

**WHEREAS**, Texas Central Rail Holdings, LLC (Texas Central) plans to design, construct and operate a private high-speed passenger rail line (HSR) to provide the citizens of Dallas with another transportation option between the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area and the Houston Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that HSR may provide a citywide public benefit by providing a new transportation option that reduces traffic congestion and related air emissions, and through economic development in Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the area of potential HSR-related improvements within Dallas city limits includes the Trinity River, the Great Trinity Forest, and certain wetland areas, which represent valuable and sensitive ecological and recreational resources that the City wishes to protect; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the area of proposed HSR-related improvements includes areas of potential impact to private properties and that there is a need to ensure that impacted property owners and the community at large is made aware of this project through appropriate community engagement efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City anticipates that a rail corridor and station area assessment will be needed in order to evaluate and identify changes needed to infrastructure, economic development and urban design plans, particularly in the area around the proposed HSR station at Downtown Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Central is seeking to obtain proper federal review and approval of its HSR plans and the City wishes to assist Texas Central in obtaining timely federal review and to begin the City's own independent review and evaluation to ensure that HSR infrastructure is designed, constructed, and operated in a manner that provides a public benefit while not unduly diminishing the City's existing and planned ecological and recreational resources; and

**WHEREAS**, City's participation in this project review and evaluation is not to be presumed to be indicative of the City's support for the proposed HSR project; and

**WHEREAS**, this review will require significant in-house and outside consultant resources, and Texas Central is willing to provide a funding source to assist the City and the federal government in the evaluation necessary to determine the viability of HSR in the City of Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and Texas Central recognize that, a Cooperation Agreement is necessary to address the initial review and evaluation process for the proposed HSR project, and unless rendered unnecessary by the outcome of the review and evaluation process, they would need to negotiate a more comprehensive master agreement or agreements in the future to govern the design, construction, operation and maintenance of HSR in the City of Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, an agreement between the City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is needed in order to obtain expedited review of the HSR project; and

**WHEREAS**, City of Dallas will need to hire consultant expertise to provide specialized engineering assistance to the City during the Section 408 Review Process related to the HSR project;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**Section 1.** That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute a Cooperation Agreement between the City of Dallas and Texas Central Rail Holdings, LLC regarding the preliminary review and evaluation of plans for High Speed Rail in Dallas.

**Section 2.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit funds from Texas Central Rail Holdings, LLC in the Dallas High Speed Rail Fund, Fund 0434, Department PNV, Unit 2743, Act. HSR1, Revenue Source 8411, in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cooperation Agreement.

**Section 3.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in the Dallas High Speed Rail Fund, Fund 0434, Department PNV, Unit 2743, Object 3070, in an amount not to exceed \$1,050,000, subject to receipt of funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cooperation Agreement.

**Section 4.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to receive and deposit funds from Texas Central Rail Holdings, LLC in the Dallas High Speed Rail Fund, Fund 0434, Department PNV, Unit 2744, Act. HSR1, Revenue Source 8411, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cooperation Agreement.

**Section 5.** That the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish appropriations in the Dallas High Speed Rail Fund, Fund 0434, Department PNV, Unit 2744, Object 3070, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, subject to receipt of funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Cooperation Agreement.

**Section 6.** That the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to return any unused funds to Texas Central Rail Holdings, LLC upon completion of the High Speed Rail project.

**Section 7.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY  
CITY COUNCIL

AUG 24 2016

  
City Secretary