

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
ELLIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MINUTE ORDER \_\_\_\_\_**

BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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Finance Docket No. 36025

TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INC. &  
TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD, LLC  
-AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE-  
PASSENGER RAIL LINE BETWEEN DALLAS, TX AND HOUSTON, TX

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PRELIMINARY COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO  
PETITION FOR EXEMPTION  
AND PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION

Whereas Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. and its affiliates, hereafter collectively TCRI, are proposing to build a 240 mile High Speed Rail line between Dallas and Houston and;

Whereas TCRI has recently filed two petitions with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) requesting exemptions from certain railroad regulations and;

Whereas TCRI is seeking an expedited review and approval to commence land acquisition through the use of Eminent Domain prior to the determination of the final alignments and;

Whereas TCRI has stated within their verified statement(s) that they are prepared to accept the risk of acquiring property that may not ultimately be used for the project and;

Whereas TCRI has not provided specific details on the impacts to all public roads within our jurisdiction that will result from the "closed system" nature of this type of railroad project and;

Whereas TCRI will not provide the financial and ridership data to the public for review and;

Whereas all of the above will have detrimental effects and adverse impacts on our jurisdiction and significant controversy exists surrounding this project,

Whereas \_\_\_\_\_ County desires to protect all roads, citizens, and the private property within our jurisdiction,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that \_\_\_\_\_ County renews its opposition to the project as proposed by TCRI and;

\_\_\_\_\_ County opposes the petitions filed at the STB; asking the Board to deny these petitions filed by TCRI and;

\_\_\_\_\_ County generally opposes all efforts by TCRI to obtain waivers or exceptions to current law and/or regulations.

Executed this day, May \_\_\_\_, 2016

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Carol Bush, County Judge

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Dennis Robinson, Commissioner Precinct 1

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Lane Grayson, Commissioner Precinct 2

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Paul Perry, Commissioner Precinct 3

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Kyle Butler, Commissioner Precinct 4

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Polley, County Clerk