



TEXAS HIGH SPEED RAIL & TRANSPORTATION CORP.

The Future of Transportation and Economic Development along the South Central High-Speed Rail Corridor

Description: *Resolution Urging Congress to Include a Title for High-Speed Rail in the Next Surface Transportation Bill.*

WHEREAS, Created in 2002 to address the growing need for additional multi-modal transportation capacity in the State of Texas, the Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation enjoys the support of numerous cities, counties, universities, councils of governments, metropolitan planning organizations, private sector entities, and individuals in its grassroots advocacy of the Texas T-Bone high speed rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, High speed rail is defined as intercity passenger rail capable of traveling at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, There is a high level of public support and private sector interest in creating a safe, fast, and energy efficient high speed rail system in Texas and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, High speed rail has proven to be the most effective tool to mitigate congestion on busy highways and in crowded skies; and

WHEREAS, Estimates show that for every \$1 billion invested in transportation infrastructure, 35,000 to 42,000 jobs are created; and

WHEREAS, High-Speed Rail is shown to play an important role in promoting livable communities and enhancing interconnectivity among modes.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS HIGH SPEED RAIL AND TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION:

THAT The Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation hereby urges the members of Congress to include a Title for High-Speed Rail in the next Surface Transportation Bill.

THAT This resolution shall be circulated to interested parties including members of Congress, Executive Branch transportation officials, members of the Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation, and others, and is so accordingly ordered.

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE TEXAS HIGH SPEED RAIL AND TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION at its summer quarterly meeting hosted by Pulaski County, AR, this 17th day of June, A.D. 2009.

ATTESTED BY:

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Chairman
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