

## Passenger Rail in Texas

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- Where we were
- Where we are
- Where we are going



## Emerging Mega-Regions



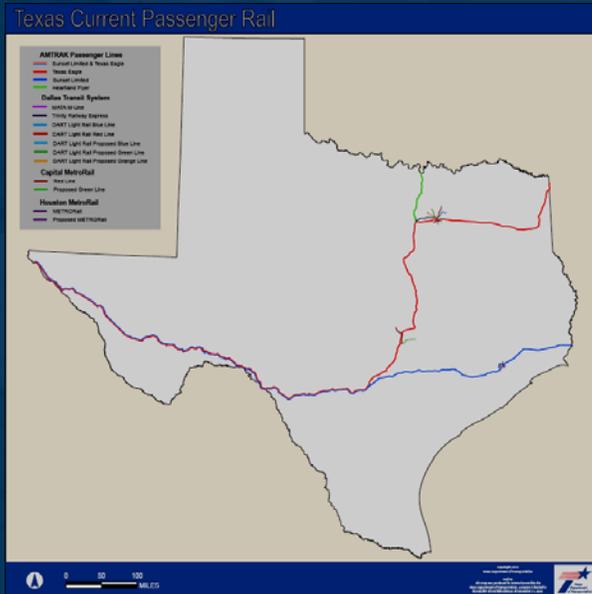
## Emerging Mega-Regions

### ➤ Texas Rail Plan

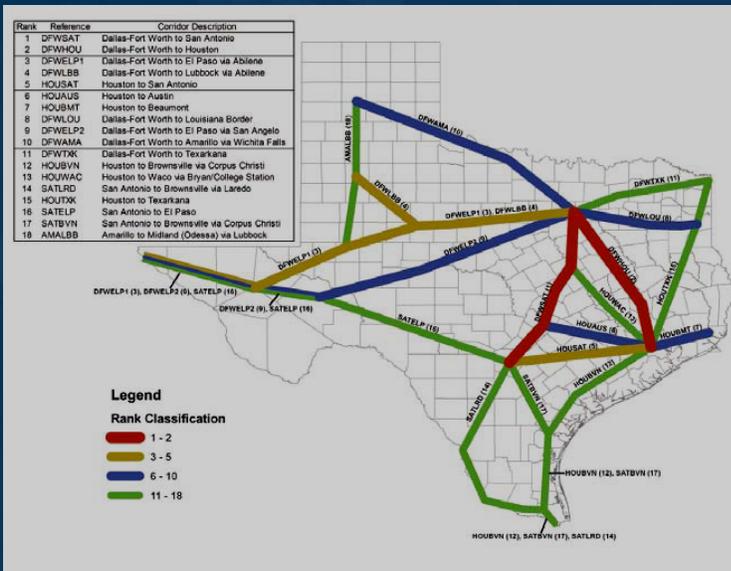
- Examines the demographics and potential growth of Texas
- Emphasizes the importance of freight rail to Texas
- Establishes short-term and long-term programs
  - Identifies opportunities, future needs and funding options
- Statewide Rail Steering Committee
- Defines current passenger services



# Passenger Rail: Current Services



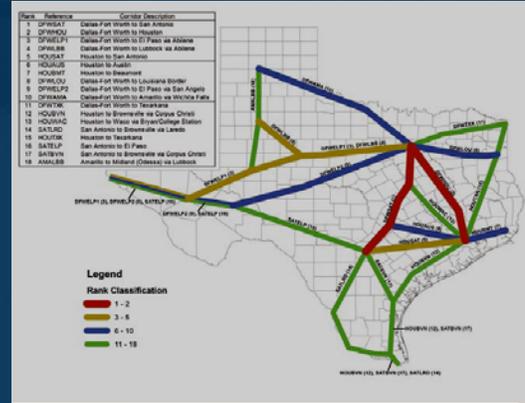
# Statewide Intercity Travel Corridor Rankings



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### ➤ Statewide

- Ridership analysis
- Define passenger network
  - Core express; 125+ mph
  - Regional; 90 – 125 mph
  - Feeder; < 90 mph



## Funding

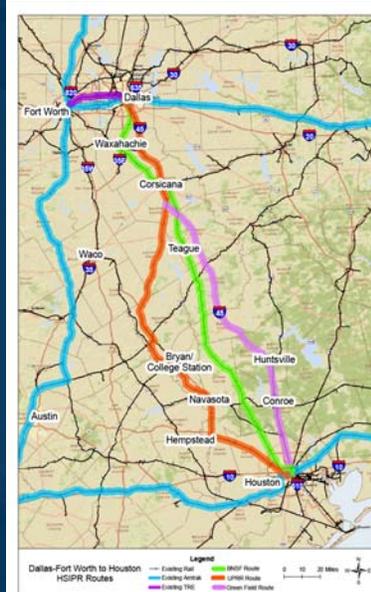
- Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund
- Federal funds awarded and obligated
  - Tower 55 project for \$ 34 M; total cost \$ 101.3 M
  - PE/NEPA Dallas/Ft. Worth to Houston; \$ 15 M
  - Heartland Flyer speed improvements; \$3.7 M
- Federal funds awarded and in process
  - Construct TRE Valley View double track, \$ 7.4 M
  - OKC to South Texas Study; \$ 5.6 M



## May 2011 HSIPR Project Grant Award

### ➤ Houston – DFW

- Preliminary engineering
- Environmental clearance
- Preferred alternative



## October HSIPR Planning Grant Award

### ➤ Oklahoma City to South Texas Study

- Ridership
- Corridor analysis
- Service development plan
- Tier 1 NEPA



## Where We Are Going

### ➤ Potential issues

- Logical termini in metropolitan areas
- Connectivity of corridors and with transit at nodes
- Funding: public, private or PPP
- Available Expertise
- Planning process disparity

