

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FINDS PROPOSED HIGH-SPEED RAIL LINE IN TEXAS DOES NOT REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL

The Surface Transportation Board today announced its finding that a proposed, 240-mile, high-speed rail line (the Line), between Dallas and Houston, Texas, does not require Board approval, as the line would be constructed and operated entirely within the State of Texas and would not be part of the interstate rail network over which the Board has jurisdiction. The Board accordingly dismissed the proceeding before it in [Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. & Texas Central Railroad, LLC—Petition for Exemption—Passenger Rail Line Between Dallas and Houston, Tex., FD 36025](#).

At issue was a proposal by Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. and Texas Central Railroad, LLC, (collectively, Texas Central) to build and operate a 240-mile, high-speed rail line between Dallas and Houston, with an intermediate stop in Brazos Valley serving Bryan-College Station and Huntsville, Tex., on a totally dedicated, grade-separated, secure, high-speed corridor, at speeds up to 205 miles per hour.

Today's decision in FD 36025 can be found on the Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under "E-LIBRARY / Decisions & Notices / 7 / 18 / 2016" .

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