

Chapter 31 Deepening the Implementation of Major Regional Strategies

With a focus on accomplishing strategic objectives and strengthening development guidance and facilitation, we will strive for new breakthroughs in our major regional strategies to promote integration, interaction, and complementarity between different regions.

Section 1 Accelerating the Coordinated Development of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region

We will remain focused on relieving Beijing of functions nonessential to its role as capital, putting in place a policy framework and a batch of landmark projects for this purpose. We will build the Xiong'an New Area to a high standard, step up the construction of the Boot Area and Initial Development Zone, and push forward the innovation of its management systems. We will build Beijing's municipal administrative center in Tongzhou to a high quality and promote its integrated development with Sanhe City, Xianghe County, and Dachang Hui Autonomy County in Hebei Province. We will support the high-quality development of the Tianjin Binhai New Area and bolster the construction of water source conservation zones and ecosystem and environment support zones for the capital in Zhangjiakou. We will improve the basic research and primary innovation capacity of Beijing as a science and technology innovation center, maximize the role of the Zhongguancun National Innovation Demonstration Zone as a pilot area, and promote the in-depth integration of the region's industrial and innovation

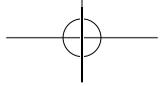
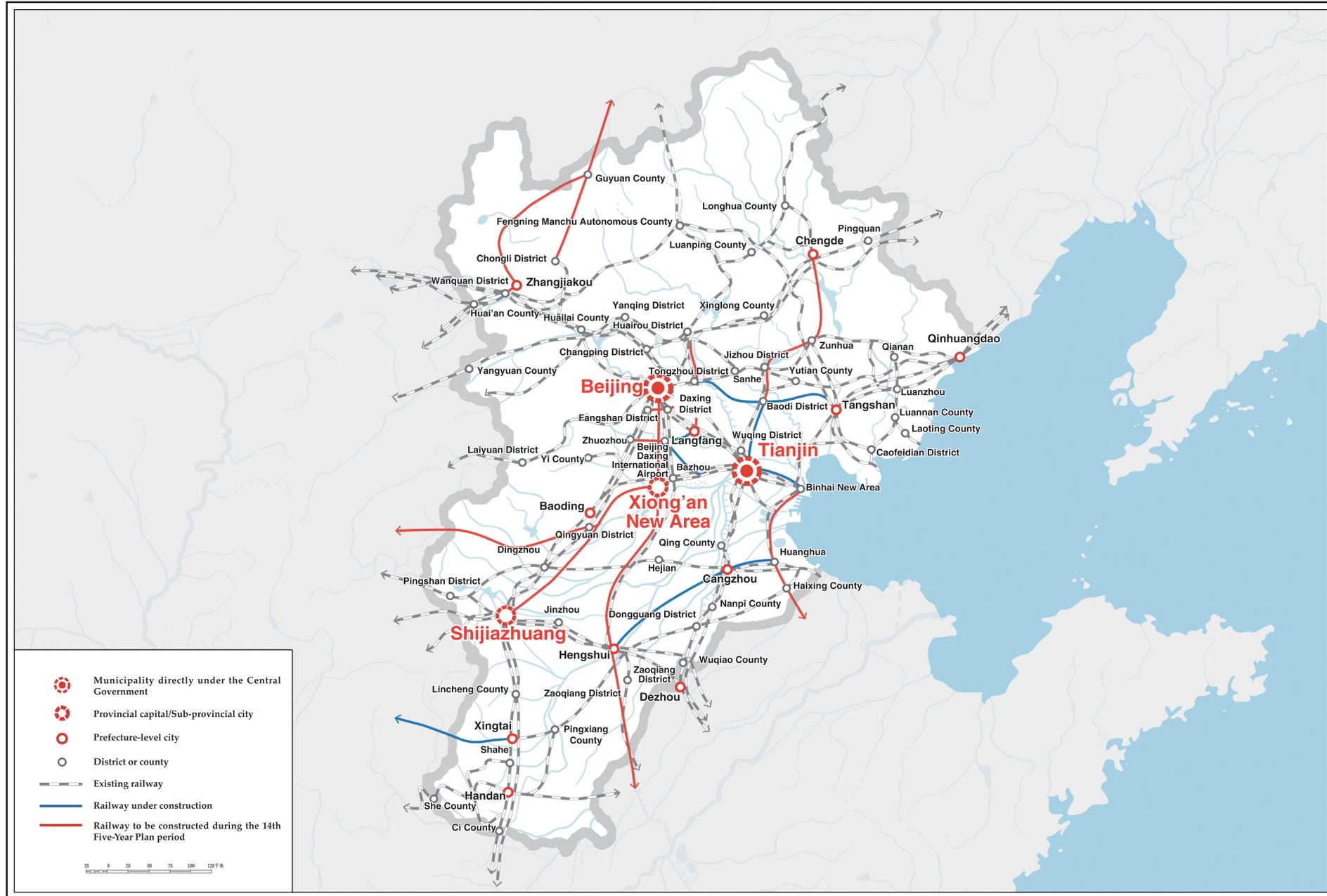


Figure 4. Rail Transportation Plan for the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region



chains. We will achieve the general integration of railway networks in the region and improve coordination between clusters of airports and ports. We will deepen the joint efforts to prevent and control air pollution and take stronger actions to comprehensively address over-extraction of groundwater and the problem of ground subsidence in North China.

Section 2

Promoting the Overall Development of the Yangtze Economic Belt

We will prioritize ecological conservation and green development, promote well-coordinated environmental conservation, and oppose excessive development. We will promote both environmental protection and economic development with a view to creating a template for building a Beautiful China where humanity is in harmony with nature. We will continue to address prominent environmental problems based on a fine-tuned, unit-based, region-specific approach for managing the entire Yangtze River basin and carry out projects for treating urban sewage and garbage and addressing pollution from industries, non-point agricultural sources, ships, and tailings ponds. Green development demonstrations to promote ecological conservation and environmental protection in the Chishui River Basin will be advanced. And a 10-year fishing ban is already in force in the waters of the Yangtze River. We will design a comprehensive transportation system with a focus on the Yangtze River, China's great waterway, and ease transport bottlenecks at the Three Gorges Hub by accelerating the construction of high-speed and freight railways along the Yangtze River. By harnessing the overall advantages arising from synergy of industries, we will put in place a green industrial system. Additional efforts will be devoted to protecting the cultural relics and heritage of the Yangtze River.

Section 3

Advancing the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

To facilitate the collaboration of industries, universities, and research institutes in the Greater Bay Area, we will refine the “Two Corridors, Two Pillars” framework, which consists of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong and the Guangzhou-Zhuhai-Macao technology innovation corridors and the Hetao Shenzhen-Hong Kong and the Hengqin Guangdong-Macao science and technology innovation pillars. We will advance the construction of comprehensive national science centers and boost the flow of innovation factors across borders. Efforts will be accelerated to build intercity railways, coordinate the functional layout of ports and airports, and improve the allocation of shipping and aviation resources. We will further reform customs clearance methods to promote the convenient and efficient flow of passengers, freight, and vehicles. We will expand the mutual recognition of professional qualifications in the mainland, Hong Kong, and Macao and enhance alignments of rules and mechanisms in key fields. We will facilitate young people from Hong Kong and Macao in coming to the mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area to study, work, and start businesses and foster a high-quality exchange platform for young people in Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao.

Section 4

Boosting the Integrated Development of the Yangtze River Delta

Targeting advanced international science and innovation capabilities and industrial systems, we will accelerate the development of the Yangtze River Delta G60 Sci-Tech Innovation Valley and the Shanghai-

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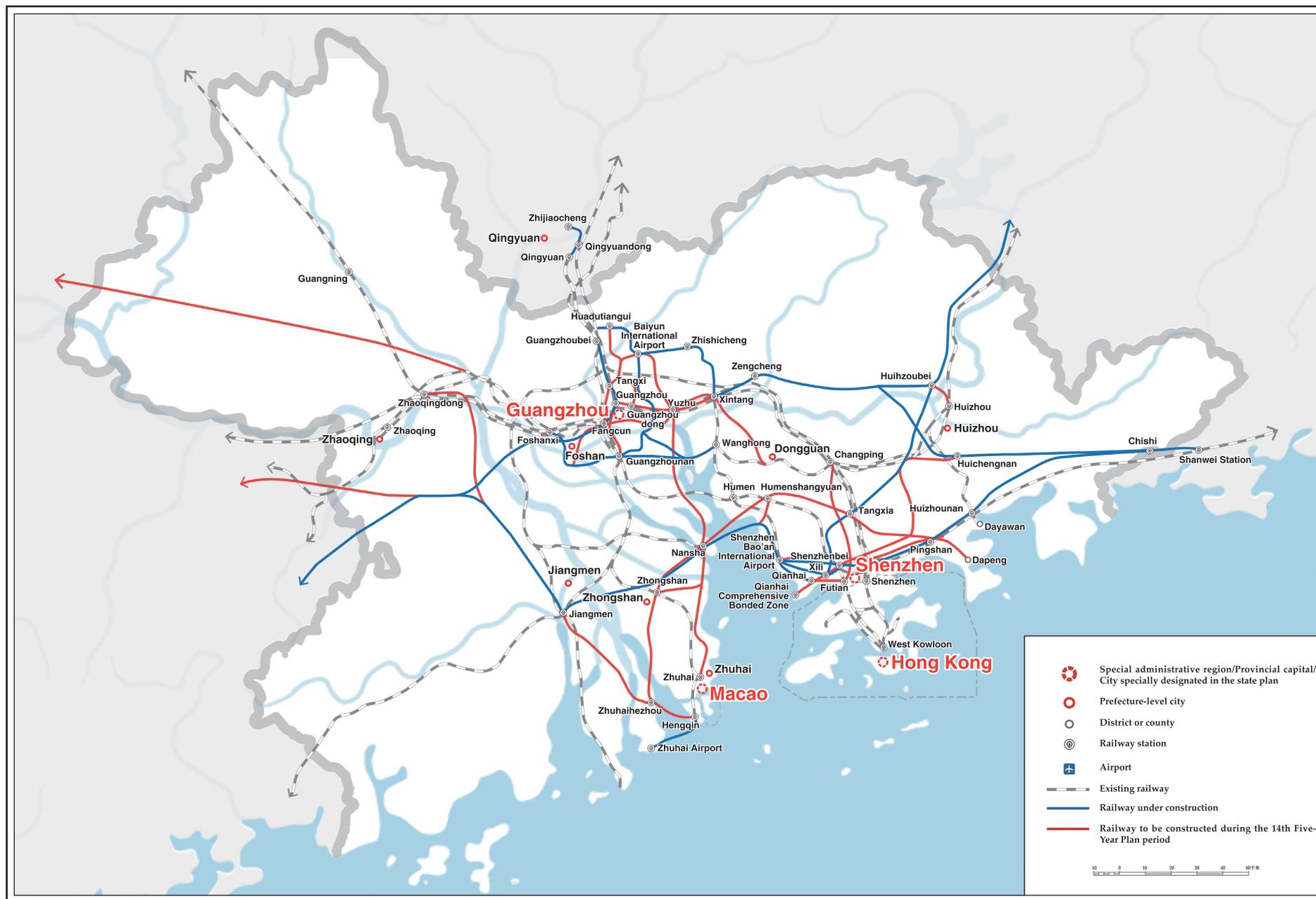
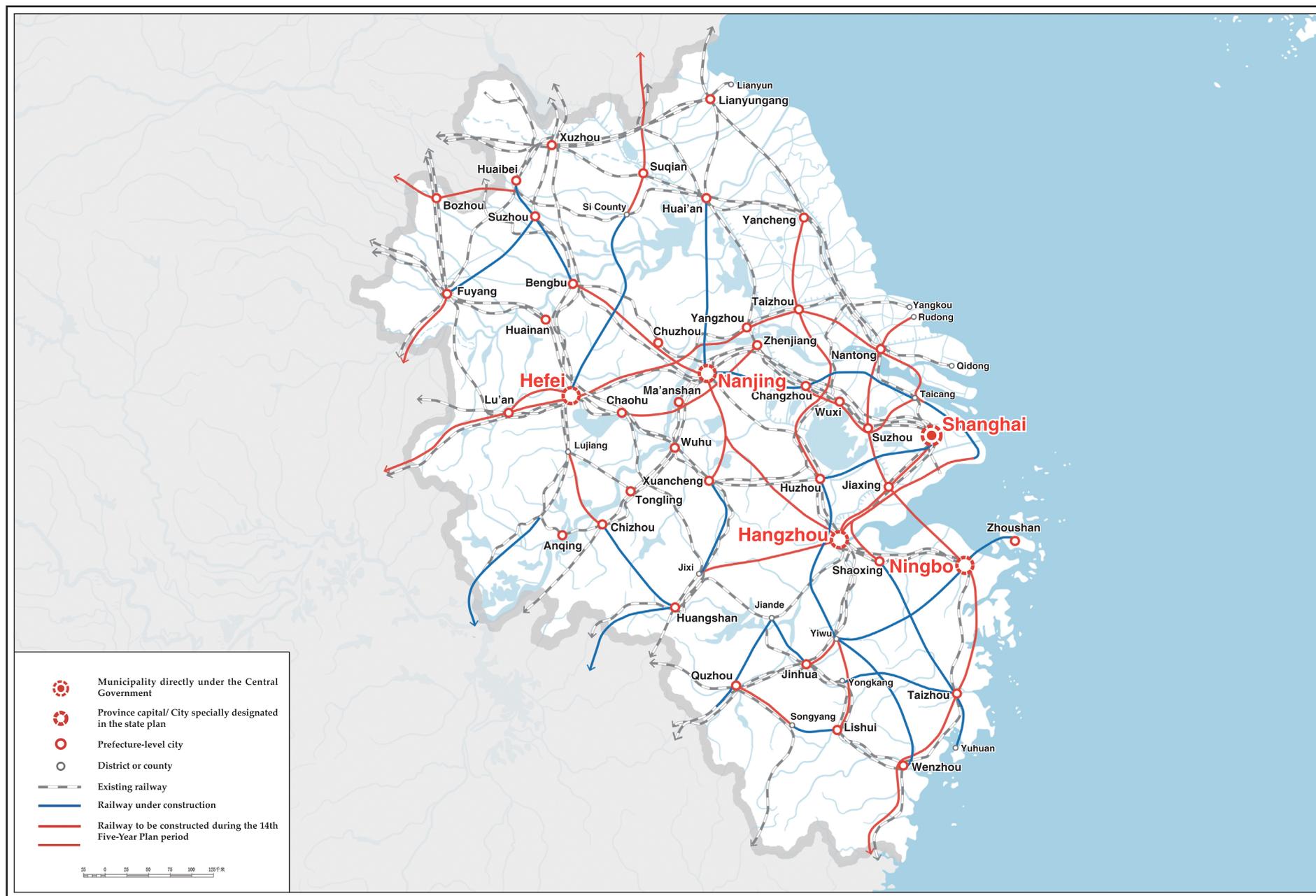


Figure 6. Rail Transportation Plan for the Yangtze River Delta



Nanjing industrial innovation belt and boost the Yangtze River Delta's capacity to allocate global resources and drive national development. We will work faster to strengthen infrastructure connectivity, connecting all cities at the prefecture level and above to high-speed railways and promoting the integrated management of port clusters. We will build the Hongqiao International Hub for Opening up, strengthen the capability of the open economy in the Lingang section of the Shanghai Pilot Free Trade Zone to facilitate the concentration of production factors, and advance the joint development of pilot free trade zones in Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, and Anhui. We will ensure more convenient and accessible public services across the region and optimize the distribution of high-quality education and medical and health resources. To promote coordinated efforts in environmental restoration and protection, we will establish a high-level demonstration zone for green and integrated development in the Yangtze River Delta.

Section 5

Advancing the Ecological Conservation and High-Quality Development of the Yellow River Basin

Making stronger efforts to protect and restore key ecosystems in the Yellow River's upper reaches, we will safeguard the Sanjiangyuan area, which is home to the headwaters of the Yangtze, Yellow, and Lancang rivers and known as China's "Water Tower," and enhance the water source conservation capacity of Gannan Prefecture, Zhiogê County, and other regions. Along the middle reaches, we will develop new ways to control soil erosion on the Loess Plateau, comprehensively improve small river valley areas, and create terraced fields on drylands and build warping dams. We will take comprehensive steps to solve the problems of second-stage suspended channels and floodplains in the lower reaches and work

to protect and restore the wetlands in the Yellow River Delta. We will control pollution from non-point agricultural sources in the Fen-Wei Plains, the Hetao Irrigation Area and other areas, overhaul industrial enterprises located on the waterfront of the Yellow River, and increase treatment facilities and supporting pipeline networks for urban sewage along the River. We will launch extensive water conservation and control programs and reduce the intensity of water resource development and exploitation. We will control the intensity of coal development, promote the integrated development and utilization of energy and resources, and enhance ecological restoration in mining areas. We will improve the development structures of central cities and city clusters and coordinate the construction of county seats and villages along the Yellow River. We will carry out a systematic project for protecting the cultural heritage of the Yellow River and develop a cultural tourism belt with international appeal. A pilot zone for ecological conservation and high-quality development in the Yellow River Basin will be developed.