

GREATER DALLAS HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

WHEREAS a strong transportation system is fundamental to the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's ability to grow and support the Hispanic business community in North Texas; and

WHEREAS the passenger rail station will be built from a greenfield in downtown Dallas, complementing and promoting the growth in all North Texas businesses; and

WHEREAS increased populations are projected in Texas over the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS traffic congestion in North Texas and Houston is expected to double by the year 2035; and

WHEREAS the implementation of a high speed passenger train will provide an efficient, safe and cost-efficient mode of transportation, shifting significant volume off existing and committed highways allowing regional and local transportation officials to better accommodate the rapid growth; 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 unifying the 4th and 5th largest metropolitan areas in the US into one "supereconomy" ; and

WHEREAS the railway will be grade separated, thereby ensuring there are no intersections with roadways or rail tracks; and

WHEREAS the project pursues low impact design, construction and operation with regard to the environment, 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 property taxes from Texas Central; and

WHEREAS the project is estimated to create 10,000 full-time construction jobs each year during the anticipated five-year construction period, and 1,500 full-time jobs after the system goes into revenue service; and

WHEREAS the project will be good for the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, its members, North Texas residents, businesses, the region and the state;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:

APPROVED BY THE GREATER DALLAS HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 5, 2019.

Tony Flores
Chairman
GDHCC Board of Directors

