



# City of Presidio

September 8, 2009

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

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

Dear Mr. Saenz,

City of Presidio is pleased to support the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the South Orient/Texas Pacifico rail line rehabilitation project under the TIGER (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. It is our hope here in Presidio 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, and will eventually access ports in Mexico, which can impact the commodity trade with the rest of the World. The potential for this project's ability to improve rail service will boost Texas economy and put people to work to support rail transportation in all of West Texas.

I respectfully provide my support to the Texas Department of Transportation's submittal of the TIGER 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,

Brad Newton  
City Administrator

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

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September 2, 2009

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**Re: TIGER Grant Application for the South Orient/Texas Pacifico Railroad Rehabilitation  
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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 (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program.

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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, not to mention the Port at Topolobampo, which can impact the commodity trade with the rest of the World. 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 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



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cc: San Angelo Metropolitan Planning Organization  
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