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WINNERS AND LOSERS: FOREIGN INVESTORS VS. TEXANS

Texas Central puts the Lone Star State in its name, but follow the money and its contracting partners. Foreign companies and foreign investors are seeking to utilize the high-speed rail project for their own gain – and if the project goes under and the state decided to get involved, Texas taxpayers will be on the hook.

The Shinkansen trains planned for the track are Japanese, and the project's current funding is from Japanese investors. The Italian engineering firm Salini Impregilo is slated to build the rail. The Spanish company Renfe has been selected as the train operator.

The only thing Texan about the rail is the land it will be built on – land that Texas Central has made clear they will seek by attempting to invoke eminent domain if all else fails. Texas Central still needs to acquire 70% of the proposed route, and that's a lot of Texan land left for them to try to take.

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