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BAHEP Welcomes Texas Central as New Member

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS – One of the challenges that living in the great big State of Texas brings is driving long distances for business purposes or to visit family members. Air travel is certainly a viable option for many, but it also brings its own set of challenges. As the state’s population surges upward, Texas Central plans on meeting many of its transportation needs with high-speed rail.

Texas Central’s investor-owned, high-speed train will provide a safe, reliable trip between Greater Houston and North Texas in less than 90 minutes, including a stop in the Brazos Valley. Texans and visitors will be able to travel between the regions more easily to conduct business, shop, dine, or see family and friends.

By linking three growing areas, the train will develop a new super economy, connecting 42 Fortune 500 companies, 83 Fortune 1000 companies, over 30 academic institutions (universities, medical centers), and more than 340,000 graduate/undergraduate students. Texas Central is also planning with local governments/agencies to ensure efficient transportation options upon arrival at the stations.

Bob Mitchell, president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, said, “We have supported high-speed rail and Texas Central for some time, and it’s great to be able to welcome Texas Central as a new BAHEP member. If Texas is to flourish in the coming decades, it must diversify its modes of transportation to meet demand. Due to its size and terrain, Texas is an ideal state to utilize Texas Central’s high-speed train.”

David Hagy is Texas Central’s Regional Vice President - External Affairs and will represent the company within BAHEP. He said, “The Texas high-speed train will create thousands of jobs

and billions in economic development for the state, including in the Greater Houston region; so, it makes sense for us to support the economic development initiatives led by BAHEP. In addition, because the project is investor owned, it will not deplete the pool of infrastructure dollars needed for fast growing regions like the Bay Area. The train will actually be a taxpayer to the state and counties through which it passes. Passenger rail from Houston to the Brazos Valley to Dallas will serve businesses, families, tourists, and anyone wanting a fast, safe, and reliable transportation option.”

Texas Central is located at 1021 Main Street, Suite 1570 in Houston. For additional information visit www.texascentral.com, or contact Hagy at dhagy@texascentral.com or 703.835.2735.

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