

TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



CAPITOL OFFICE:
P.O. BOX 2910
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78768-2910
(512) 463-0331 PHONE
(512) 499-3978 FAX

DISTRICT OFFICE:
36 WEST BEAUREGARD
SUITE 517
SAN ANGELO, TX 76903
(325) 658-7313 PHONE
(325) 659-3762 FAX

Drew Darby

DISTRICT 72
COKE • MITCHELL • SCURRY • TOM GREEN

July 27, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation
from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Amadeo,

I am writing to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This rail line rehabilitation project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries, such as the agricultural and wind energy industries, in transporting their products. These industries are a tremendous asset in preserving and developing our natural resources. Currently, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles per hour. There are many places on the rail line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will help improve the railroad's condition and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation opportunity.

Not only will this project allow our communities to utilize the rail line from San Angelo to Fort Stockton, but has the potential to impact all of Texas and the rest of the states by connecting the west and east. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to expand immeasurably. As a result, this project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

I fully support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drew Darby". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Drew Darby

July 29, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

On behalf of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce representing over 1,100 business members, it is my great pleasure to heartily support TxDOT's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

As you may be aware, the use of our short line railroad is increasing thanks to demand placed upon it by the wind energy industry and agriculture. As the rehabilitation of our railroad lines to the East of San Angelo are now underway to allow rail traffic to operate at 25 miles per hour, it is imperative that the rail lines West of San Angelo undergo this same rehab and upgrade to complete this important transportation component from Mexico, through West Texas, and on to Fort Worth. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition confining train speeds much of this distance to 10-15 miles per hour. The need for bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement is critical on the San Angelo to Fort Stockton portion of the South Orient Orient/Texas Pacifico Rail line.

The communities west of San Angelo to Fort Stockton and throughout West Texas are generally declining in population at this time, and the improvement and increased use of the rail line will be an important step in positively impacting the economy of this entire region. In addition, the job creation and retention aspects of this project are very important to the community of San Angelo, which is growing but needs to sustain industries that are present in the area and have opportunity to expand.

No one would dispute the notion that transportation funding is approaching crisis level for Texas and the rest of the nation. The TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program is one of our few opportunities to move forward with critical transportation needs. We therefore respectfully endorse and support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,



Phil Neighbors, CCE
President

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



Texas-Pacifico
TRANSPORTATION LTD.

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton.

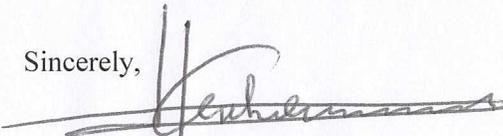
Dear Mr. Saenz,

The undersigned is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely, 

Hilario Gabilondo
TXPF. Managing Director

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District.

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

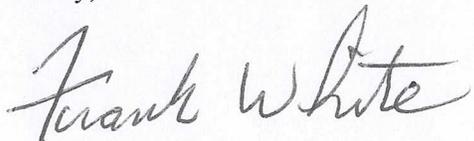
We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

**Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation
from San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,



cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



July 26, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

Hirschfeld Industries is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and our economy.

Sincerely,

Richard Phillips
President



112 West 29th Street | PO Box 3768 (76902) | San Angelo, Texas 76903 | 325.486.4201 *phone* | 325.486.4380 *fax*

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

**Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation
from San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

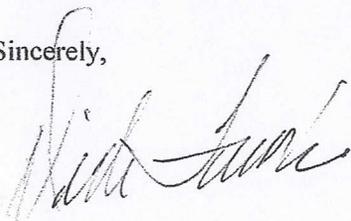
We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,



cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



The City of

San Angelo, Texas

P.O. Box 1751 • Zip 76902

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
TxDOT
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

**SUBJECT: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad
Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

The City of San Angelo Development Services Department is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the trains utilizing these tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

Proposed improvements to this section of rail line will help communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, increase job opportunities, and most importantly improve quality of life within those communities. This project's potential positive impact is not limited to the area from San Angelo to Fort Stockton. It is one critical link in an overall rail system that will impact not only the region and the State of Texas but will also have a positive economic impact well beyond those limits. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact transportation routes throughout Texas and into the rest of the States. Interconnection with the deep sea ports in Mexico will significantly improve and make more efficient commodity trade with the rest of the world. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work is endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Shawn Lewis".

J. Shawn Lewis
Director of Development Services

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director

Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

Howard College is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,



LeAnne Byrd
Provost, Howard College San Angelo Campus
cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



The City Of
San Angelo, Texas

P.O. Box 1751 - Zip 76902

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

The City of San Angelo is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Harold Dominguez", is written over a horizontal line.

Harold Dominguez
City Manager

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

July 21, 2010



ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

Small Business Development Center

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, we understand from others that the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. Also as we understand it, there are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Erickson', is written over a faint, illegible typed name.

Dave Erickson, MBA
Director

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



ASU Station #10910 | San Angelo, Texas 76909-0910

Phone: (325) 942-2098 | Fax: (325) 942-2096 | E-mail: sbdc@angelo.edu

Member, Texas Tech University System | Equal Opportunity Employer



ELLIOTT & ASSOCIATES
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
SALES, APPRAISALS & INVESTMENTS

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

**Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation
from San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

3115 LOOP 306, SUITE 112 * SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76904
OFFICE (325) 224-3280 * FAX (325) 949-6131
EASDOC@WGC.NET

FIRST FINANCIAL BANK

SAN ANGELO

July 29, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

MICHAEL L. BOYD
PRESIDENT & CEO

DIRECT: (325) 659-6000
FAX: (325) 659-5956

**RE: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacific Railroad Rehabilitation
From San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacific rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacific rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Boyd
President & CEO
First Financial Bank/San Angelo

August the 2nd of 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

Martifer-Hirschfeld Energy Systems, LLC is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,



Bruno Antunes
Procurement and Logistics Manager

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

TOM GREEN COUNTY



MICHAEL D. "MIKE" BROWN
COUNTY JUDGE

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

Tom Green County is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

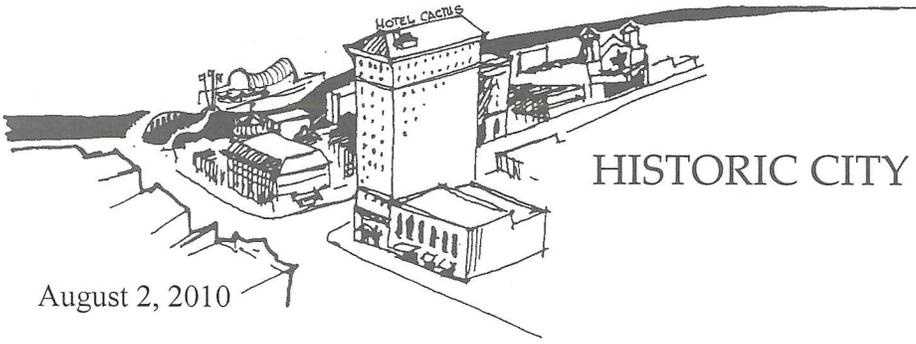
We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Brown

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

122 West Harris ☆ San Angelo, Texas 76903 ☆ (325) 653-3318 ☆ (325) 659-3258 Fax
e-mail ☆ mike.brown@co.tom-green.tx.us
Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer



HISTORIC CITY CENTER PROJECT, INC.

August 2, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2483

RE: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

As President of the Historic City Center Project, Inc., I am pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

I and many others in the community feel this project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a vital part of our community. Unfortunately the rail lines in San Angelo are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow businesses to better utilize this transportation avenue.

San Angelo will benefit from this project with improved economy, jobs and quality of life. The possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded.

I respectfully provide my support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Lee Pfluger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

A. Lee Pfluger
President

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District
POST OFFICE BOX 1991 (325) 944-4444

SAN ANGELO, TX 76902

VIKKI BRADLEY**UPTON COUNTY JUDGE**

P.O. Box 482
Rankin, Texas 79752

Office: 432-693-2321
Fax: 432-693-2243

August 2, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: **TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

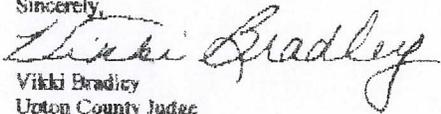
As Upton County Judge, I am pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

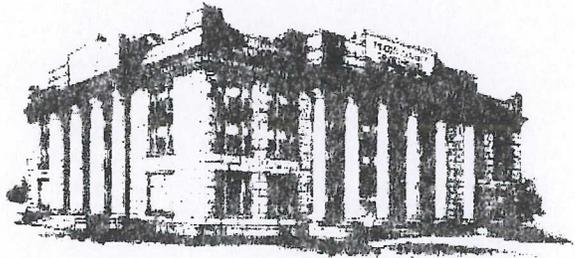
I respectfully provide my support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,


Vikki Bradley
Upton County Judge

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

County of Pecos



Fort Stockton, Texas 79735
August 2, 2010

JOE SHUSTER

County Judge
103 W. Callaghan
Phones:

(432)336-2792 & 336-8734
FAX (432)338-6640

PAM HARRIS
Administrative Assistant

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

**Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacific Railroad
Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

Pecos County is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacific rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

I respectfully provide my support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,



Joe Shuster
County Judge
Pecos County, Texas

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



MOLEO GAS CORPORATION

P.O. BOX 3832 311 WEST CONCHO
TELEPHONE (915) 655-5747
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76902

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

**Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation
from San Angelo to Fort Stockton**

Dear Mr. Saenz,

We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

Pierce Miller
President

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



CONCHO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

2801 W. Loop 306, Ste. A
P. O. Box 60050
San Angelo, Texas 76904

325/944-9666
Fax 325/944-9925

July 19, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

The Concho Valley Council of Governments is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Sutton
Executive Director

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4311

August 2, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

I am writing today to express my support for the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

I respectfully provide my support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway
Member of Congress

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District

BROWNWOOD OFFICE:
BROWNWOOD CITY HALL
501 CENTER AVENUE
BROWNWOOD, TX 76801
TOLL FREE: (866) 882-3811

LLANO REGIONAL OFFICE:
COUNTY ANNEX
104 WEST SANDSTONE
LLANO, TX 78643
PHONE: (325) 247-2826
FAX: (325) 247-2676

MIDLAND REGIONAL OFFICE:
CLAYDESTA CENTER
6 DESTA DRIVE, SUITE 2000
MIDLAND, TX 79705
PHONE: (432) 687-2390
FAX: (432) 687-0277

ODESSA OFFICE:
CITY HALL
411 W. 8TH ST., 5TH FLOOR
ODESSA, TX 79761
TOLL FREE: (866) 882-3811

SAN ANGELO REGIONAL OFFICE:
O.C. FISHER FEDERAL BUILDING
33 EAST TWOHIG, SUITE 307
SAN ANGELO, TX 76903
PHONE: (325) 659-4010
FAX: (325) 659-4014

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
511 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
PHONE: (202) 225-3605
FAX: (202) 225-1783

<http://conaway.house.gov>

TOLL FREE IN TEXAS: (866) 882-3811

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER



Commercial and Investment Properties
1207 S. Bryant, Suite A
P.O. Box 3253
San Angelo, Texas 76902

www.steveeustisrealestate.com

(325) 653-1489
Fax (325) 658-8372



August 3, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad
Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

I am writing you to express my support for the TIGER II grant request which would provide funds to do much needed repairs on the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad. In fact, these repairs are needed to such an extent that it may not be an exaggeration to use the term "save this rail line".

I have been in the commercial real estate business in the San Angelo and West Texas area for over 30 years. During that time, I have worked with many rail users that leased or owned property contiguous to these rail lines. I have also consulted with Santa Fe and the former owners of the South Orient on developing additional freight users for the railroad. It is my opinion that there are currently several companies in West Texas that would use the rail more if repairs were made and train speeds could be increased. We have even lost industrial prospects that would have been a real boost to our economy because of the perception that the rail line was questionable.

Our Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce have also had discussions about the development of an intermodal freight facility. If the rail was repaired and we developed an intermodal facility, there is no question it would greatly enhance our economy and attract more industries to San Angelo and West Texas.

The South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad is one of only seven (7) railroad crossings from the United States into Mexico. It connects to rail lines leading to deep water ports

Mr. Amadeo Saenz
August 3, 2010
Page 2

in Mexico for shipping to countries along the Pacific Rim and connects to rail lines leading to Alliance Airport and Global Logistics Hub in Ft. Worth, one of the finest industrial and intermodal hubs in the country.

The improvement to this West Texas railroad will greatly enhance our economic development and employment and I strongly support this grant request.

Sincerely,



Steve Eustis, S.E.C., CCIM

SE/hr



COMMITTEES:
STATE AFFAIRS, CHAIR
FINANCE
HIGHER EDUCATION
JURISPRUDENCE
NATURAL RESOURCES

ROBERT DUNCAN
STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 28

August 3, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

RE: Tiger II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad
Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz:

I am honored to write you in support of the Texas Department of Transportation's
submission of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad rehabilitation project for
consideration under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic
Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

San Angelo's agricultural and wind energy industries are continually growing because of
its central location and accessibility. The South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad has
played an integral role in this progress. Unfortunately, with the line's increased usage
comes the need for maintenance. Current conditions limit train speeds. As I understand,
improvements to the line will enable an increase in train speeds and allow a more
efficient delivery of goods in and out of the Concho Valley.

Therefore, I strongly support the application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad
rehabilitation project. The proposed improvements would greatly impact West Texas and
local economies. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Duncan".

Robert Duncan
Texas State Senate
District 28

LUBBOCK DISTRICT OFFICE:
1500 BROADWAY
SUITE 902
LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79401
(806) 762-1122
1-800-546-9928
FAX (806) 749-2828
DIAL 711 FOR RELAY CALLS

CHILDRESS DISTRICT OFFICE:
119 AVENUE B NW
CHILDRESS, TEXAS 79201
(940) 937-0909
(888) 887-7027
FAX (940) 937-6994
DIAL 711 FOR RELAY CALLS

CAPITOL OFFICE:
ROOM 3E.10
P.O. BOX 12068
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711
(512) 463-0128
(800) 322-9538
FAX (512) 463-2424
DIAL 711 FOR RELAY CALLS

SAN ANGELO DISTRICT OFFICE:
36 WEST BEAUREGARD
SUITE 510
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS 76903
(915) 481-0028
1-800-558-9928
FAX (915) 655-2541
DIAL 711 FOR RELAY CALLS



CHAIRMAN

Mayor Alvin New

POLICY COMMITTEE

Judge Mike Brown
Tom Green
County Judge

John DeWitt
Director of Transportation Planning
and Development
TxDOT

Clinton Bailey
City Engineer
City of San Angelo

Harold Dominguez
City Manager
City of San Angelo

Richard Easingwood
Tom Green
County Commissioner

Luis Elguezabal
Airport Director
City of San Angelo

J. Shawn Lewis
Director of Development Services
City of San Angelo

Walter McCullough
District Engineer, TxDOT

Phil Neighbors
President
San Angelo Chamber of Commerce

Jeffrey Sutton
Executive Director
Concho Valley Council of
Governments

STAFF

E'Lisa Smetana
Transportation Planning
Coordinator/MPO Director

Doray Hill, Jr.
Transportation Planner

Sarah Tackett
Transportation Planning Technician

Michael R. Smith
GIS Manager

SAN ANGELO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

August 3, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E., Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad
Rehabilitation from San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

The San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program. The rehabilitation of the deteriorated rail line will improve the economic competitiveness, livability, sustainability, safety, stimulate our economy, provide jobs, use an existing commodity in an innovative way, and enhance existing partnerships throughout our West Texas region.

This rail line is a vital element of our transportation system. It currently serves in the distribution of grain, agricultural, steel, paper and sand commodities to-from numerous companies and cities. It helps with the congested highway system by transporting goods through the railroad which in turn, in the long-run, will help with maintenance issues associated with the highways. Meetings with potential shippers indicate significant enthusiasm for increased use of this facility once repaired and upgraded. The line represents a considerable economic boom for the West Texas Region once upgraded to the point of viability due to its' connection to the West at the ports in Mexico and to the East with the Fort Worth region and beyond.

The rail is being increasingly utilized by the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to conservation of our natural resources and in West Texas, the one resource that we have plenty of is wind. This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States.

We provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. We feel this project is a great candidate for the TIGER II Discretionary Grant and will be an incredible boost to both our transportation system and our economy.

Sincerely,

E'Lisa Smetana
Director, San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization

cc: Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



August 11, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Dear Mr. Saenz,

We are pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad and supporting our economy. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world has the possibility to be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis E. Owens".

FRANCIS E. OWENS
Director

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation, San Angelo District



The City of

San Angelo, Texas

P.O. Box 1751 • Zip 76902

July 30, 2010

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Jr., P.E.
Executive Director
Texas Department of Transportation
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

Re: TIGER II Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation
From San Angelo to Fort Stockton

Dear Mr. Saenz,

The City of San Angelo is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER II (Transportation Investment Generation Economic Recovery II) Discretionary Grants Program. This project will enhance the economic viability and provide opportunities for freight shipping that will be a tremendous asset to our West Texas economy and beyond.

This project is vital to increasing the usage of our railroad. The railroad is being utilized by many industries including the agricultural and wind energy industries to transport their products. These industries are a tremendous asset to preserving and utilizing our natural resources. Currently, however, the lines are in a deteriorated condition so train speeds average 10-25 miles an hour. There are many places on the line that need bridge work, crossing rehabilitation, and rail replacement to increase the speed of the tracks. This project will improve the railroad and allow more businesses to utilize this transportation avenue. It will impact towns along the rail such as Barnhart, Mertzon, Rankin, McCamey and Fort Stockton.

This project will help our communities from San Angelo to Fort Stockton utilize the rail line to improve the economy, their jobs, and most importantly their quality of life. This project's possibilities do not stop there. With the connections to the West and East, this project has the potential to impact all of Texas and into the rest of the States. With the connections to the deep sea ports in Mexico, the commodity trade with the rest of the world can be expanded. The potential for this project's ability to improve the economy and put people to work are endless.

The City of San Angelo has been working closely with our counterparts in Mexico to improve the economic vitality of our regions. This railroad along with the Ports-to-Plains Corridor is an important part of our transportation system and our plans to promote trade and partnerships depend on these improvements being made.

We respectfully provide our support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project. This project will provide a tremendous boost to both our transportation system and our economy. Should you have any questions regarding this project, feel free to contact me at (325) 262-1561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alvin New". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Alvin New
City of San Angelo and
Chairman of the Metropolitan Planning Organization

cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization
Texas Department of Transportation – San Angelo District