



NORTH HOUSTON ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE TEXAS RAIL RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENT FUND

Whereas, the North Houston Association monitors economic development in its service area and realizes that mobility is an essential component to retain and attract both residents and businesses to its area; and

Whereas, the North Houston Association recognizes that true mobility encompasses all modes, including rail; and

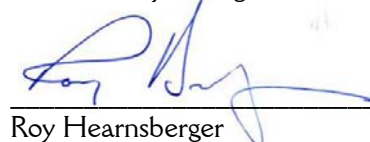
Whereas, the 79th Legislature passed HB 2702, which gave new and additional authority to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to implement and acquire, finance, construct, maintain, and with certain exceptions, operate passenger or freight rail facilities; and

Whereas, the 79th Legislature created the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund (HB 1546) to issue obligations for financing the relocation, construction, acquisition, improvement, rehabilitation and expansion of certain rail facilities and said Fund was ratified by Texas voters in the November 2005 referendum;

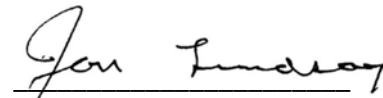
Whereas, the Texas Transportation Commission has commissioned a Statewide Freight Rail Study to evaluate rail infrastructure needs and the associated investment required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Houston Association urges the 80th Texas Legislature to continue its support of increased mobility to help Texas meet the growing transportation needs of tomorrow, by designating state monies to the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund so that Gulf Coast Freight Rail District (HB 2958-79th Legislature), TxDOT, Houston-Galveston Area Council, and other public and private partners can work together to prioritize freight rail, commuter rail, and grade-separation projects and undertake the rigorous project development process that will include environmental and public involvement evaluations.

ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2006, by the North Houston Association as evidenced by the signatures of the Chairman of the Board and President.



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