



## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH SPEED RAILWAY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS** the population of Texas is projected to approximately double by the year 2035, and much of the new population will reside within Houston and North Texas; and

**WHEREAS** traffic congestion in Houston and Dallas is expected to double by the year 2035; and

**WHEREAS** the existing plus committed infrastructure for highway modes will be inadequate to address the increased interaction between Texas cities as a result of this growth; and

**WHEREAS** travel times between these Texas cities will increase significantly without additional transportation options, resulting in a loss of economic opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** the implementation of high speed passenger rail services provide an efficient, safe and cost-efficient mode of transportation, shifting a significant volume off existing and committed highways; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed rail project by Texas Central will connect Houston and Dallas in under 90 minutes at speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS** the railway will be grade separated, thereby ensuring there are no intersections with roadways or rail tracks; and

**WHEREAS** the project provides an alternative to additional taxpayer-funded construction and reduces carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS** the project will not require operational or maintenance subsidies, and is estimated to create 10,000 full-time construction jobs each year during the anticipated four-year construction period, and 1,000 full-time jobs after the system goes into revenue service, anticipated in 2022; and

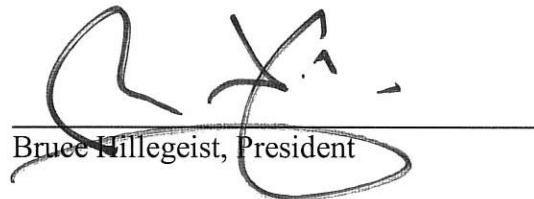
**WHEREAS** a strong transportation system is fundamental to the region's quality of life and economic vitality, attracting new businesses and generating new jobs; and

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce is to provide resources and foster relationships that empower businesses to prosper in Tomball and its surrounding communities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed Texas Central High-Speed Rail Project for both mobility and economic development.

**ADOPTED** this 18 day of May 2016 by the Board of Directors of the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce.

  
Ryan Aduddell, Board Chair

  
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