

STATE OF TEXAS                   §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND   §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1988 AND SENATE BILL 1990**

**WHEREAS**, the 87<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Texas Legislature started on January 12, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Rail District (GCRD) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas pursuant to Chapter 171, Texas Transportation Code, and the District's powers and authority are derived from several statutes that may be subject to amendment and directly impact the GCRD; and

**WHEREAS**, access to passenger and commuter transportation options is of great importance in Fort Bend County and the Gulf Coast region, and passenger transport is a growing area of focus within the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1988 aims to amend House Bill 931 to include Public Transportation as a use of land and remove liability of public electric utilities who own, lease, and operate the land and contract with a political subdivision to include Public Transportation and allow the Gulf Coast Rail District, a political subdivision, to promote passenger transport within the shared CenterPoint right of way; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1990 aims to amend the Texas Transportation Code Section 171 to include Advanced Transportation Technologies, Bus Rapid Transit or other modes of service in lieu of commuter rail if technical data indicates it is more efficient and cost effective.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Fort Bend County supports Senate Bill 1988 and Senate Bill 1990 during the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session and the Gulf Coast Rail District's efforts to advocate for quality transportation options in the Fort Bend County and the Gulf Coast Region.

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

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County Judge KP George

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Commissioner Vincent Morales, Precinct 1

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Commissioner Grady Prestage, Precinct 2

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Commissioner Andy Meyers, Precinct 3

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Commissioner Ken DeMerchant, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

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Laura Richard, County Clerk