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Texas Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 12967
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Subject: Letter of Support – Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program
Project: Griggs–Long–Mykawa Grade Separation

Dear Commissioners:

I support the City of Houston’s application for funding under the Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program to advance the Griggs–Long–Mykawa Grade Separation project.

This critical infrastructure project will eliminate four at-grade rail crossings by constructing grade-separated bridges, significantly improving mobility and safety for both vehicles and pedestrians. The intersection of Griggs Road, Long Drive, and Mykawa Road is currently one of the most complex in the region, with four non-standard rail crossings operated by two Class I railroads. According to the Federal Railroad Administration Accident Predictor, this intersection ranks among the top 300 most hazardous out of 9,158 in Texas.

Frequent and lengthy delays caused by high-volume, low-speed freight rail movements create congestion, increase emissions, and pose safety risks. The proposed improvements include a 1,200-foot bridge connecting Griggs Road and Mykawa Road; a 900-foot bridge connecting Griggs Road and Long Drive, including ramps to TxDOT’s proposed SH 35; pedestrian-friendly infrastructure to enhance safety and accessibility.

Beyond safety and mobility, this project will deliver significant economic and community benefits. By reducing traffic delays and improving freight movement efficiency, the grade separation will strengthen supply chain reliability and support local businesses. Enhanced connectivity will attract investment, create jobs during construction, and improve access to employment centers for residents. Additionally, reduced congestion will lower fuel consumption and emissions, contributing to better air quality and quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

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