**Ed Glaeser:** “Transportation technologies have always determined urban form.”

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- **High-Speed Rail and Metropolitan Form**
  - Metro regions or microregions
  - Metropolitan area (of varying size)
  - HSR link to urban rail systems
  - HSR link to regional rail systems
  - HSR link to commuter rail

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**Concluding Thoughts**

1. **HSR Will Affect Metropolitan Form**
   - Scottish biologist Patrick Geddes introduced the idea of a regional transect that suggests each place in a region is dependent on the others, and the city on the hinterlands. He stated, “In short, it takes the whole region to make the city.”
   - An added HSR link that reinforces these symbiotic relationships will support the development essential to continued metropolitan growth, and can transform the planning perspective leaders take. HSR links will transform the existing metropolitan form, and also allow for new growth via the linked communities in newly discontinuous functional metropolitan areas.

2. **HSR Alone Will Not Bring Change**
   - “High-speed rail’s integration with local land use and mobility systems is critical if HSR is to be successful in supporting network-based agglomeration economies.” – Naomi Stein
   - In the end, we do not invest in infrastructure as an end in itself. We do it for the benefits it brings, and with the benefits shown for these HSR systems, planners must accommodate this investment in a fashion that further leverages its potential.