMMITTEE ON K-12

July 17, 2002

Greetings:

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with Justin Sutton and review his plans for the Interstate Traveler Project mass transportation system.

I'm a great fan of mass transportation - having traveled extensively in Europe where one simply assumes it's possible to get virtually anywhere, at any time, through the use of safe, clean buses and trains.

Mr. Sutton's ideas have merit and represent a novel combination of the use of public right-of-way and private venture capital funds for the construction of a self-sustaining system.

I would encourage anyone to meet with Justin to review his plans and give him any consideration that might be possible from your perspective.

We certainly need dreamers and visionaries in the area of mass transportation, and I believe that the Interstate Traveler Project is a dream that can be achieved.

Sincerely,

John P. Hansen
State Representative
52nd District

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HARRY E. LESTER
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August 11, 2003

Mr. Justin Sutton, Founder
Interstate Traveler Company, LLC
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Dear Mr. Sutton:

I have been asked to respond to your August 5, 2003 communication to USWA President, Leo Gerard. Of course, we are both pleased by your interest in the American steel industry and your efforts to return it to a position of strength and viability.

Several months ago, we received a letter from your office describing the Interstate Traveler program and seeking our support for it. Upon reviewing the information you provided, we contacted several state legislators to discuss your initiative. The representatives we spoke to were aware of your project and each indicated it had potential.

I thank you for sharing your ideas and vision with us and look forward to working with you in the future. Please keep us updated of your progress and how we can work with you to make this project become a reality.

Sincerely,

Harry E. Lester, Director
USWA District 2, AFL-CIO-CLC



DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY
MICHIGAN'S INTERMODAL GATEWAY

February 20, 2003

Mr. Justin Sutton
The Interstate Traveler Company, LLC
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Dear Mr. Sutton:

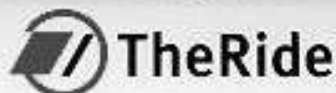
On behalf of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority (DWCPA), I'd like to offer our support for the "Interstate Traveler" (IT) project you presented to us. The DWCPA feels this is a highly effective and efficient use of our public, technological and human resources. You have taken the time and effort to incorporate multiple objectives called for by President George W. Bush, as it relates to hydrogen fuel-cell development, a national security network, and an overall regional alternative for mass transportation.

The DWCPA, with its constituent governing bodies that include the City of Detroit, Wayne County and State of Michigan, seeks to preserve and grow our transportation networks that help facilitate the movement of goods and cargo. The IT project has similar goals and objectives which, we feel, help advance our mission.

We look forward to working with you in developing the IT project toward a successful completion. Please feel free to contact us, if you need any further assistance.

Sincerely,

W. Steven Olinek
Deputy Director



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..... September 3, 2002

Mr. Justin E. Sutton
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Re: The Interstate Travelor Project

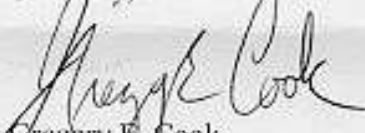
Dear Mr. Sutton:

The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority is most interested in your project and happy to say we are in strong support. Having reviewed your outlines and proposals for service, I can say the project has great potential and utility to our society,

Please keep me informed of your progress and let us know if we can help to get a demonstration project up and running. I realize the political hurdles which must be cleared. The fact that we must travel through so many different jurisdictions can be quite cumbersome when negotiating right of ways.

I wish you great success and hope we can help in some way to get the "Interstate Travelor Project" operational.

Sincerely,



Gregory E. Cook
CEO/Executive Director

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January 31, 2003

Ms. Lark Samolian
9594 Main Street
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Dear Ms. Samolian:

The East Central Michigan Planning and Development Region (ECMPDR) is the state designated regional planning and oversight agency for the fourteen county region. The Region has identified a variety of economic development, water quality and transportation goals as part of its overall Strategic Plan for the future. In that regard, the East Central Michigan Planning and Development Regional Commission is pleased to lend its unanimous support to The Interstate Traveler Project - Maglev Rail - Hydrogen Distribution Network project.

This project is proposed as a solar/hydrogen powered Maglev rail mass transit for the movement of people, products, automobiles and energy into and out of the metropolitan areas. This type of transportation system would enhance ridership with local transit systems and bus networks. The project provides the worlds first switchable Maglev rail network that acts to provide inter-urban/inter-city pedestrian and automobile transit services while simultaneously producing, storing and distributing hydrogen as an alternative energy resource.

During our review the Commission found the project to be consistent with sound planning principles as well as the goals and objectives established by the Region and as stipulated in the *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)*. This report is submitted annually on behalf of member counties to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration.

As the EDA-designated federal economic development district for the 14 county Region, the Commission has been and remains deeply concerned with transportation issues and their economic development and land use implications within its member counties. We believe The Interstate Traveler Project takes a proactive approach in continuing to strengthen the technology base and the ability to serve municipalities and high tech companies at a level not heretofore seen within the region or the State of Michigan. We anticipate that such a project would have widespread regional and statewide impacts.



Middle Michigan Development Corporation

Representing the Central Michigan Region:
The Counties of Clare and Isabella

August 6, 2003

Gloria J. Jeff, Director
Michigan Department of Transportation
425 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Ms. Jeff:

Last week I had the opportunity to meet with the principals of the Interstate Traveler Project, LLC, while they were visiting our SmartZonesm, here in Mt. Pleasant. Needless-to-say, I was extremely impressed with their concepts and proposals for creating an entirely new interstate transportation system. I found the time spent with them to be a clear demonstration of absolutely incredible vision and accompanying business and work plan! It is for these reasons I am offering this letter of wholehearted support to you, copying the Speaker of the house – Rick Johnson.

Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) is the area's private, non-profit economic development organization, closely aligned with the MEDC – representing the collective interests of both Clare and Isabella Counties. As such, we are also the agents for Central Michigan University and have been the catalyst for numerous projects, including the recent designation of The Center for Applied Research and Technology at Central Michigan University as one of Michigan's 11 SmartZones. It was because of this designation and our 12,000 square foot incubator facility, known as CART, that Justin Sutton, Dick Chrysler and Lark Samouelian were meeting with us. I think they were also favorably impressed with our work and the opportunities available to them, as well.

We have since extended an invitation to ITC to locate office facilities in Mt. Pleasant, specifically as tenants of the CART facility.

I must hasten to add that the Interstate Traveler Project – the investment it would be making, the jobs it would be creating and the entirely unique mode of transportation it would afford to this part of the state – make their presence in our SmartZone terribly exciting. They would certainly be able to draw from both faculty and students at CMU. This is something that we as economic developers can offer, that most other communities cannot. . . and we utilize this capacity to its fullest extent!

We would, therefore, ask your full and continued support of this project, with the recognition of the huge impact it would have on the world of transportation, as we commit ourselves and resources to assisting them in every way possible.

Should you want to discuss these opportunities further or want to know a bit more about MMDC, please let us know. I ought to also add that MMDC was instrumental in the creation of the M20-Alliance, the grassroots organization that I currently Chair. Our history with MDOT has been long and fruitful and we look forward to continuing this relationship.

Sincerely,


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President/CEO

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WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 15, 2003

Re: The Interstate Traveler Program

Mr. Justin E. Sutton
Interstate Traveler Program
9594 Main Street
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

Dear Mr. Sutton:

The West Michigan Shoreline Regional Develop Commission, WMSRDC, would like to thank you for presenting the Interstate Traveler Program at the September 18th policy committee meeting to the Muskegon Area Transportation Policy Committee (MATTP). The program, involving the Maglev Rail Mass Transit System, proves itself interesting and logical as a means for interconnection within Muskegon County and to connect the Muskegon metropolitan area with other regions. The potential of the program is something WMSRDC will continue to follow the progress on.

The MATTP believes that this concept has merit and is worthy of further exploration and wishes you continued success on the program.

Again, we wish you luck and please keep us abreast on the progress of the Interstate Traveler Program.

Sincerely,

Sandeep Dey
Executive Director

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December 16, 2002

Mr. Justin Sutton
The Interstate Traveler Project
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Dear Mr. Sutton,

Thank you for visiting our region and presenting the opportunity for our board and staff to learn of the Interstate Traveler Project. We found the use of existing real estate of the interstate highway system to be an efficient and cohesive means to develop a mass transit system. The option for pedestrian travel and the use of personal automobile accommodations on the same rail system is a much-needed and realistic application. The anticipated use of alternative energy has certainly brought the future into the present and is to be applauded.

We support your project in that it reinstates the mission to revitalize our economy by enabling people and goods to be transported efficiently to and from urban areas, while simultaneously reinforcing utility infrastructure. Best wishes in securing the political and financial support necessary to implement your exciting vision.

Sincerely,


Judy Lammers
Executive Director



WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

December 13, 2002

Mr. Justin Eric Sutton
The Interstate Traveler Project
9594 Main Street
Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189

Subject: Letter of Interest

Dear Mr. Sutton,

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas with those attending the November 20, 2002 meeting at the offices of the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission (WMRPC) in Grand Rapids.

The information was presented at today's WMRPC Board meeting. The proposed project generated interest amongst our Board members. The Board understands that such a major undertaking will not happen overnight, and they appreciate the positive attitude of The Interstate Traveler Project and its forward-thinking approach to addressing the many issues of developing an effective and efficient transportation network. The Board also understands that The Interstate Traveler Project is requesting funds from the Federal Government to continue research and development of the project.

While there are many questions about the project, the WMRPC supports continued research of the project – related to both technology and building additional financial and political support.

Please contact us if there is anything the WMRPC can do to assist in the process.

Sincerely,

L. Charles Mulholland
Chair

Dave Bee, AICP
Director



July 19, 2002

Mr. Justin Sutton
9594 Main Street
Whitmore Lake, MI. 48189

Subject: Interstate Traveler Project

Dear Justin,

Thank you for meeting with us yesterday. Dean Beresford and I really enjoyed learning more about your push for travel using maglev technology.

I am enclosing a letter that I think will suit your purposes.

Good luck and thanks again for giving us some of your valuable time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom' with a stylized flourish.

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Vice President - Commercial Lending

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July 17, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

Per the request of Justin Eric Sutton, I am writing a business reference to venture capital firms regarding his Interstate Traveler Project. On July 11, 2002, Justin presented his concept, plans, and drawings to me in order to receive any suggestions on his plan. He has been working on this plan and meeting with the necessary organizations and governmental agencies since 1995. In hearing the details of his plan, I would recommend that you meet with Justin to hear his concept and request for financing.

Sincerely,



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