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Tom Hopkins is with the High-Speed Monorail Advocacy which is promoting the monorail for Colorado's I-70 project. The Advocacy's web site is at highspeedmonorail.com.

Hopkins is an engineer and businessman who spent four years examining the US transit industry. He was Chief Operating Officer of Transport Ventures LLC, the corporate entity for the consortium of international companies that proposed the high-speed monorail and which was selected as CIFGA's partner to prepare and win approval of the plan to test and demonstrate the technology.

Hopkins headed the preliminary development of the high-speed monorail by integrating a series of well-understood or existing technologies, evaluation of the CIFGA project's economics, and participated in the political approval process. He was responsible for having the high-speed monorail classified as a form of maglev for the purpose of making it eligible for funding under the FRA's and FTA's maglev programs. He was also responsible for having the system designated as the "High-Speed Monorail". During this period, he also co-authored a paper, *Maglift Monorail*, with Dr. Julio Pinto, Spain, and Mr. Kelley, and Drs. Marder and Turman of Sandia National Laboratories.

Hopkins has bachelors and masters degrees in engineering, was a Chartered Professional Engineer (Australia) for 25 years, and has an MBA from the University of Chicago. Hopkins can be contacted at Hopkins@Colorado.net, or phone 970-476-9164.