

Congress considers high-speed rail plan (CBS 3 - Philadelphia,PA,USA)

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) Delaware Congressman Mike Castle is touting a proposal that could bring high-speed rail to the Northeast corridor.

Under a plan approved by the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, trains would travel between New York and Washington in under two hours. Amtrak's Acela trains currently make the trip in two hours and 45 minutes.

It is not clear if the faster trains would stop in Wilmington, though Castle vowed to fight to include Wilmington in the plan.

The proposal is part of the five-year reauthorization for Amtrak. It would likely require billions of dollars in upgrades to tracks, bridges and tunnels. Private investors would get a stake in the service in exchange for engineering and building the system.