

## Hyperloop, the superfast 'vacuum train,' is coming to China



*US-based Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT).*

**(CNN) — Tongren city in Guizhou province has become the first city in China to sign an agreement** with US-based Hyperloop Transportation Technologies (HTT). Guizhou, one of China's fastest-growing provinces, has been splurging more than \$100 billion on infrastructure upgrades in the last few years. It has become the home for many Chinese and international tech companies.

The superfast, futuristic transportation was first envisioned by Elon Musk in 2013. Hyperloop can move people and cargo up to about 1,000km/h through low-pressure, nearly-zero-friction tubes using pressurized capsule rides.

The initial deal between HTT and Tongren Transportation & Tourism Investment Group covers the building of a 10-kilometer test track.

"We will be able to achieve new speed records at this distance; at a comfortable 1g acceleration we will get up to 671 miles (or 1,079 kilometers) per hour," Ben Cooke, HTT's director of media relations, explained to CNN Travel. .

HTT has also signed hyperloop agreements with Abu Dhabi and Ukraine earlier in 2018. Its first track -- in Toulouse, France -- has begun construction in April 2018. The first phase will include a 320-meter system.