

# Texas Department of Transportation

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## Letter Agreement for the Placement and Maintenance of Passive Warning Devices at Unsignalized Public Highway-Rail Grade Crossings

February 22, 2007

The Honorable Bill McElhaney  
County Judge, Wise County  
P. O. Box 393  
Decatur, TX 76234

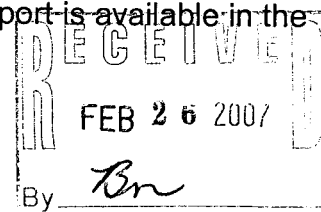
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Dear Judge McElhaney:

In compliance with the 2006 Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part 8, "Traffic Control for Highway Rail Grade Crossing" and the "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) – Guidance for Use of YIELD or STOP Signs with the Crossbuck Sign at Passive Highway-Rail Grade Crossings", Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Memorandum, dated March 17, 2006, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) initiated a statewide program to improve passive warning devices at unsignalized public highway-rail grade crossings. This program will provide for signing and pavement marking improvements at public passive grade crossings where a need has been identified by TxDOT and approved by the local road authority as provided herein. As part of this initiative, a preliminary engineering study was performed at every public passive highway-rail grade crossing for the determination of the placement of a YIELD or STOP sign. The FHWA's memorandum referenced above indicates placement of YIELD signs at all public passive crossings will become mandatory under the 2009 MUTCD except when STOP signs are determined appropriate by an engineering study.

TxDOT desires to make necessary improvements at all public passive highway-rail grade crossings in your jurisdiction. The improvements will include the installation of YIELD or STOP signs, advance warning signs, and pavement markings (when applicable). Attached hereto and made a part of this Letter Agreement, identified as "Attachment 1", is a listing and corresponding map of unsignalized public highway rail grade crossings under your jurisdiction and the preliminary recommendations for the placement of the appropriate warning devices for each crossing. The recommendations were developed in accordance with the sight distance expert model, which is detailed in the report entitled, "Passive Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Upgrades". A copy of the multi-page report is available in the following web link:

<http://denver.c-b.com/TxDOT/PassiveUpgrades.pdf>



TxDOT will be responsible for the financing and management of the contract associated with installation of the grade crossing improvements. Federal funding for the improvements will be provided under Title 23 USC Section 130 with State matching funds; no local matching funds will be required. Your office will be notified prior to any work being performed on your jurisdictions' right-of-way. Upon completion of the upgrades, the newly installed signs and pavement markings (when applicable) shall become your jurisdiction's property and maintenance responsibility. The maintenance of YIELD or STOP signs mounted on the crossbuck sign assembly post will be the responsibility of the railroad company.

Please take the opportunity to review the recommendations. The list of crossings is based on our inventory records. If you are aware of unsignalized public crossings that are not included in this list or if there is erroneous information regarding the crossings on the list, please notify my office as soon as possible. Please provide us a name and number of the contact person from your agency. This will help us in contacting the appropriate person when we perform site visits. Furthermore, please advise my office if any of the recommended improvements at the crossings are not acceptable.

Should you require additional information or have any questions regarding the program, it is recommended that you or a representative from your office attend one of the following meetings:

Meeting 1

Monday, March 5, 2007 - Fort Worth District Office (Regional Training Center) 2:00 PM

Texas Department of Transportation  
Fort Worth District Office  
2501 SW Loop 820  
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Meeting 2

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 - City of Granbury (Council Chambers) 9:00 AM

City of Granbury  
116 W. Bridge Street  
Granbury, TX 76048

Please indicate whether you accept or decline participation in this program by signing in the appropriate space below and return one executed counterpart to the following address by April 5, 2007:

Texas Department of Transportation  
Fort Worth District Office  
2501 SW Loop 820  
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Attn: Roy T. Parikh, P.E.



Crossing Number	Street	City Name	Jurisdiction (Type)	RR	Speed Limit	Pavement Material	Pavement Markings	Rec'd App1 Sign	Rec'd App2 Sign
1	CO 4923	RHOMÉ	WISE (County)	BNSF	20	Gravel	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
2	598393N S. WEATHERFORD STREET	CHICO	WISE (County)	UP	30	Asphalt	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
3	598471T CO 1792	CHICO	WISE (County)	UP	30	Gravel	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
4	598472A CO 1780	CHICO	WISE (County)	UP	30	Gravel	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
5	598479X CO 1163	CHICO	WISE (County)	UP	30	(blank)	No markings	STOP	STOP
6	598484U CO 1650	CHICO	WISE (County)	UP	30	Asphalt	No markings	STOP	STOP
7	598488W CO 1529	BRIDGEPORT	WISE (County)	UP	10	Gravel	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
8	598490X CO 1532	BRIDGEPORT	WISE (County)	UP	20	Gravel	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
9	598500B KAKER LANE.	PARADISE	WISE (County)	UP	30	Asphalt	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
10	598503W CO 3250	PARADISE	WISE (County)	UP	30	Asphalt	No markings	YIELD	YIELD
11	598504D HOLT ROAD	PARADISE	WISE (County)	UP	30	Asphalt	No markings	YIELD	YIELD