



DENTON COUNTY CONSERVATIVE COALITION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH-SPEED TRAIN PROJECT

WHEREAS the mission of The Denton County Conservative Coalition is to promote conservative issues and ideas through outreach and activism, and

WHEREAS the first true, high-speed train in the United States will be built without federal grants or taxpayer subsidies for operations; and

WHEREAS Texas Central will pay property taxes to every jurisdiction along the final route; and

WHEREAS First Responders along the preferred route will be supported by Texas Central in performing their duties along the tracks; and

WHEREAS most of the 240-mile route between North Texas and Houston will be elevated to decrease the impact on adjacent land, to accommodate current and future roads, and to minimize the width of the needed rights of way; and

WHEREAS the train tracks will be grade separated, thereby ensuring there are no intersections with roadways or rail tracks to promote safe and reliable transportation; and

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

WHEREAS strong economic growth and increased populations are projected in Texas over the next 30 years and much of the new growth will occur within North Texas and Houston regions; and

WHEREAS traffic congestion in North Texas and Houston 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 the implementation of the high-speed passenger train provides an efficient, safe and cost-efficient mode of transportation, shifting a significant volume of traffic off of existing and committed highways; and

WHEREAS the train project by Texas Central will connect North Texas and Houston in under 90 minutes at speeds approaching 200 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS the project is projected to generate a direct economic impact of \$36 billion to the Texas economy over the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS taxing entities along the proposed route will receive an estimated \$2.5 billion in property, sales and other taxes over 25 years from Texas Central; and

WHEREAS the North Texas to Houston high-speed train project is privately developed and has agreed to not take federal grants for construction or government operational subsidies; and

WHEREAS the project will be good for increasing mobility for Texans without adding to increased taxes to build infrastructure, the region and the entire State of Texas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Denton County Conservative Coalition's Officers and Members support the Texas Central High-Speed Train Project and encourages the Texas Legislature and broader community to support the project.

ADOPTED this 4th day of January 2017 by Denton County Conservative Coalition.

Nancy Dillard, President

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