

TEXAS PASSENGER RAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

PUPROSE

This Charter identifies an objective, vision, agreements, and mutual commitments of the members of this Texas Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (TPRAC).

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the TPRAC is to advise Judge Brown in developing and driving key strategies and tactics for advancing passenger rail across Texas.

VISION

We envision a state in which passenger rail reaches its full potential in contributing to a world-class transportation system.

We envision a transportation system that is safe, efficient, an economic driver, and equitable:

Safe: We envision a transportation system that reduces harm to both people and planet.

Efficient: We envision a transportation system that allows people and goods to travel by rail and transit as quickly and reliably as an equivalent trip by car or truck.

Economic Driver: We envision a transportation system that helps drive our economy by improving access to and opportunities for a skilled workforce and facilitating the movement of goods and services along freight lines.

Equitable: We envision a transportation system that allows people to travel when and where they wish regardless of their ability to drive or access to a car.

We envision a transportation system that supports and sustains population growth and economic prosperity statewide.

AGREEMENTS

We agree that we need and welcome all forms of rail—commuter, intercity, highspeed, and freight. The need is great, and only together do they combine to form a truly comprehensive transportation system.

We agree that we need and welcome all forms of transportation. Passenger rail is only a single part of a comprehensive transportation system, and we know it takes many parts working together to ensure it works best as a whole. Therefore, we support efforts that enhance connectivity between different transport modes.

We agree that seeking viable solutions with all key stakeholders is the most reliable path forward to long-term success, and to building a transportation system that benefits all those who live, work, and visit here.

COMMITMENTS

Participate in the Texas Passenger Rail Advisory Committee to make recommendations for developing and driving strategy and tactics for bringing passenger rail to Texas:

Strategy: This may include technical, political, and organizational strategy.

Tactics: This may include technical planning, coalition-building, and Legislative action.

Support bringing passenger rail to Texas and remain open to contributing resources based on the Committee's recommendations. This may include advocating for funding and resources or serving on a subcommittee to further the Committee's work.