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March 5, 2012

Ms. Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gough:

I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Aside from the safety concerns raised, it is important to note the significance of this route to the current and future economic development of our community and all of Northeast Missouri. This route is a significant component of our transportation network and connects Interstate 70 to our region. Ensuring the future viability of this route is incredibly important to the development of our communities, region and state.

Funding shortfalls have consistently been the primary hurdle for addressing this incredibly important need. We believe this to be a very appropriate and impactful use of Tiger IV funding and appreciate your continued efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Brown, DM".

Senator Dan Brown

# Montgomery County Commission

*Rich Daniels*  
1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner

*Charles Korman*  
Presiding Commissioner

*John W. Noltensmeyer*  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner

March 5, 2012

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District 3 Engineer  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 1067  
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Re: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

Dear Paula,

On behalf of the people of Montgomery County, the Montgomery County Commission would like to express our strong support for the Tiger IV grant application aimed at addressing a transportation infrastructure issue which is currently placing the future economic development of Northeast Missouri and the safety of all who travel this route at risk. A solution for this problem cannot be found fast enough and we would greatly appreciate any effort to move this project forward.

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Additionally, our emergency response teams have responded to numerous incidents at this location. Multiple vehicles have either collided with the low bridge or been forced to stop (on a blind curve) to allow passage of other vehicles thus creating great danger due to the location of the road curve and limited visibility. The only other alternative, MO Hwy 161 is just as dangerous for traffic due to narrow, load limited bridges and multiple sharp, blind curves with no shoulders on the roadway. History has proven traffic diversion onto Hwy 161 will result in increased accidents as larger commercial vehicles attempt passage on this highway.

For years Montgomery County has been working in partnership with many organizations to find a solution to this enormous problem. The importance of this project is recognized by all but the funding needed to correct the situation has been the primary obstacle. The commission greatly appreciates your continued efforts and stands ready to assist the forward movement of this project in any way possible.

If you have any questions or require any further information about our ability to assist in this project please let us know.

Respectfully,

  
Ryan Poston  
Presiding Commissioner

  
Rich Daniels  
First District Commissioner

  
John Noltensmeyer  
Second District Commissioner



# CITY OF MONTGOMERY, MISSOURI

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March 9, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
MoDOT – District 3, District Engineer  
P.O. Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

Dear Mrs. Gough,

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Montgomery, we would like to offer our strong support for the Tiger IV grant application aimed at addressing the transportation infrastructure issues caused by the railroad overpass on Highway 19 near New Florence. This issue is currently causing issues with all industries located north of I-70 on Highway 19 and is greatly hampering the economic development efforts of our City as well as all of Northeast Missouri. We know a lot of study and effort has been put into this important issue and we hope a funding solution can be realized soon.

This low clearance railroad bridge on Highway 19 is a barrier for all truck traffic attempting to access Interstate 70 from Northeast Missouri. Current and potential businesses have consistently cited this issue as a concern for their operations and as one of deciding factors when they consider whether to further invest in our area. Access to the transportation corridor through I-70 is a crucial feature in attracting businesses to Northeast Missouri and this issue continually throttles our economic development activities for the area.

We are also aware that Montgomery County emergency services have responded to numerous incidents as a result of both the low bridge and the sharp curve at this site. They have responded to numerous incidents of vehicles colliding with the bridge itself due to its' low height or just to traffic log-jams because of vehicles stopping due to this low height or due to water crossing the road at this location in heavy rains. This causes many other incidents due to the sharp curve and low visibility associated with this site as well. The alternate route on Highway 161 is an even worse option due to its' curvy and narrow lanes and small bridges which are not built for heavy traffic. These problems will only continue to increase as more traffic uses these thoroughfares.

We have been working with MoDOT, Montgomery County, New Florence, Boonslick Regional Planning, and many other organizations for years to find a solution to this growing problem. We have procured grant funding for a good portion of the project, but

need to find funding for the remainder of the costs of this vital effort. We think the Tiger IV grant could be that final funding source and we greatly appreciate your continued efforts to help us alleviate this troubling issue for all of Northeast Missouri. We are ready to assist in any way possible and look forward to the same great cooperation and high level of service we have come to expect from you and your organization.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Porter*

Jeff Porter, Mayor

*Steven W. Deves*

Steven W. Deves, City Administrator

## City of New Florence

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February 22, 2012



Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of the City of New Florence, Missouri, I am in support of MoDOT applying for the federal Tiger IV grant to fund an overpass over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks on Highway 19 near New Florence in Montgomery County.

While this section of Highway 19 is not within the city limits of New Florence, there have been numerous times our police officers have been called upon to perform traffic control because a semi-truck has become lodged under the tracks. The clearance is not high enough. This is also a low spot on Highway 19 and during heavy rain fall, standing water has led to accidents. While driving south on Highway 19, you are coming out of a curve to pass under the railroad tracks. Driving north, you are approaching a curve with poor visibility.

We are ever hopeful that development will find us. We have a lot to offer in this area, with close proximity to Interstate 70, Ameren UE sub-station, the Norfolk Southern Railroad and Highway 19. Highway 19 is a major northern artery through the state of Missouri. A potential development site for us is just north of this underpass. Prospective employers see this as a deterrent to truck access to Interstate 70.

Yours truly,

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

John Burroughs  
Mayor



**BOONSLICK REGIONAL  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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March 5, 2012

Mr. Ray LaHood  
The Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Re: *MoDOT Request for TIGER IV Grant for Montgomery County Route 19  
Railroad Overpass*

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing in support of the Missouri Department of Transportation's Application for a TIGER Discretionary Grant for the Montgomery County Route 19 Railroad Overpass. We understand that MoDOT is requesting \$4.232 million in grant funds. The project will also be supplemented by the funds made available pursuant to a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$2.25 million.

This is an extremely important project for the region and for the State of Missouri. Highway 19 is a major economic corridor for east central Missouri; connecting the communities and businesses in this region to Interstate 70. The area has been instrumental in providing a great number of jobs over the past few years to eastern Missourians, and the economic vitality of the region is dependent upon replacing the existing railroad underpass and eliminating this barrier to freight movement.

Missouri Highway 19 and the proposed railroad overpass will support the regional employment center in Montgomery City, Missouri. Recently, the area has seen an increase in the number of business expansions and an increase in employment opportunities. One of the elements that is impeding additional job creation and businesses expansion is the limitations at the existing railroad underpass. A new overpass at the location will support hundreds of existing jobs and enable additional jobs and business to be created in the area.

I hope you will give your favorable consideration to this grant application.

Sincerely,

Steve W. Etcher  
Executive Director

cc: Mr. Jay Wunderlich  
Government Relations  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
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Montgomery County R-II Schools

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February 21, 2012

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Paula Gough, P.E.  
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PO Box 1067  
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Ms. Gough;

On behalf of the Montgomery County R-II School District, its Board of Education, staff and students I am writing this in support of the Greater Montgomery County Economic Development Council and the MoDOT Northeast District Office efforts to obtain a federal Tiger IV grant to construct a new bridge on Hwy 19 over the railroad tracks near New Florence.

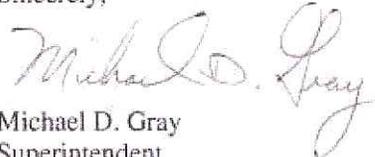
Highway 19 north from Route Interstate 70 is a main artery for buses to transport our students to the Montgomery County Middle School and High School. It is also a major route for our students who drive to school. This route as it exists today regularly floods after any significant precipitation. This makes our transport of the students and students who drive private vehicles hazardous.

I have also personally witnessed semi-trucks having difficulty navigating this underpass as a result of the height available. Even if they are able to pass under the railroad overpass, these trucks must slow to a very low speed in order to not strike the overpass if and when they would bounce as a result of the road.

This significantly restricts the current and future economy within the Montgomery City area and areas north along Highway 19.

Please feel free to contact me if you desire to discuss this situation further. Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Gray  
Superintendent



May 17, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Contingent upon certain issues being addressed - including transportation access, utility infrastructure and approval by Montgomery County Planning and Zoning - it is the intent of Shamrock Proppants, LLC to construct a new manufacturing facility in Montgomery County, Missouri. This new facility will bring an estimated 190 new jobs to the area with an average wage above the current average wages of both the State of Missouri and Montgomery County (as posted by the Missouri Department of Economic Development).

Due to the large volume of truck traffic we anticipate for our operation and the importance we place on strong access to the transportation network, we are concerned with the low clearance at the rail underpass along Missouri Highway 19 near the City of New Florence, Missouri. We are requesting information on proposed methods for addressing this clearance issue.

Regarding our time line, the Montgomery County Planning & Zoning Board will be reviewing our application on May 24, 2011 and we expect to have the property secured by May 27, 2011. If all issues are properly addressed, we anticipate final project approval and construction to commence in July, 2011 with a target date of Phase I operations by November, 2012.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring Montgomery County, Missouri is deemed a suitable location for the long term success of our project.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank R. O'Brien".

Frank R. O'Brien  
Shamrock Proppants - President



## GREATER MONTGOMERY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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March 1, 2012

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MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

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For years we have been working in partnership with many organizations to find a solution to this enormous problem. The importance is recognized by all but the funding needed to correct the situation has been the primary obstacle. We greatly appreciate your continued efforts and stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Brent H. Speight, President  
Greater Montgomery County Economic Development Council

## ASSESSOR OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**Jerome Overkamp**

310 SALISBURY, SUITE B  
Montgomery City, MO 63361  
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March 5, 2012

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Sincerely,

Jerome Overkamp  
Montgomery County Assessor



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May 18, 2011

Ms. Paula Gough, District Engineer  
Missouri Department of Transportation  
Northeast District  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Montgomery County Highway 19-Railroad Overpass**

Dear Ms. Gough:

The Boonslick Regional Planning Commission is very supportive of the efforts to replace the railroad underpass on Highway 19 near New Florence and to seek funding through the economic development cost-share program to support a planned business expansion near Wellsville.

The replacement of this underpass has been a top priority in the Boonslick Region's transportation plan. The project has rated as a "high priority" as a safety project and an economic development/access to opportunity project. The County submitted this project for funding and has been awarded \$2.25 million. The modified list of current year priorities has this project as a regional "high priority".

BRPC appreciates the opportunity to partner with MoDOT to identify regional needs and priorities and looks forward to a collaborative outcome to replace the railroad underpass on Highway 19.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me at (636) 456-3473, or e-mail me at [etcher@boonslick.org](mailto:etcher@boonslick.org)

Sincerely,

Steve W. Etcher  
Executive Director



**SHELTER  
INSURANCE  
COMPANIES**

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SHELTER LIFE

Jim Krattli, Agent  
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jkrattli@shelterinsurance.com

Monday, March 05, 2012

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Sincerely,

*Jim Krattli*  
Jim Krattli, Agent

Shelter Insurance Companies

March 5, 2012

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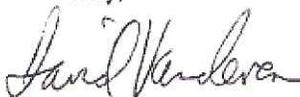
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Sincerely,



David Vandeven

Senior Lending Officer

American Bank of Missouri



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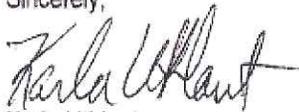
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Sincerely,



Karla Uthlaut

Resident of Montgomery County

**YORK TITLE AND ABSTRACT CO., INC**

**1155 Aguilar  
Montgomery City, Missouri 63384  
Phone 573-564-8021  
Fax 573-564-6211**

March 5, 2012

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District Engineer  
MoDOT – District 3  
P.O. Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms Gough:

On behalf of York Title and Abstract Co., Inc., I wish to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri. An overpass is needed!

The bridge's low clearance has contributed to numerous accidents over the years. I have personally observed several. This is a significant safety concern for all. One never knows what might be encountered when approaching the current rail bridge.

Additionally, the low and narrow clearance inhibits truck travel north from I-70 up Highway 19. This impacts commerce and business development all along the Highway 19 corridor north of I-70. The inability for certain transportation to safely move north has directly and negatively impacted business decisions to locate locally.

Funding shortfalls have consistently been the primary hurdle for addressing this incredible important need. I have absolutely no doubt my community and those lying north on Highway 19 would greatly benefit both from increased safety and improved commerce from replacement of the current rail bridge. I believe this to be a very appropriate and impactful use of Tiger IV funding.

Please give this request significant consideration and do what you can to acquire the grant. All efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,

Philip J. York  
York Title and Abstract Co., Inc.

March 5, 2012

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District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Cough:

On behalf of myself and my wife Shirley, I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 15 near New Florence, Missouri.

This low clearance is a threat to the safety of all who travel this route and a threat to the future economic well-being of the entire Northeast Missouri region. Trucks frequently stop on the sharp turn leading up to this low clearance bridge for fear of colliding and find no location for turning around. Others have collided with the bridge. Those who choose an alternative route travel the narrow and winding Missouri Highway 161, which is not designed for this type of traffic and is a major concern for future accidents.

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Richard L. Arens

Richard L. and Shirley Arens  
300 E. Walsh  
Montgomery City, MO 63361

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Sincerely,



Jeff Arens

Jeff & Amanda Arens  
1 Mexico Road  
Montgomery City, MO 63361

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Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Gough:

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Sincerely,



Gerald Beck  
G & J Beck Properties LLC

March 6, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of Mike's AutoCrafts, Inc., I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Sincerely,



Mike Lichtenberg  
Mike's AutoCrafts, Inc.

March 8, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT-District 3  
P.O. Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of Darren Schmidt, I would like to express strong support of the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Sincerely,

Darren Schmidt  
Vice President  
Branch Manager  
NMLS# 586101

March 7, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.

District Engineer

MoDOT - District 3

PO Box 1067

Hannibal, MO 63401

RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of Millennium Five Real Estate, LLC, I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Sincerely,

Patrick R. Stumbaugh

Millennium Five Real Estate, LLC

March 5, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

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Sincerely,

Jacob Beck  
G&J Beck Properties, LLC



March 1, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT -District 3  
PO Box1067  
Hannibal,MO 63401

RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

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The low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near the City of New Florence is a barrier for the Northeast Missouri economy, which relies on this route to access Interstate 70. Current and prospective businesses continually reference this as a hazard to their ability to move product through our transportation network and a key factor when deciding whether or not to invest in our region.

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For years we have been working in partnership with many organizations to find a solution to this enormous problem. The importance is recognized by all but the funding needed to correct the situation has been the primary obstacle. We greatly appreciate your continued efforts and stand ready to assist any way possible.

Sincerely,

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Phyllis J. Reagan  
Sec/Treas

1816 Highway 161 South  
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March 5, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of Rabec Electric LLC, I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Sincerely,

Julie Beck  
Rabec Electric LLC.

March 5, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

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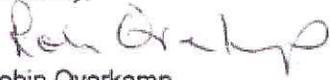
On behalf of Creative Imaging, I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Sincerely,

  
Robin Overkamp  
Creative Imaging



SCOTT AGENCY, INC.  
*Insurance - Bonds*

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WARRENTON, MO. 63383  
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March 12, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gough,

On behalf of Scott Agency, Inc., I would like to express our strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

For years, we have seen this low clearance as a threat to the safety of the many people who travel this route and a hindrance to the economic well-being of the entire Northeast Missouri region. I have, personally, seen trucks frequently stopping on the sharp turn leading up to this low-clearance bridge for fear of colliding and find no location for turning around. Others, coming from the south, have inched their way under the bridge. I am aware of many trucks who choose an alternative route to drive the narrow and winding Missouri Highway 161, which is not designed for this type of traffic. Some of us are wondering how long the bridge on Highway 161 will last.

I am also aware of the tremendous significance of Missouri Highway 19 to current and future economic development of our community and many other communities all over Northeast Missouri. Being able to look to the future, knowing that a major transportation route in our region is viable is extremely important to the development of our communities in Northeast Missouri.

I am aware that funding shortfalls have consistently been the primary hurdle for addressing this incredibly important need. We firmly believe this to be a very appropriate impact use of Tiger IV funding, and we appreciate your continued efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Brent H. Speight, CIC, MPA, President

*Insuring Mid-Missouri Since 1935*

# PORTA-KING

BUILDING SYSTEMS

STEVE W. SCHULTE  
President

March 7, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDot-District 3  
P.O. Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gough

On behalf of Porta-King Building Systems, I would like to express my support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

This low clearance has been a problem for Porta-King since we moved our operation to Montgomery City in 1990. Our products are large in natural and have had major problems routing our trucks around the rail bridge and have had product damage as a result of hitting the bridge. This low clearance is a threat to the safety of all who travel this route. For Porta-King, it also is an economic impact on the limitation of the type and size of the products which we are capable of manufacturing. Many of our products are also over width which makes traveling on the winding and narrow Missouri Highway 161 extremely dangerous.

Funding shortfalls have consistently been the primary hurdle for addressing this very important economic and safety need for the region. We believe this to be a very appropriate and impactful use of Tiger IV funding.

Again, on behalf of Porta-King Building Systems and the entire area, I appreciate your efforts in this much needed project.

Sincerely,



Steve W. Schulte  
President/CEO

March 1, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

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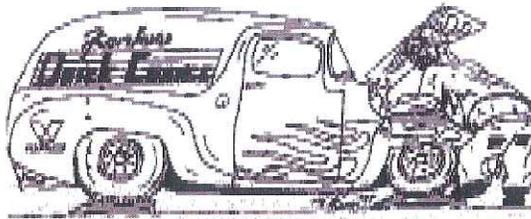
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Sincerely,





619 South Sturgeon  
Montgomery City MO 63361  
573-564-3992  
fqc619@shcglbent.net

# Frank's Quick Change, Inc

March 13, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT - District 3  
PO Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of Frank's Quick Change, Inc, we would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Sincerely,

  
Frank Schlanker  
President

  
JoAnne Schlanker  
Vice-President

*Providing Quick, Quality Service*

March 3, 2012

Paula Gough, P. E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT – District 3  
P. O. Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401



RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of David Johnson Construction Company, I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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Sincerely,

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Peggy Johnson  
David Johnson Construction Co. Inc.  
150 Hwy B  
Montgomery City, Missouri 633361

# Montgomery Standard

115 W. Second Street, Montgomery City, Missouri 63361 - standard@socket.net - 573-564-2339 - Fax 573-564-2313

March 7, 2012

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Paula Gough, P.E.  
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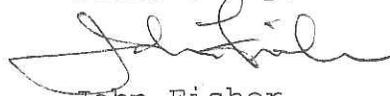
Dear Ms. Gough:

As a long-time resident of Montgomery County I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge over Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence.

The low clearance of ths bridge poses a safety threat to those who travel this route.

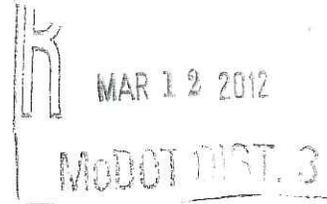
Economically, it hurts the area because trucks have to seek alternative routes when passing through, or making deliveries.

Yours truly,



John Fisher  
Publisher  
Montgomery Standard

March 3, 2012



Paula Gough, P. E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT – District 3  
P. O. Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401

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Sincerely, 

David Johnson  
David Johnson Construction Co. Inc.  
150 Hwy B  
Montgomery City, Missouri 633361

March 7, 2012

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Ms. Paula Gough, P.E.  
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Hannibal, MO 63401

RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application

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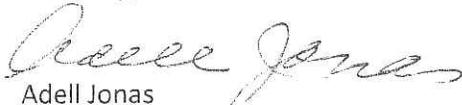
On behalf of the Quickie, LLC, I would like to express strong support for the Tiger IV grant application for funding to address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Missouri Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

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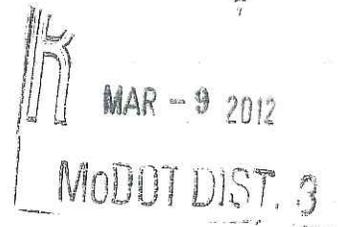
Sincerely,



Adell Jonas  
The Quickie, LLC  
408 Boonslick Road  
New Florence, MO 63363

March 7, 2012

Paula Gough, P.E.  
District Engineer  
MoDOT- District 3  
P.O. Box 1067  
Hannibal, MO 63401



**RE: Support for Tiger IV Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Gough:

On behalf of my school bus contracting company, Schwartz Bus Service, serving Montgomery County RII School as well as Gasconade County RI School, I would like express my support for the Tiger IV grant application. This funding would help address the low clearance at the rail bridge on Highway 19 near New Florence, Missouri.

The low clearance is a threat to the safety of all who travel this route and a threat to future economic well-being of the entire Northeast Missouri region. Trucks frequently stop on the sharp curve leading up to this low-clearance bridge for fear of colliding or not having a place to turn around. Others have collided with the bridge for it appears to be narrow. Those who choose an alternate route travel the narrow and quite winding highway 161, which is not designed for this type of traffic and cause for concerns of future accidents. School busses traveling 161 have encountered fast moving, heavy loaded trucks while trying to make a pick up or delivery of students.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jerry Schwartz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry Schwartz, President  
Schwartz Bus Service Inc.  
Jonesburg Missouri  
Member of Booneslick Planning TAC