



TEXAS HIGH SPEED RAIL & TRANSPORTATION CORP.

The Future of Transportation and Economic Development in Texas

Description: *Resolution Urging the 81st Texas State Legislature to Formally Endorse THSRTC's Vision, Goals, and Objectives*

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, The State of Texas renowned for its visionary approach to transportation infrastructure investment; and

WHEREAS, The State of Texas is experiencing a rapid and transformational population increase; and

WHEREAS, Existing intercity passenger rail providing service to the State of Texas, operated by Amtrak, is plagued by poor on-time performance, slow operational speeds, and inadequate capacity,

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

THAT The THSRTC expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the enthusiastic support of its Legislative Caucus,

THAT In order to accommodate the State's population growth, promote positive economic development, and enhance the State's reputation as a visionary business-friendly leader in transportation planning, the 81st Texas Legislature should formally endorse the THSRTC's plan to bring safe, fast, and energy-efficient high speed rail connectivity to the State's population centers.

CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE TEXAS HIGH SPEED RAIL AND TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION at its winter quarterly meeting hosted by the City of College Station, TX, this 9th day of December, A.D. 2008.

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Eckels". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Robert Eckels
Chairman
Texas High Speed Rail and Transportation Corporation