



EI-18893

April 12, 2012

Mr. Rick Clark, City Manager
City of Des Moines
400 Robert D. Ray Drive
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Mr. Clark:

This letter is a formal follow-up to several conversations in recent months between Union Pacific Railroad and the City of Des Moines regarding removal of the abandoned railroad bridge over the Des Moines River just south of downtown.

As we have discussed, Union Pacific is pursuing concurrence from the Iowa State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) for removal of the bridge on the former Bell Avenue Industrial Lead. The SHPO has requested that Union Pacific prepare detailed historical documentation, which we are currently undertaking. In addition, the SHPO has requested that Union Pacific contact possible interested parties "...willing to relocate the bridge in whole or part..."

In response to that request, Union Pacific asked the City if it would be interested in any part of the bridge. The City responded that there might be interest in stones from the piers.

The original stones vary in size but are generally about one foot by one foot. Accordingly:

1. UP is willing to offer 25 each stones 1 ft. x 1 ft. or bigger. Stones bigger than this can be provided, depending on availability, up to the maximum of 25.
2. City to respond within ten days of receipt of this letter.
3. UP's contractor would contact the city when the material is ready for pick up.

Union Pacific will proceed with removal of the bridge under stipulations outlined by the Surface Transportation Board and the Iowa State Historical Preservation Office. As noted in the conditions above, we will remove the entire structure unless we receive written notification from the City within ten days confirming its interest in the stones. Barring unforeseen circumstances, we anticipate complete removal of the structure within calendar year 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond Allamong".

Raymond Allamong
Senior Manager Rail Line Planning

cc: Jeb Brewer, City Engineer
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