

2016 - The Year in Review

Houston High-Speed Rail Watch (HHSRW) would like to update you on the current status of the Dallas-to-Houston High-Speed Rail (HSR) project, and let you know what our coalition has done over the past 12 months to enhance transportation in Houston and also protect Houston neighborhoods.

Where the HSR Project Stands Now:

We are still waiting for the Federal Railroad Administration to release their draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), now expected in early 2017. The EIS document will outline all the concerns, suggestions and alternatives the project has received from the public since it was first introduced. It will also explain how Texas Central plans to address any issues.

What Houston High-Speed Rail Watch (HHSRW) Has Accomplished This Past Year:

In addition to tracking the developments of Texas Central and the HSR project through our contacts and media, our coalition members have:

- Gone before Houston City Council, and questioned the need for a proposed City-commissioned study to analyze taking HSR into downtown Houston.
- Met with various transportation leaders to develop a plan that would provide HSR connectivity from its near northwest terminus into downtown without damaging neighborhoods. See position paper [here](#).
- Met with numerous local civic clubs, homeowner's associations, and super neighborhoods to provide information and garner support for our position paper.
- Attended numerous transportation meetings throughout the year held by Texas Central, the Houston-Galveston Area Council's (HGAC) Technical Advisory Committee, HGAC's Transportation Policy Council, Houston City Council's Transportation and Technology Infrastructure Subcommittee, Gulf Coast Rail District, and METRO to keep informed of any discussions regarding the HSR project.

We want you to know that Houston High-Speed Rail Watch is actively watching, advocating and working to make sure our neighborhoods are heard and kept safe.

We look forward to continuing our efforts in 2017.

Houston High-Speed Rail Watch is Watching Out for You!

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 - HGAC Transportation Policy Council
 - Houston City Council Transportation and Technology Infrastructure Subcommittee
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 - METRO
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- Met with various transportation leaders to develop a plan that would provide HSR connectivity from its near northwest terminus into downtown without damaging neighborhoods. (*Make “plan” a link to position paper.*)
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