



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Railroad  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Dallas to Houston High-Speed Rail Project (Project). FRA completed this Draft EIS in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act to assess the potential benefits and detrimental effects of implementing the Project. This Draft EIS documents FRA's evaluation of Texas Central Railway's proposal to construct and operate a 240-mile, for-profit, high-speed passenger rail system connecting Dallas and Houston using the Japanese N700 Tokaido Shinkansen technology.

The Draft EIS analyzes a No Build Alternative and six high-speed passenger rail system Build Alternatives to evaluate the potential cultural, natural, physical, and socioeconomic benefits and impacts to the natural and human environment. The study area for the Project traverses 10 counties between Dallas and Houston. FRA has recommended a preferred alternative in the Draft EIS. You are being notified because the Project could either directly or indirectly impact your property.

FRA invites all potentially impacted landowners and other interested parties to comment on the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS will be available for review starting December 22, 2017. The document can be accessed on FRA's website at <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0700>, and also during normal business hours at 24 locations throughout the project area as detailed in the enclosed attachment.

To learn more about the Project from FRA, and to submit comments in person, FRA invites you to attend one of the public meetings, currently planned for January 29, 30, 31 and February 5 and 6. FRA will send an update to you with the confirmed dates, times and locations of these meetings.

Please note that FRA will accept public comments on the Draft EIS through February 20, 2018. Comments may be submitted orally, electronically, or in written form at the public meetings—or submitted in writing to: Kevin Wright, Environmental Protection Specialist, FRA, at 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, MS-20, Washington, D.C. 20590; or via email: [kevin.wright@dot.gov](mailto:kevin.wright@dot.gov). Comments may also be submitted on FRA's website at <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0700>.

Sincerely,

Michael Johnsen, Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist  
Division of Environmental and Corridor Planning

## Distribution List

The entire Draft EIS is available on the FRA Dallas to Houston website (<https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0700>). In addition to providing the document in electronic format, the Draft EIS is also available in hard copy at the repositories listed below.

### Repository Locations

#### Dallas County

J. Erik Jonsson Central Library: 1515 Young Street, Dallas, Texas 75201  
(214) 670-1400

Martin Luther King Branch Library: 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75215  
(214) 670-0344

Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Branch Library: 2008 E Kiest Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75216  
(214) 670-1952

Pleasant Grove Branch Library: 7310 Lake June Road, Dallas, Texas 75217  
(214) 670-0965

#### Ellis County

Ellis County Courts and Administration: 109 S. Jackson, Waxahachie, Texas 75165  
(972) 825-5070

Ennis Public Library Central Library: 501 W Ennis Avenue, Ennis, Texas 75119  
(972) 875-5360

#### Navarro County

Corsicana Library: 100 N 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Corsicana, Texas 75110  
(903) 645-4810

Navarro County Courthouse: 300 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Corsicana, Texas 75110  
(903) 654-3000

#### Freestone County

Freestone County Courthouse: 118 East Commerce Street, Room 205, Fairfield, Texas 75840  
(903) 389-3335

Teague Public Library Central Library: 400 Main Street, Teague, Texas 75860  
(254) 739-3311

#### Limestone County

Gibbs Memorial Library Central Library: 305 E Rusk Street, Mexia, Texas 76667  
(254) 562-3231

Limestone County Courthouse: 200 W State Street, Suite 101, Groesbeck, Texas 76642  
(254) 729-3810

**Leon County**

Buffalo Public Library: 1005 Hill Street, Buffalo, Texas 75831  
(903) 322-4146

Leon County Clerk's Office: 155 N Cass Street, First Floor, Centerville TX75833  
(903) 536-2331

**Madison County**

Madison County Courthouse: 103 West Trinity, Suite 104, Madisonville, Texas 77864  
(936) 241-6202

Madison County Library: 605 S May Street, Madisonville, Texas 77864  
(936) 348-6118

**Grimes County**

Grimes County Courthouse: 100 Main Street, Anderson, Texas 77830  
(936) 873-4400

Navasota Public Library Central Library: 1411 E Washington Avenue, Navasota, Texas 77868  
(936) 825-6744

**Waller County**

Waller County Courthouse: 836 Austin Street, Hempstead, Texas 77445  
(979) 826-7700

Waller County Library Central Library: 2331 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas 77445  
(979) 826-7658

**Harris County**

Fairbanks Library: 7122 Gessner Road, Houston, Texas 77040  
(713) 466-4438

Houston Public Library: 500 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas 77002  
(832) 393-1313

Northwest Branch Library: 11355 Regency Green Drive, Cypress, Texas 77429  
(281) 890-2665

Spring Branch Memorial Library: 930 Corbindale Road, Houston, Texas 77024  
(713) 464-1633