



Joint Memorandum of Understanding
between the
North Central Texas Region
and the
East Texas Region
and the
Northwest Louisiana Region
and the
North Delta (Northeast Louisiana) Region

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas region consists of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise counties, and is represented by the North Central Texas Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the East Texas region consists of Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties, and is represented by the East Texas Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana region consists of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Red River, and Webster parishes, and is represented by the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the North Delta (Northeast Louisiana) region consists of Jackson, Union, Morehouse, West Carroll, East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, Franklin, Caldwell, Richland and Ouachita parishes, and is represented by the North Delta Regional Planning and Development District; and

WHEREAS, transportation of people and goods is extremely important to the North Central Texas, East Texas, Northwest Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana regions with thousands of customers traveling between the regions every day; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for interregional and interstate cooperation on transportation issues affecting the North Central Texas, East Texas, Northwest Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana regions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- Section 1.** The North Central Texas, East Texas, Northwest Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana regions will coordinate on the provision of public transportation, including for health and human services programs in order to effectively respond to the integrated mobility needs of their respective customers and as may be directed or encouraged by their respective legislatures and/or their local governing authorities.
- Section 2.** The North Central Texas, East Texas, Northwest Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana regions will coordinate planning along the Interstate 20 and US 59 Corridors, extending from Mineola, Texas to Longview, Texas and from Marshall, Texas to Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana, and continuing eastward throughout the jurisdictions of the Northwest and Northeast Louisiana Regions, as proposed by the East Texas Corridor Council.
- Section 3.** The North Central Texas, East Texas, Northwest Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana regions will coordinate planning and implementation for future passenger rail service traveling through all four regions, with an additional vision of future coordination with regions in Arkansas.
- Section 4.** The North Central Texas, East Texas, Northwest Louisiana, and Northeast Louisiana regions will coordinate planning for Intelligent Transportation Systems along the US 59, US 80, Interstate 30 and Interstate 20 corridors.

Section 5. The North Central Texas, East Texas, Northeast Louisiana, and Northwest Louisiana regions will coordinate planning for truck and rail freight goods movement.

Section 6. Each of the parties signatory further agree that they will mutually assist each other in coordinated efforts to obtain Federal funding for the linkage of the South Central High Speed Rail Corridor and Southern High Speed Rail Corridor, including planning, engineering, and construction funding for such project.

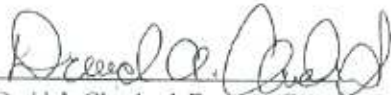
We, the undersigned, support this historic interstate Joint Memorandum of Understanding and have signed this document on the Second Annual National Train Day on this 9th day of May in the year 2009 at The Marshall Grand in Marshall, Texas in Harrison County.



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