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President
Cedars Neighborhood Association

RE: Endorsement of High-Speed Train Project Connecting North Texas and Houston with one stop in the Brazos Valley

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of The Cedars Neighborhood Association, an organization comprised of residents, business owners and other stakeholders, I am pleased to endorse and do fully support the proposed high-speed train project that will connect North Texas to Houston in less than 90 minutes, with one stop in the Brazos Valley. The High-Speed rail team has been a pleasure to work with, shown a willingness to hear the community input, and have been transparent from the beginning of the process.

With Texas' population boom continuing for the foreseeable future, travel between the two economic hubs of the state is only going to get more difficult, and existing, plus committed infrastructure for highway modes is inadequate to address the increased interaction between the regions. In fact, current estimates show that travel time between these two economic powerhouses will increase to over 6.5 hours in the next 20 years. The Texas high-speed train project will help complement the state's existing transportation network and will reshape commercial real estate and development here in South Dallas.

We support this project because:

- The Dallas station will be a catalyst for economic development in the Cedars neighborhood and adjacent South Dallas areas;
- It will positively impact commercial and residential real estate developments in North Texas;
- It is projected to generate a direct impact of \$36 billion to the Texas economy over the next 25 years;
- The project will create 10,000 jobs per year over the four-year peak construction period, plus 1,500 permanent highly skilled jobs to support the railroad's operations when it is in full service;
- The technology being deployed is the world's safest high-speed rail technology – the N700-I total bullet system, which boasts a flawless 50-year safety history in Japan.

We are proud to support the first true high-speed passenger train system in the United States, a transportation infrastructure project that will provide a safe, reliable and productive travel alternative between North Texas, the Brazos Valley and Houston. This project is good for Texas.

Sincerely,

Phillip Robinson, President CNA

Phillip Robinson, President, on Behalf of the Board of Cedars Neighborhood Association