



Waco's City Council, Metro Planning Organization endorse Texas high-speed train project

DALLAS [May 5, 2016] – The Waco City Council and Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) have separately endorsed Texas' privately developed high-speed rail project, calling it an economic catalyst and efficient way to reduce traffic congestion.

The MPO, which coordinates transportation planning activities for all of McLennan County, passed a resolution of support Thursday, May 5, that says a high-speed railway will help sustain Texas' economic vitality and quality of life.

Last month, Waco City Council approved a similar resolution backing the North Texas-to-Houston passenger line, saying it provides a safe and productive alternative to the state's increasing traffic demands.

The resolutions noted that Texas Central, the Dallas-based private company developing the project, will not take public money for its operations. The project is expected 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 full service.

Also, taxing entities along the route would receive an estimated \$2.5 billion in property taxes over 25 years from Texas Central because of the new infrastructure, such as the passenger stations, including a midway stop in Grimes County, along the 240-mile route.

The train would allow commuters to travel between North Texas and Houston in 90 minutes, compared now to about four hours or more.

A copy of the Waco City Council resolution can be [accessed here](#).

The MPO resolution can be [accessed here](#).

ABOUT TEXAS CENTRAL PARTNERS, LLC

Texas Central Partners, LLC is a private, Texas-based company that is developing the high-speed passenger railway and associated facilities. Texas Central and its affiliated entities will be responsible for the system's design, finance, construction, operation and maintenance.