

**WILMER CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Item Summary**  
**March 16, 2017**

AGENDA ITEM

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**Discuss and Consider Resolution R17-0316C Indicating the City of Wilmer's Support for Texas Central's High Speed Passenger Train.**

**Issue/Problem**

Nearly 50,000 Texans, sometimes called "super-commuters," travel back and forth between Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth more than once a week. Many others make the trip very regularly. The approximately 240-mile high-speed rail line will offer a total travel time of less than 90 minutes, with convenient departures every 30 minutes during peak periods each day, and every hour during off-peak periods – with 6 hours reserved each night for system maintenance and inspection.

Texas Central respects and values property rights and Texas landowners. It has identified and analyzed potential routes that follow alongside existing rights of way as much as possible. Texas Central closely examined a number of such rights of way, including interstates, freight rail corridors and power and utility corridors, all with the goal of minimizing impacts on private property.

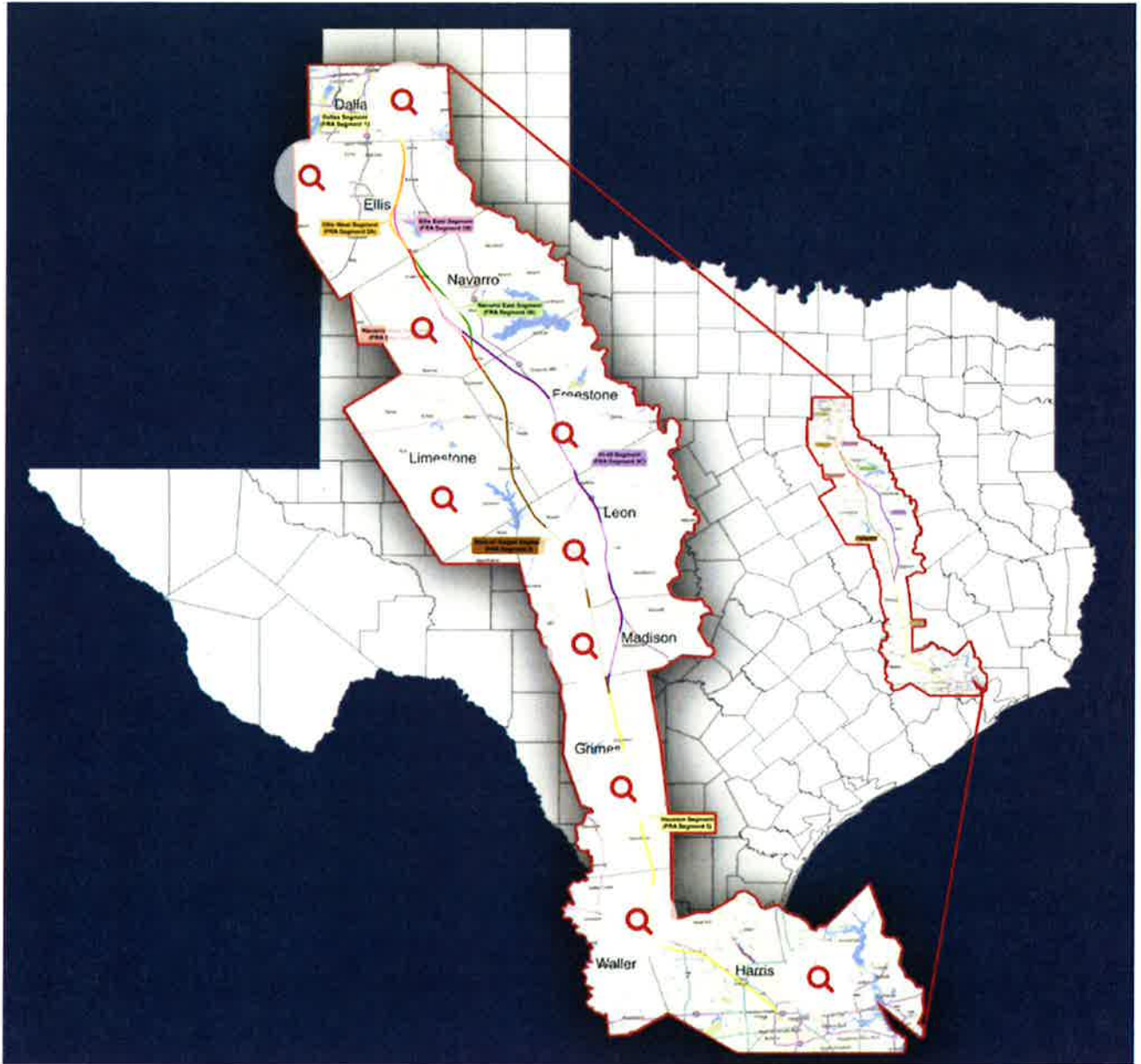
We anticipate stations in Dallas/Fort Worth, the Brazos Valley and Houston will provide easy access to each region's excellent highways, thoroughfares and expansive public transit networks.

**Attachments**

- Resolution R17-0316C
- Map of potential alignments currently under consideration.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R17-0316C**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS, ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF WILMER'S SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS CENTRAL HIGH-SPEED PASSENGER TRAIN PROJECT BETWEEN NORTH TEXAS AND HOUSTON; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY AND ALL RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** Texas Central is a Texas-based company formed to bring high-speed train travel to Texas as a privately developed venture, and is focused on moving passengers between North Texas and Houston; and

**WHEREAS,** The project, as proposed by Texas Central, will not utilize government grants for construction or subsidies for operation or maintenance, and is estimated to create 10,000 full-time jobs each year during the anticipated construction phase, and nearly 1,000 full-time jobs after the system goes into revenue service; and

**WHEREAS,** A strong transportation system is fundamental to Texas' economic vitality and quality of life, attracting new businesses and generating new jobs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Wilmer City Council strongly supports the development, construction and operation of a high-speed passenger train between North Texas, Houston and beyond.

**SECTION 2.** All resolutions of the City of Wilmer heretofore adopted which are in conflict with the provisions of this resolution be, and the same are hereby repealed, and all resolutions of the City of Wilmer not in conflict with the provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** If any article, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this resolution, as hereby amended, be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional for any reason, such judgment or holding shall not affect the validity of this resolution as a whole or any part or provision thereof, as amended hereby, other than the part so declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4.** That the recitals to this Resolution are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section and are hereby found and declared to be true and correct legislative findings and are adopted as part of this Resolution for all purposes.

**SECTION 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.


**DULY ORDERED** by the City Council of the City of Wilmer, Texas, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.



APPROVED:

  
CASEY BURGESS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
ELIZABETH LOPEZ, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHAEL HALLA, CITY ATTORNEY