

# High-Speed Rail in China and Turkey

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## China to Have Most High-Speed Rail, Says Study

China will have more high-speed railways by 2012 than the rest of the world combined, according to a World Bank report.

The report said that in two years the country will construct 42 passenger lines with top speeds in excess of 250km/h, and will provide high-speed rail travel on 13,000km of track.

China's proposed passenger rail system will be the biggest single planned programme of passenger rail investment in one country.

Worlds Bank Transport Coordinator in China John Scales said the bank is supporting a number of projects in China's railway programme.

## Turkey to Start High-Speed Train Services

Turkey's state-run rail operator is planning to start high-speed train services between Ankara and the central province of Konya by the end of this year.

The 306km rail line is the second phase of Turkey's high-speed railway network, according to [worldbulletin.net](http://worldbulletin.net).

Infrastructure works will be completed in a month and the superstructure is expected to be finished in the next two months.

The rail project is estimated to cost TRY805m (\$522m) and is intended to reduce travel time from ten hours to 75min.