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TO: Stephanie Lee
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Re: ^{sky} Rail (Mass TRANSIT - Houston)
Speed 20 → 200 mph! Galveston

Whereas sales taxes have been collected since the early 1960's; money and studies have accumulated since that time to major proportions.

Ideas and proposals are not new. What is new is that people may have some willingness to use cars less & Mass-Transit more!

My vision is NOT light rail on ground or surface alone unless travel or usage is INTERCITY.
★ - BUT on the second level (urban) above CARS, & BUSES, Service & Emergency vehicles or Freight Trains. On the upper level, Terminals would be the largest part of an entire Floor of a multi-story building (NEW FORM of Real Estate!!)★ with High-demand audience using existing building elevators and parking (lots) if needed for origin of Trip by "MT". Very few shelters except in spots stadium park-lots.

Second level monorail with MANY short trains to maximize frequency of stops and minimize wait-time would encourage ridership.

Engineering and construction could be patterned after state-of-art roller coaster monorails.

There is a LOT of Space for rights-of-way above streets. Separation from ground level is paramount for SAFETY considerations.

Emergency Evacuation could also have an alternative out.

ANY location with 500+ visitors per day would be a candidate for becoming a terminal.

(Downtown Galveston Island Medical Center, Universities Shopping Centers, Greenway Plaza, Galleria, Sports stadiums, Business Parks, Museum District and Airports, to mention a few locations should become "TERMINALS".

Cleaning & maintenance could be accomplished by substituting cars or complete trains.

Attachment to existing Bridges over I-610, BU-8 or Baytown Fwd. Harbors may have possibilities.

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