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Major economic indicators for transportation are expected to maintain steady growth in 2025

China Ministry of Transport projects that total fixed asset investment in transportation will exceed RMB 3.6 trillion (\$514.3 billion) in 2025, with over 2,000 kilometers of new high-speed rail and about 8,000 kilometers of new expressways. The total cross-regional passenger flow is expected to exceed 66 billion person-times, and commercial freight volume to exceed 58 billion tons, both representing year-on-year increases of 3.5%. **(Sina Finance)**

China's high-speed rail network tops 50,000 km, outpacing the rest of the world combined

On December 26, 2025, with the Xi'an–Yan'an high-speed railway opening, China's high-speed rail network exceeded 50,000 km, surpassing all other countries combined and cementing its global lead. Since the opening of the first high-speed railway, the Beijing–Tianjin Intercity Railway in 2008, China's high-speed rail has leaped from nothing to a world leader. **(Sina Finance)**

Urumqi-Korla Expressway Opens

On December 26, the Urumqi-Korla Expressway fully opened to traffic, reducing the travel time between Urumqi and Korla to 3.5 hours. The expressway is 324.7 kilometers long, with 274 bridges and 17 tunnels. The Tianshan Victory Tunnel, at 22.13 kilometers long, sets two world records and will promote economic integration between northern and southern Xinjiang. **(People's Daily Online)**

Construction underway on aircraft maintenance hub

Kunming, Yunnan, China is building the largest aircraft maintenance base in Southwest China. After the first phase is put into operation in 2028, it will be able to simultaneously inspect 10 narrow-body aircraft. The investment is 1.5 billion yuan (\$214 million) and it will provide replacement services for components such as engines, promoting the autonomy and digitalization of aviation maintenance. **(China Daily)**

Record set in high-speed maglev tech

A Chinese team has set a new high-speed maglev record, accelerating a ton-sized vehicle to 700 km/h in just 2 seconds. This breakthrough in superconducting levitation technology enables precise speed control. The technology is low-noise and frictionless, facilitating medium- and low-speed railway lines and potentially finding applications in the aerospace field. **(China Daily)**