



GREATER
TOMBALL AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

January 14, 2026

Mr. Donald Franks
Rail Division Director
Texas Department of Transportation
6230 E. Stassney Lane
Austin, TX 78744

Re: Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program Application – Letter of Support -
UPRR Railroad Crossing of Kuykendahl Road, North of Hufsmith Kuykendahl Road, Harris
County

Dear Mr. Franks:

The Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce, representing residents and over 850 member businesses that are experiencing rapid growth that needs to be addressed regarding mobility and transportation, we are proud to express our strong support for the proposed rail grade separation project at Kuykendahl Road, north of Hufsmith–Kuykendahl Road in Harris County Precinct 3. This project is a critical investment in public safety, traffic efficiency, and the overall quality of life for our residents and business community.

For many years, the rail crossing at this location has created significant challenges for emergency responders, daily commuters, and commercial freight movement. Constructing a grade separation will remove these persistent bottlenecks, significantly reduce the potential for accidents, and strengthen transportation connectivity and reliability to support continued growth in the region.

This initiative reflects a shared commitment to building infrastructure that is safe, forward-looking, and responsive to community needs. We commend the leadership of Harris County Precinct 3 for advancing this important project and look forward to continued collaboration to ensure its successful delivery.

We respectfully encourage all stakeholders to prioritize the funding and support necessary to bring this transformative project to fruition.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Hillegeist
President & CEO
Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce