

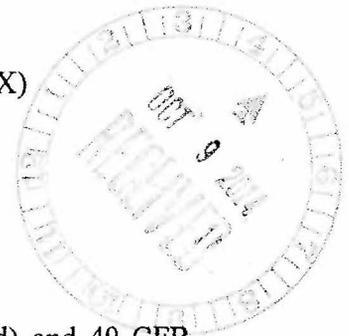
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BEFORE THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

GEORGIA GREAT SOUTHERN DIVISION, SOUTH)
CAROLINA CENTRAL RAILROAD CO., INC.)
-ABANDONMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE) AB 389 (Sub-No. 1X)
EXEMPTION - BETWEEN ALBANY AND DAWSON)
IN TERRELL, ET AL, COUNTIES, GA)



**STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29, South Georgia Rails to Trails, Inc. (“SGRT” or “Interim Trail User”), is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way originally railbanked by Georgia Great Southern Division (“GGR”), South Carolina Central Railroad Co., in this docket, and concerning which Georgia Southwestern Railroad (“GSRW”) obtained the right to reactivate service and subsequently sought vacation of the railbanking authorization.¹ The property extends from Rail Milepost 72.88 near Sasser, Terrell County, Georgia easterly to a termination point of the centerline of the right-of-way of Armena Road, at Rail Milepost 77.80 in Lee County, Georgia.

A map depicting the property is attached.

SGRT acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user’s continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of

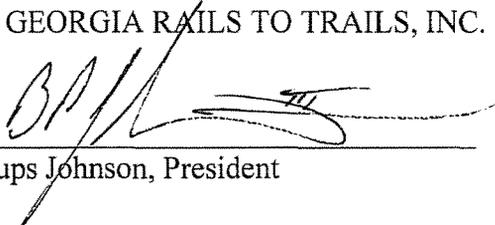
¹ In 1995, GGR’s parent, RailTex, transferred the 13.62-mile line of railroad between milepost 86.5 at Albany and milepost 72.88 at Sasser (the line) to GSWR, a RailTex subsidiary at the time, during the pendency of initial abandonment/railbanking proceedings. See F. D. 32682 (ICC served April 20, 1995). Thus, GSWR entered into the initial railbanking agreement for the Line. Subsequently, South Carolina Central Railroad (“SCCR”) received authority to acquire all GSWR’s lines, and to lease same back to GSWR. See F. D. 34144 (STB served Jan. 18, 2002). This Board authorized reactivation by vacating the NITU in a decision served May 16, 2003, in AB 389 (Sub-No. 1X), partial reconsideration denied in a decision served February 2, 2004. In response to a statement of willingness filed by SGRT in 2006, this Board issued a Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) for a portion of the Line between milepost 77.8 and milepost 86.5. See Georgia Great Southern Division, South Carolina Central Railroad – Abandonment and Discontinuance Exemption – Between Albany and Dawson, in Terrell, Lee and Dougherty Counties, Ga., Docket No. AB-389 (Sub-No. 1X) (served July 24, 2006).

the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on the railroad (GSWR) on the same date it is being served on the Board.

This the 24th day of September, 2014.

SOUTH GEORGIA RAILS TO TRAILS, INC.

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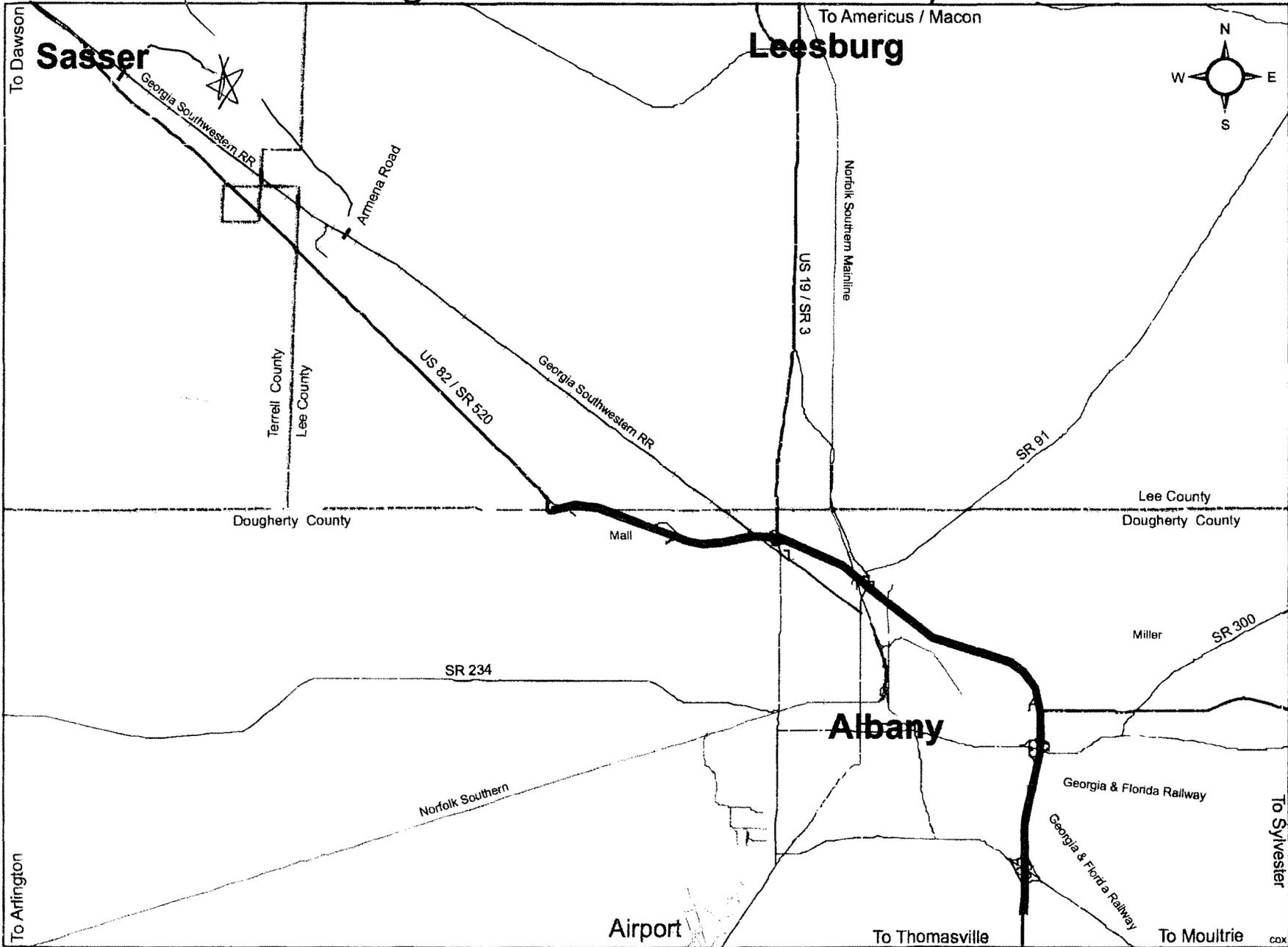


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SUBJECT PROPERTY

Georgia Southwestern RR - Albany Area



Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies service of the foregoing Statement of Willingness by posting the foregoing in the US Mail, postage pre-paid, first class or priority mail, this 9 day of October 2014, addressed to Eric Hocky, counsel for Georgia Southwestern Railroad, Inc, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 1000 , Philadelphia, PA 19103.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Ferster", written over a horizontal line.

Andrea Ferster