

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
MODIFYING GOVERNMENT CODE 2267.001(10)(A)
Public Private Partnerships for Rural Rail Districts

WHEREAS, Fort Bend, Waller, and Brazoria Counties, Port Freeport, Prairie View A&M University, ten Texas cities, and numerous private firms and individuals are in support of the 36A Project, which consists of three (3) Parts (1) deepening Port Freeport's channel and dockside water and improving its docks and freight handling equipment to accommodate the larger container ships that now can traverse the Panama Canal; (2) building and operating a rail line from Port Freeport to the rail hub at Rosenberg, Texas; and (3) the widening of SH 36 from Port Freeport to Rosenberg, Texas and the construction of a new thoroughfare (SH 36A) from north of Rosenberg, Texas to US 290 at Prairie View, Texas and connecting from US 290 to SH 6 at Hempstead, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County and Brazoria County created the Brazoria Fort Bend Rural Rail District and added Port Freeport as a participant for the purpose of facilitating the construction of the railroad from Port Freeport to the rail hub at Rosenberg Texas; and

WHEREAS, Government Code 2267.001(10)(A) defines a "qualifying project" for purposes of inclusion in a Public Private Partnership in Texas, but does not include a Rural Rail District's facilities or innovative freight movement system; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bend County believes that Government Code 2267.001(10)(A) should be modified to include "rail facilities" and "innovative or intelligent technological transportation systems to improve the movement of freight and people" as qualifying for Public Private Partnerships in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, finds that this resolution serves a public purpose.

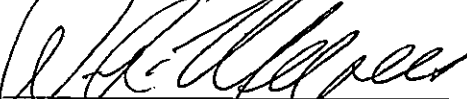
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Fort Bend County supports legislation modifying Government Code 2267.001(10)(A) to include "rail facilities" and "innovative or intelligent technological transportation systems to improve the movement of freight and people" as qualifying for Public Private Partnerships in Texas.


Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court this 13th day of December, 2016.


Robert E. Hebert, County Judge


Richard Morrison, Commissioner Pct. 1


Grady Prestage Commissioner Pct. 2


W. A. "Andy" Meyers Commissioner Pct. 3


James Patterson Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:


Laura Richard, County Clerk

