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### **Current Highway Transport Picture**

**Critical Problems without Easy Solutions** 

- Saturated highways
  - Inadequate funds to build or improve roads
  - Heavy trucks *pulverizing pavement*
- Critical air pollution problems
  - Unpopular & expensive actions required
- Passenger rail almost non-existent
  - Conventional rail Unable to sustain
  - High-speed & commuter rail Far too costly

#### Usual options – far too expensive

- Urban light rail & BRT \$30 to \$60 million/mile (Houston \$37 M/mi)
- Rebuild & widen interstates \$6 million/mile (TxDot Est. 2002)
- Urban freeway cost \$116 million/mile (TxDoT Est. 2005)
- Add HOV lanes \$5 million/mile (TxDot Est. 2002)
- Commuter rail (Existent track) \$24 million/mile ("T" commuter)
- High-speed rail \$40 to \$80M/mile (German [maglev] \$77M/mile)

#### Current & projected budget will cover only O&M costs. New road construction impossible with taxes!

State and Federal money for any of the above will be hard to come by.

## **SuperWays** Solve the Problems

Unified transport approach

- Decongest Highways
  - Reduce highway car & most heavy truck traffic
  - Carry higher passenger & cargo loads
- Cut Cost Both low road O&M & new system costs
  - <u>20 to 40%</u> of other solutions But no taxes!
  - 10% of time to provide new service
  - Eliminate need for costly high-speed rail!
- Reduce noise & air pollution
  - Rubber tires inside enclosed rails
  - Transport with natural gas electric power !!!

## Freeway to SuperWay Shift



### **Real Solutions Now!**

- Affordable 120-mph shared SuperWays
  - **CarLiner**<sup>™</sup> passenger/car trains
  - *WhisperLiner*<sup>™</sup> passenger trains
  - CargoLiner™ cargo trains
- Affordable SuperWay commutes
  - 85-mph *SuperWay* commuter *CarLiners*™
- Lower cost cargo transport than trucks!
  - CargoLiner<sup>120</sup>-mph non-stop module shipping

#### First services start within 42 months

#### **SuperWay** Major Advantages

- Far lower cost Use existent ROW Few new roads!
  20 to 40% of cost for other approaches
- Far shorter time to service
  - 30 to 40% of time for other solutions
- Local or state funding No outside funds needed
  - Revenue bonds + Some local / state funds (Systems can be self-sustaining and profitable)
- Future growth Not available with other systems

#### Can install NOW over any existent ROW



# Near-term at 20% of the cost! No wide swaths of land needed

### **One Base Design – Many Options**

#### • Affordable high-speed SuperWay

#### 20% of usual cost

- WhisperLiner<sup>TM</sup> passenger trains
  - CarLiner<sup>™</sup> passenger/car trains
  - CargoLiner<sup>™</sup> cargo module trains
     State funds No wait for federal funds



#### • Affordable urban/commuter SuperWay

- 20 22% of usual cost
- *MicroWay*<sup>™</sup> LRT & BRT alt.
  - **MegaWay** commuter rail alt.

Local funds - No wait for federal funds



### Install along current freeways

High-speed passenger & cargo lines



- Can use current highway right of way
- Minimum traffic disruption for installation
  - Rapid installation of factory-built parts
  - Concrete piers only on-site construction

#### Superway 120-mph WhisperLiner™

#### WhisperLiner – High-speed Inter-city Passenger Train Service

- Whisper-quiet smooth ride
- First-class airliner seating
- Airliner-type lavatories
- Grade-separated for safety
- Safe, derail-proof design
- All-weather service
- Fast non-stop travel



#### 120-mph WhisperLiner Superfreeway train along Interstate

- Service in 30 to 36 months
- Clean, all-electric operation
- Use Interstate right-of-way
- Ultra-low noise
- Train crew manual control
- Affordable cost



### MegaWay 120-mph CarLiner™

#### *CarLiner*<sup>™</sup> – Inter-city Passenger & Automobile Service

#### WhisperLiner service plus - Take along your car!

- Car available upon arrival
- Cars ride on car-ferries



High-speed CarLiners share same SuperWay

- Passengers park car on car ferries & then board coaches
- **Passengers enter & drive** their cars from ferries at destination



#### Sample CarLiner Station Arrangement

Short Carliner train shown to simplify illustration



Drivers enter line for desired route or destination (Trains may take different MegaWay routes)

### MegaWay<sub>™</sub> High-speed CargoLiner<sub>™</sub>

#### **CargoLiner**<sup>™</sup> – Inter-city Containerized Cargo Service

- 120-mph cargo service
- Closed cargo containers
- Three tons / carrier
- Rapid container handling
- Truckable containers



CargoLiners carry special closed containers

- Trains use same guideway as *WhisperLiners*
- Streamlined for low drag
- De-rail proof design
- Power for refrigeration
- Train crew manual control

#### **CargoLiner**<sup>™</sup> Cargo Containers

- Upper lift points for loading
- Handle with forklift
- 1-1/2 and 3 ton containers
- Flat bed truck transport
- Closed containers



- Light weight
- Handle standard pallets
- Stackable
- Power connections
- Refrigeration available

### MegaWay High-speed Cargo Capacity Greater Capacity than a Six Lane Freeway

- Cargo moves at 120-mph speed Not 55-mph!
- No traffic jams or delays 24 hours per day
- Max cargo capacity calculation: (per direction)
  - Carriers spaced at 50-ft intervals = 105 vehicles/mi
  - 105 containers/mi x 120-mph x 3-tons = 37,800 tons/hr
  - 37,800 tons/hr x 24-hrs = 907,000 tons/day = 22,000 trucks
- Plenty of space for high-speed passenger service

#### Plus the freeways remain available!

## 85-mph Commuter *MegaWay* Ultralight Electric Transport

### Near-term at 20 to 30% of commuter rail cost Reduce demand for more urban freeways!

## Ultralight Commuter MegaWay Service

Fast travel in train coach or in your own car at low cost



Ultralight MegaWay commuter trains & CarFerries on elevated Superway Both services can share same guideway!



• Automate trains - <u>Without throw-a-way</u>

- Develop automated train control software
- Demonstrate safe operation after failures

## *MegaWay* Phase III

- High-speed MegaWay inter-city systems
  - Non-stop, Automated *MegaLiner*<sup>™</sup> small coach service
  - Automated PersonLiner<sup>™</sup> personal transport cars
  - Automated, single or dual cargo module transports
  - Automated CarFerries
- Urban SuperWay transport
  - MegaWay automated CarFerries
  - MicroWay automated CarFerries

### Phase III 120-mph, Inter-city Services

U.S. Pat. 6,435,100



Carferries carry standard cars with driver and passengers inside



Automated, eight to nine-passenger *MegaLiner*<sup>™</sup> non-stop,120-mph, high-frequency, 24-hr group service

U.S. Patent 6,615,740

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Automated cargo car on *SuperWay* moves modules at speeds up to 120-mph



Four to six-passenger *PersonLiner*<sup>™</sup> non-stop,120-mph, on-call, 24-hr personal service

### Needed Next Step Conduct Demonstration

- Prove it works at full 120-mph speed
- Develop TXDoT confidence
- Develop Executive & Legislative confidence
- Establish public confidence
- Confirm cost projections
- Sound basis for economic projections
- Provide confidence for revenue bond buyers

#### **Possible Demo Options**

• Shortest test line – 3-miles – \$40M

Single lane – One 120-mph train – One station Accel to 120-mph & decelerate to stop

• Longer test line – 5-miles – \$55M

Single lane – One 120-mph train – One station Accel to 120-mph, short cruise & decelerate to stop

• Run back and forth for extensive testing Load & unload cars at station

Customer – ROAM effort to define location & funding



## Unique green solutions using only innovative, yet low-risk application of off-the-shelf, proven technology!

## **SuperWay** – Self-funding Alternate that Works

- Elevated steel Superway over any public right of way
  - Electrically-powered Low pollution
  - Rubber-tired wheels in enclosed wheelway tubes
    - Silent service Up and down hills
    - All-weather service Low-cost
  - Small, separated wheelway tubes for low visual obstruction
- Little new right of way Minimum land use
- Serves ALL users TAKES TRAFFIC OFF ROADS!



Minimal sky blockage - No wide elevated conventional train shadows

Open-center Superway casts small shadow U.S. Patent 6.837,167

Low risk – Current, proven technology!

### **SkyCoaches** offer Safe Escape

#### Unaided escape for all (including wheelchairs) without rescue personnel



Upward view through walkway

• Covered electr

#### Small, Low Cost, Factory-built SuperWay

Fast, bolt in place installation



Ultralight SuperWay cross-section

**Cost** – 20% of elevated railway or freeway lane

- Uses highway/street right-of-way
- Mass-produced, factory-built sections Fast on-site assembly
- No more land used & earth moving projects
- Light weight Vehicles only 5% of typical railcar or truck weight





*MicroWay*™ mass transit train at elevated, over-street SkyCoach™ station

• Low-maintenance stainless-steel • Low cost • Minimum street impact

# **Prototype Test & Demo Vehicles**

#### Road and SuperWay tested



Hybrid dualmode car chassis unit in test & transit demo car (Dualmode version operates both on SuperWay & streets)

Not just a "paper" system – It's real and here!

## **Technology Summary**

#### Unique, patented new combination of proven technology (8 patents)

#### Enclosed stainless-steel wheelways - US Pat. 6,039,135

- Simple welded steel factory fabrication
- Standard power rails

#### Flat-free tires – Current technology

#### **Permanent-magnet electric motors**

- Current commercial motor technology
- Electric motor wheels Some electric cars

#### **Car-based steering & switching**

- Smooth non-contact electronic steering
- Switching By cars as on conventional freeway!



#### Only the combination & SuperWay are new!

# MegaWay Advantages Summary

### Low-risk Solution

Revolutionary but only off-the-shelf, proven technology

- First systems use manual control Control proven in transit and railroad systems
- No exotic technology All technology proven in transit and auto systems\*
- State-wide system built in steps

Initial line operation before large scale building

Determine public acceptance before large-scale commitment

\* Future automated systems also employ proven aircraft technology

Low Cost
Proven Tech
Low Risk

### **Environment-friendly**

No adverse environmental impacts - Makes it better!

- No Increased Air or Water Pollution Electric power
  - Pollution reduced by taking cars, trucks & buses from roads
- No added traffic noise or freeway lights
  - Whisper-quiet system makes almost no noise
  - No lights needed on superfreeways
- No earth moving or drainage changes
  - Elevated over existent rights-of-way
- Minimum activity disruption
  - No blocked streets or traffic stops
     Night installation
- Low visual cross-section Minimal shadowing
- No added land Use existent road ROW

### Conclusions

- Far lower cost Easy to afford Revenue bonds for all or most of cost
- Near-term First service in 42 months No waiting for outside funds - go ahead now
- Very low technical risk Only technology combination & superway are new
- Very low environment impact

## Results

- Cut big trucks Cut traffic & road damage
- End freeway traffic jams
- 120-mph, non-stop travel in our own cars
- 120-mph, non-stop public train service
- Gas-generated power for low air pollution
- All-weather travel No snow & ice impacts
- Avoid hundreds of billions for high-speed rail

Nothing else offers anything close!



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# Near-term & affordable solution to traffic & air pollution problems

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