

Setting the Record Straight

The Texas Bullet Train recently announced some exciting news about its Land Option Program. This news generated great excitement along the route, but also some misinterpretations of the important milestones.

Here, fact-checking a news release from a group opposing the train, we set the record straight:

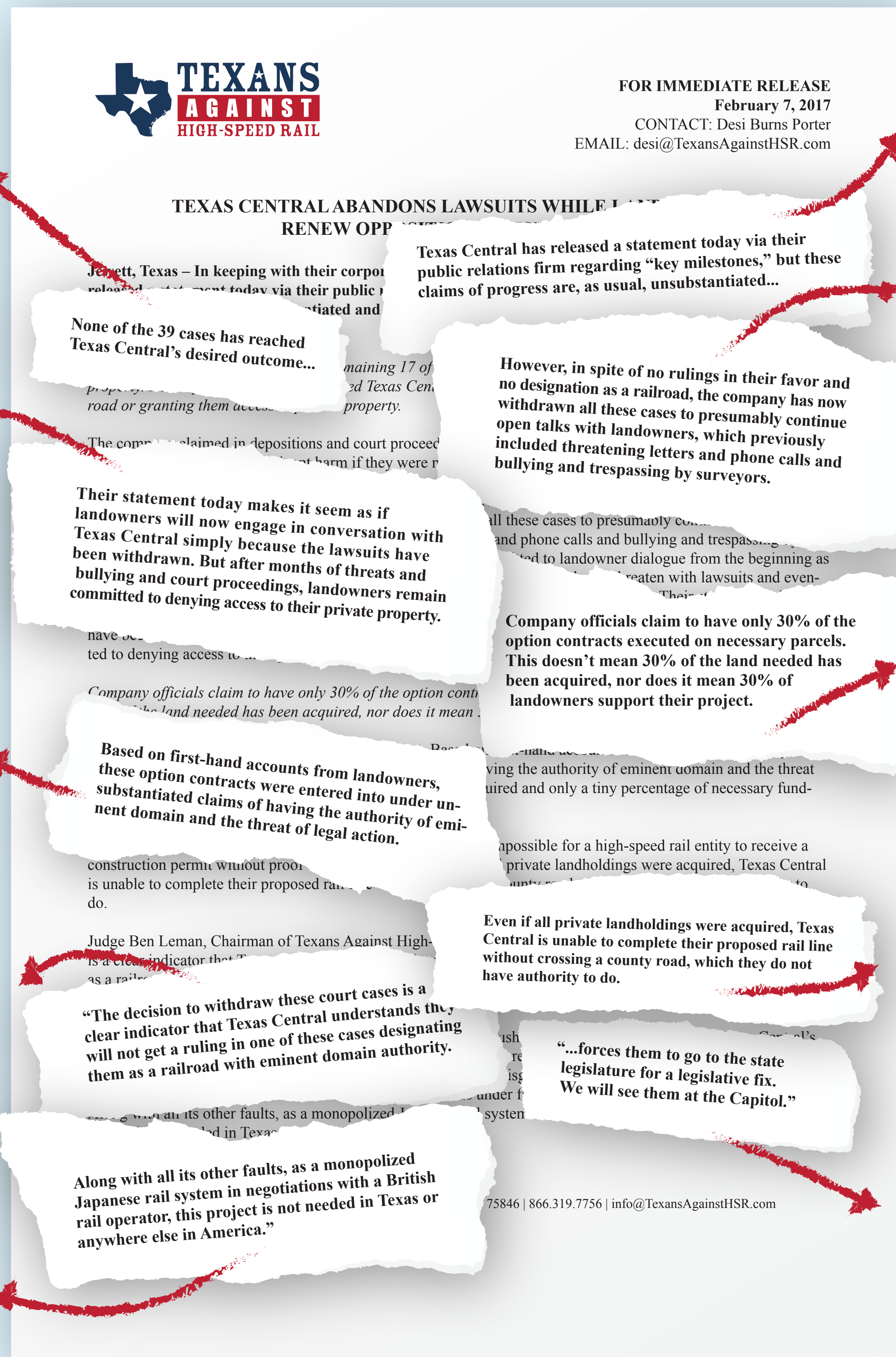
No rulings were made on the merits of any of these cases and most of them were settled out of the courtroom. Having completed thousands of surveys, Texas Central prefers to work with remaining landowners to reach an amicable solution.

This commitment to open dialogue has resulted in more than 3,000 letters signed voluntarily, allowing thousands of surveys to be conducted without incident. The cases from which Texas Central withdrew represent less than 1% of all requested survey permissions.

First-hand accounts from landowners confirm that they were treated fairly.

That more than 99% of the survey permissions were already granted indicates that landowners are being treated fairly.

The progress on the option agreements have nothing to do with these ancillary issues and everything to do with the project's approach, which clearly resonates with many landowners, including a majority of landowners in two counties. Texas Central has treated all landowners fairly and in an open and personalized manner.



Records documenting each option agreement have been filed with public officials.

The court had not yet ruled on the challenge to Texas Central's status as a railroad prior to withdraw of the cases. The defendant challenged our designation and the court did not rule on that challenge.

A large and growing number of landowners have already accepted their option payment checks. Landowners' willingness to sign option agreements suggests a large number of people are interested in the success of the project.

The majority of parcels in two counties are now under option, and hundreds of negotiations are currently underway. Texas Central hopes to work with the counties to move this project forward.

The project has been consistent from its inception, but we'll say it again: "All we want is to continue to be treated like any other private railroad company."