High Speed Rail Application: Importance of Mega Region Partnerships

Regional Transportation Council
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Mega Region Partnership Agreements
Progress on Regional Agreements

Partnership Agreement with Austin-San Antonio Region
Staff reviewed agreement
Agreement executed by Lone Star Rail District
Request approval by RTC for signature by Chair

Draft agreement with Oklahoma City Region
MPO under review
High Speed Rail Application

In response to USDOT request for awarding Florida HSR $2.4 Billion
90 applications from 24 states totaling $10B submitted
On April 4, TxDOT submitted 2 applications statewide
TRE Positive Train Control (PTC)

Total Cost = $45,554,514
Federal Fund Request = $24,846,172 (54.5%)
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New Core Express High Speed Rail on Houston to D/FW Corridor – PE/NEPA Activities

Total Cost = $18,051,250
Federal Fund Request = $18,051,250 (100%)

Compromise FY2011 Budget Agreement averting Government Shutdown removes the returned Florida $2.4B HSR funding