



Transportation's future advances as new fast rail systems are developed by future-planning companies. Hyperloop Technologies will demonstrate its current train project this week in the desert near Las Vegas.

The system is called maglev, short for magnetic levitation, will use big vacuum tubes as train cars to whisk passengers at speeds up to 750 MPH. It's the same speed as jet aircraft, but it will have many advantages over sky travel. It doesn't use petroleum products, won't pollute the air and will pick up and deposit passengers conveniently at downtown terminals.

There are other US organizations, as well as in Asia and Europe, experimenting with similar projects. However, until practical technology evolves into actual reality, don't expect to ride the first LA-SF magical magnetic train for at least another decade.