

Fort Bend County Engineering FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

Richard W. Stolleis, P.E. County Engineer

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Commissioner W. A. "Andy" Meyers Fort Bend County Precinct 3 22333 Grand Corner Drive Katy, Texas 77494

RE: Truck prohibition on Pitts Road

DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS signs on Pitts Road and Harlem Road

Dear Commissioner Meyers:

The Union Pacific Railroad (UP) is undertaking an initiative, their Crossing Assessment Process (CAP), to review of safety at all grade crossings throughout its network nationwide. As part of this process, UP has identified grade crossings of two Fort Bend County roads where regulatory signing improvements could help reduce the incidence of vehicles stopping on the tracks.

The Fort Bend County Engineering Department has completed and recommends approval of the traffic control plans to install "DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS" signs on the Pitts Road and Harlem Road crossings of UP's Glidden Subdivision immediately north of US 90A. Additionally, the Truck Prohibition sign that is currently located approximately 700 feet north of US 90A on northbound Pitts Road will be relocated to between the UP tracks and US 90A.

The public hearing date for acceptance of the plans will be scheduled on the next available Commissioner's Court Agenda. Copies of the traffic control plans and UP's CAP recommendations are attached for your review. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 281-633-7528 or chris.debaillon@fortbendcountytx.gov.

Regards,

Chris Debaillon, PE, PTOE

Assistant County Engineer - Traffic

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Attachment

cc: Judge Robert E. Hebert, County Judge

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File

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DOT	SUBDIVISION	MP	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	STREET			
743713K	GLIDDEN SUB	29.59	TX	FORT BEND	SUGAR LAND	HARLEM ROAD			
TIER	1								
KEY DRIVER STATISTICS:		15 Vehicle on Track Reports							

40 Trains per Day

8.0 Lack of signage may contribute to improper traversal of crossing

16.0 Vehicles queuing across crossing

28.0 Motorist noncompliance with traffic laws, signage, or signals



RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 Install Do Not Stop on Tracks Sign for SB Traffic

2 Target Enforcement Motorists Stopped on Tracks

DOT	SUBDIVISION	MP	STATE	COUNTY	CITY	STREET	
743716F	GLIDDEN SUB	30.81	TX	FORT BEND	SUGAR LAND	PITTS ROAD	
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KEY DRIVER STATISTICS:

6650 AADT

40 Trains per Day

8.0 Lack of signage may contribute to improper traversal of crossing

9.0 Driver not checking ground clearance before proceeding, causing vehicle to become stuck on tracks

16.0 Vehicles queuing across crossing



RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 Install Do Not Stop on Tracks Sign for SB Traffic

2 Prohibit Trucks: No Truck Route



