

## WHISTLE BLOWS ON RAIL PROJECT

HOUSTON ([Houston Business Journal](#)) – The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County has signed a deal with Parsons Transportation Group for the next phase of Houston's light-rail system, approving a \$1.5 billion construction contract.

Metro will spend \$632 million on the initial phase of the contract, which includes the building and completion of the East End Corridor. **The project is expected to create 25,000 jobs.**

As the facility provider, Parsons will be responsible for designing, building, operating and maintaining the four lines: North Line, East End Line, Southeast Line and Uptown Line.

Parsons will lead a joint venture team operating under the name of Houston Rapid Transit Joint Venture. It includes Watsonville, Calif.-based Granite Construction Co., Fort Worth-based Kiewit Texas Construction LP and Alameda, Calif.-based Stacy and Witbeck Inc.

**The entire project is expected to generate 60,000 direct and indirect jobs before the lines are completed.**