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## **DOWNTOWN DALLAS, INC.**

### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS** the mission of Downtown Dallas, Inc. is to be a principal advocate, champion and steward of Downtown, effecting change by developing strategies, setting targets and mobilizing resources; and

**WHEREAS** the passenger rail station will be built just south of downtown Dallas, complementing and helping to accelerate the growth in the downtown area as well as South Dallas; 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 North Texas to Houston high-speed rail project will be privately developed and will not take public money for its operations; and

**WHEREAS** strong economic growth and increased populations are projected in Texas over the next 30 years and much of the new population will reside within the 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 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 train project by Texas Central will connect North Texas and Houston 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



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

**WHEREAS** the project is projected to generate a direct 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 taxes over 25 years from Texas Central; 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** the project will be good for downtown Dallas, the city of Dallas, the region and the state;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Downtown Dallas, Inc. supports the proposed Texas Central High-Speed Rail Project and encourages the Texas Legislature and broader community to support the project.

**ADOPTED**, this 26 day of July 2016 by the Executive Committee of Downtown Dallas, Inc.

  
Kourtney Garrett, President

  
John Crawford, Chief Executive Officer