

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 1382  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2009; March 17, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland  
1-4 Security; April 8, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 8, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the coordination of the planning, construction,  
1-9 operation, and maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system by  
1-10 the Texas Department of Transportation.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Transportation Code,  
1-13 is amended by adding Sections 201.6012 and 201.6013 to read as  
1-14 follows:

1-15 Sec. 201.6012. COORDINATION OF STATEWIDE PASSENGER RAIL  
1-16 SYSTEM. To facilitate the development and interconnectivity of  
1-17 rail systems in this state, the department shall coordinate  
1-18 activities regarding the planning, construction, operation, and  
1-19 maintenance of a statewide passenger rail system. The department  
1-20 shall coordinate with other entities involved with passenger rail  
1-21 systems, including governmental entities, private entities, and  
1-22 nonprofit corporations.

1-23 Sec. 201.6013. LONG-TERM PLAN FOR STATEWIDE PASSENGER RAIL  
1-24 SYSTEM. The department shall prepare and update annually a  
1-25 long-term plan for a statewide passenger rail system. Information  
1-26 contained in the plan must include:

1-27 (1) a description of existing and proposed passenger  
1-28 rail systems;

1-29 (2) information regarding the status of passenger rail  
1-30 systems under construction;

1-31 (3) an analysis of potential interconnectivity  
1-32 difficulties;

1-33 (4) ridership projections for proposed passenger rail  
1-34 projects; and

1-35 (5) ridership statistics for existing passenger rail  
1-36 systems.

1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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