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Re: *Soo Line Abandonment of Trackage in Cook County, IL*
STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

Dear Ms. Rutson:

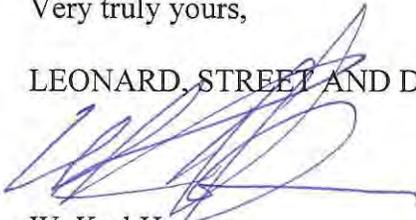
Please find enclosed for filing a copy of Soo Line Railroad Company's Environmental and Historic Reports pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1105. A copy of the transmittal letter pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.11 is also enclosed.

Soo Line anticipates filing a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon the 2.88 mile line of railroad on or about October 17, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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W. Karl Hansen

Enclosure

cc: Parties on the Attached Service List

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State Coastal Zone Management Agency

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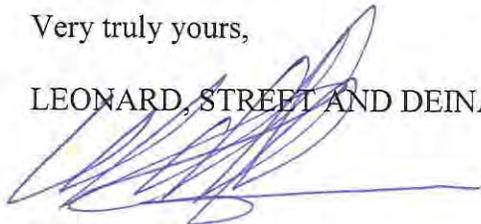
On or about October 17, 2012, Soo Line Railroad Company ("Soo Line") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Verified Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon approximately 2.88 mile line of railroad between milepost 2.38 +/- and milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois. Attached is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historic effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

Soo Line is providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20423, telephone (202) 245-0454 and refer to the above Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No 60X). Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to SEA (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within 3 weeks.

Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental and historic preservation impacts of the contemplated action. If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly.

Very truly yours,

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ABANDONMENT OF TRACKAGE)
LOCATED IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS) DOCKET NO. AB-57
) (SUB-NO. 60X)
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A 2.88 MILE LINE OF RAILROAD BETWEEN MILEPOST 2.38 +/- AND MILEPOST 5.26
+/- (ELGIN SUBDIVISION) WHICH TRAVERSES THROUGH UNITED STATES POSTAL
SERVICE ZIP CODES 60622 AND 60647 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORTS
IN COMPLIANCE WITH
49 C.F.R. PART 1105

SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY
(d/b/a Canadian Pacific)

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The following information is submitted to the Surface Transportation Board by Soo Line Railroad Company (“Soo Line”) d/b/a Canadian Pacific in accordance with the Board’s reporting requirements as set forth in 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7, for the purpose of assisting the Board in its preparation of an environmental document regarding Soo Line’s Verified Notice of Exemption under 49 U.S.C. § 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903, permitting the abandonment of a 2.88 mile line of railroad between milepost 2.38 +/- and milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) which traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Codes 60622 and 60647 in Cook County, Illinois.

REQUIREMENTS OF 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1105.7

Section 1105.7(b)(1) – (11) Distribution:

- (b) At least 20 days prior to filing with the Board a notice of exemption, petition for exemption, or an application for abandonment or discontinuance the applicant must serve copies of the Environmental Report on:
- (1) The State Clearinghouse of each State involved (or other state equivalent agency if the State has no clearinghouse);
 - (2) The State Environmental Protection Agency of each State involved;

- (3) The State Coastal Zone Management Agency for any state where the proposed activity would affect land or water uses within that State's coastal zone;
- (4) The head of each county (or comparable political entity including any Indian reservation) through which the line goes;
- (5) The appropriate regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency;
- (6) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- (7) The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;
- (8) The National Park Service;
- (9) The U.S. Soil Conservation Service;
- (10) The National Geodetic Survey (formerly known as the Coast and Geodetic Survey) as designated agent for the National Geodetic Survey and the U.S. Geological Survey; and;
- (11) Any other agencies that have been consulted in preparing the report.

See List of Parties Consulted and Certificate of Service, attached as Exhibit No. 1.

Section 1105.7(c) Certification of Service of Environmental Report: In its Environmental Report, the applicant must certify that it has sent copies of the Environmental Report to the agencies listed and within the time specified in paragraph (b) of this section and that it has consulted with all appropriate agencies in preparing the report. These consultations should be made far enough in advance to afford those agencies a reasonable opportunity to provide meaningful input.

See List of Parties Consulted and Certificate of Service, attached as Exhibit No. 1.

Section 1105.7(c) Publication of Newspaper Notice of Intent to Abandon: Finally, in every abandonment exemption case, applicant shall certify that it has published in a newspaper of general circulation in each county through which the line passes a notice that alerts the public to the proposed abandonment, to available reuse alternatives, and to how it may participate in the STB proceeding.

The *Chicago Sun Times* published the Notice for Publication specified at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.12 on September 25, 2012. A copy of the newspaper notice, Certificate of Counsel, and Affidavit of Publication are attached as Exhibit No. 2.

Section 1105.7(d) Documentation: Any written responses received from agencies that were contacted in preparing the Environmental Report shall be attached to the report. Oral responses from such agencies shall be briefly summarized in the report and the names, titles, and telephone numbers of the persons contacted shall be supplied. A copy of, or appropriate citation to, any reference materials relied upon also shall be provided.

All the agencies referenced at 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7(b) were contacted by letters dated August 13, 2012 and August 17, 2012 to solicit comments. See Exhibit No. 4. Responses received to date have been incorporated along with Soo

Line's analysis. Copies of responses are attached as Exhibit No. 3. Subsequent written comments may be received by the OEA and Soo Line.

Status of written and oral comments received:

1105.7(b)(1) State Clearinghouse:

The Illinois State Clearinghouse was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

1105.7(b)(2) State Environmental Protection Agency:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

1105.7(b)(3) State Coastal Zone Management Agency:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources Coastal Management Program Office was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, and its response is included in Exhibit No. 3.

1105.7(b)(4) Head of Each County Through Which The Line Goes:

The head of the county through which the line goes was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, and the response of the Cook County Board of Commissioners is included in Exhibit No. 3.

1105.7(b)(5) Appropriate Regional Offices of the Environmental Protection Agency:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

1105.7(b)(6) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

1105.7(b)(7) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers:

The Chicago District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

1105.7(b)(8) National Park Service:

The National Park Service was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

1105.7(b)(9) U.S. Soil Conservation Service:

The United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, and its response is included in Exhibit No. 3.

1105.7(b)(10) National Geodetic Survey:

The National Geodetic Survey was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, and its response is included in Exhibit No. 3.

1105.7(b)(11) Other agencies consulted:

The Illinois State Department of Transportation was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

The State Water Quality Official, Office of Water Resources of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, and its response is included in Exhibit No. 3.

1105.7(e)(3) Local and Regional Planning Activities:

The Cook County Board of Commissioners was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, and its response is included in Exhibit No. 3.

The Regional Transportation Authority was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

The City of Chicago was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date.

Section 1105.7(e) Content: The Environmental Report shall include all of the information specified in this paragraph, except to the extent that applicant explains why any portion(s) are inapplicable. If an historic report is required under § 1105.8, the Environmental Report should also include the Historic Report required by that section.

The Historic Report pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8 is attached as Exhibit No. 5.

Section 1105.7(e)(1) Proposed Action and Alternatives: Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

The proposed action is the abandonment of 2.88 miles of track in Cook County, Illinois. The track has been out of service and no traffic has moved over the line for over two years. Any overhead trackage has already been rerouted over other lines. Following abandonment, any remaining ties and rails will be removed. Ties and rail will be either recycled or disposed of in an appropriate manner. A detailed map of the project area is included as Appendix A to the Historic Report attached as Exhibit No. 5.

Section 1105.7(e)(2) Transportation System: Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

No traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems by the abandonment of this out-of-service line of railroad.

Section 1105.7(e)(3)(i) Land Use: Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

The President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, the Regional Transportation Authority, and the City of Chicago were contacted by letter on August 13, 2012. In correspondence dated August 23, 2012, the Bureau of Economic Development, Department of Planning and Development indicated its support for the proposed abandonment. No response from the Regional Transportation Authority or the City of Chicago has been received to date.

The proposed abandonment is consistent with existing land use plans. Following consummation of Soo Line's abandonment authority, the right-of-way will be sold to the City of Chicago for conversion into a linear park similar to the High Line in New York City.

Section 1105.7(e)(3)(ii): Based on consultation with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012. In correspondence dated August 21, 2012, the State Conservationist indicated that the proposed abandonment is confined to an existing rail corridor in an urban area and will have no impact on prime or important farmlands.

Section 1105.7(e)(3)(iii): If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.9.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resources was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012. In correspondence dated August 21, 2012, the Federal Consistency Coordinator indicated that the proposed abandonment will be outside the boundaries of the Illinois Coastal Management Plan ("ICMP") and will not affect any coastal use or resource of the ICMP.

Section 1105.7(e)(3)(iv): If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.

The right-of-way is suitable for alternative public use and Soo Line is negotiating an agreement to sell the corridor to the City of Chicago, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, for conversion into a linear park.

Section 1105.7(e)(4)(i) Energy: Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.

The proposed abandonment will have no effect on the development and transportation of energy resources, or on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities because no such energy resources or recyclable commodities are presently transported over this line.

Section 1105.7(e)(4)(ii): Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

No impact is anticipated.

Section 1105.7(e)(4)(iii): State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

No impact is anticipated.

Section 1105.7(e)(4)(iv): If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than:

- A. 1,000 rail carloads a year; or
- B. An average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given. To minimize the production of repetitive data, the information on overall energy efficiency in § 1105.7(e)(4)(iii) need not be supplied if the more detailed information § 1105.7(e)(4)(iv) is required.

The proposed action will not cause any diversion from rail to motor carriage.

Section 1105.7(e)(5)(i) Air: If the proposed action will result in either:

- A. An increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal; or
- B. An increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity); or
- C. An average increase in truck traffic of more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions. For a proposal under 49 U.S.C. 10901 (or 10505) to construct a new line or reinstitute service over a previously abandoned line, only the eight train a day provision in subsection (5)(i)(A) will apply.

The proposed abandonment:

- A. Will not result in an increase in rail traffic of at least 100 percent or an increase of at least eight trains per day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposed abandonment.
- B. Will not result in an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100 percent (measured by carload activity).
- C. Will not result in an average increase in truck traffic by 10 percent or 50 vehicles per day for any affected road segment.

Section 1105.7(e)(5)(ii): If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act, and will result in either:

- A. An increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line;
- B. An increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity); or
- C. An average increase in truck traffic or more than 10 percent of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan. However, for a rail construction under 49 U.S.C. 10901 (or 49 U.S.C. 10505), or a case involving the reinstatement of service over a previously abandoned line, only the three train a day threshold in this item shall apply.

The proposed abandonment:

- A. Will not result in an increase in rail traffic of at least 50 percent or an increase of at least three trains per day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposed abandonment.
- B. Will not result in an increase in rail yard activity of at least 20 percent (measured by carload activity).
- C. Will not result in an average increase in truck traffic by 10 percent or 50 vehicles per day for any affected road segment.

Section 1105.7(e)(5)(iii): If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency or service; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Transportation of ozone depleting materials are not involved.

Section 1105.7(e)(6) Noise: If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause:

- (i) An incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more; or
- (ii) An increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

None of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section will be surpassed.

Section 1105.7(e)(7)(i) Safety: Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

Public health and safety will not be affected adversely by the proposed abandonment.

Section 1105.7(e)(7)(ii): If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.

No hazardous materials are currently transported over this line segment.

Section 1105.7(e)(7)(iii): If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.

In March 2012, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (“ESA”) identified no known RECs, hazardous waste sites, or hazardous material spills on the right-of-way, other than a stockpile of old railroad ties and suspected lead-based flaking paint on some of the bridges. Due to the elevated structure of the Line, none of the RECs, waste sites, or spills on adjacent properties (*e.g.*, motor oil, transmission fluid, and ethylene glycol from an auto repair shop) have encroached upon or otherwise affected the right-of-way. A copy of the ESA will be made available upon request.

Section 1105.7(e)(8)(i) Biological Resources: Based on consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date. No adverse effects are anticipated.

Section 1105.7(e)(8)(ii): State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests be affected, and describe any effects.

No sanctuaries, state parks, or refuges will be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment as none exist along the right-of-way.

Section 1105.7(e)(9)(i) Water: Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

The State Water Quality Official, Office of Water Resources as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, and its response is included in Exhibit No. 3. Soo Line will take proper care during salvage activities to prevent any impact on water quality.

Section 1105.7(e)(9)(ii): Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

The Chicago District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no response has been received to date. There are no wetlands adjacent to, or within the vicinity of, the proposed abandonment site and consequently, no designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be adversely affected. It is Soo Line’s opinion that no permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act are required for the proposed action.

Section 1105.7(e)(9)(iii): State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the State Environmental Protection or Equivalent Agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).

The Chicago District Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency were contacted by letter on August 13, 2012, but no responses have been received to date. Because no in-stream salvage activities are contemplated, it is Soo Line's opinion that permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act are not required.

Section 1105.7(e)(10) Proposed Mitigation: Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Soo Line does not anticipate any adverse effect to the environment. Accordingly, other than using appropriate care conducting salvage operations, no mitigation will be necessary.

Section 1105.7(e)(11) Additional Information for Rail Constructions: The following additional information should be included for rail construction proposals (including connecting track construction).

Not applicable.

Section 1105.8 Historic Reports: (a) An applicant proposing an action identified in § 1105.6(a) or (b), or an action in § 1105.6(c) that will result in the lease, transfer, or sale of a railroad's line, sites or structures, must submit (with its application, petition or notice) the Historic Report described in paragraph (d) of this section, unless excepted under paragraph (b) of this section. This report should be combined with the Environmental Report where one is required. The purpose of the Historic Report is to provide the Board with sufficient information to conduct the consultation process required by the National Historic Preservation Act.

The Historic Report is attached as Exhibit No. 5.

Section 1105.9 Coastal Zone Management Act Requirements: If the proposed action affects land or water uses within a State coastal zone designated pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) applicant must comply with the following procedures.

In correspondence dated August 21, 2012, the ICMP Federal Consistency Coordinator indicated that the proposed abandonment will be outside the boundaries of the Illinois Coastal Management Plan ("ICMP") and will not affect any coastal use or resource of the ICMP.

END OF REPORT

Exhibit No. 1

Certificate of Service of Environmental and Historic Report
and List of Parties Consulted

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC REPORTS

I hereby certify that on September 26, 2012, I served the Environmental Report and Historic Report relative to STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50; 1105.7(b), (c); and 1105.11, by First Class U.S. Mail properly addressed and with postage prepaid upon the parties listed on the attached List of Parties Consulted.

Dated at Minneapolis, Minnesota this 26th day of September, 2012.



W. Karl Hansen

ENVIRONMENTAL & HISTORIC REPORTS
BLOOMINGTON ABANDONMENT
STB DOCKET NO. AB-57 (SUB-NO. 60X)
LIST OF PARTIES CONSULTED

Parties consulted in preparing Environmental and Historic Reports - Soo Line Railroad Company (d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway) - Abandonment of Line of Railroad running between Milepost 2.38 +/- and Milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois (U.S. Postal Zip Codes 60622 and 60647) -- S.T.B. Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

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Exhibit No. 2

Certification of Publication of Newspaper Notice in Newspapers of General Circulation in
Counties where Line is Situated and Affidavit of Publication

(49 C.F.R. Section 1105.12)

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE
IN NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION

I hereby certify that relative to STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X), pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Sections 1152.50 and 1105.12, a public legal notice was published on September 25, 2012 in the *Chicago Sun Times*, which is a newspaper of general circulation where the subject trackage is located.

Dated at Minneapolis, Minnesota this 26th day of September 2012.



W. Karl Hansen

LEONARD STREET AND DEINARD
BLOOMINGDALE ABANDONMENT

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PO NUMBER: BLOOMINGDALE ABANDONMENT

AMOUNT: \$1,672.00

NO OF AFFIDAVITS: 1

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State of Illinois - County of Cook

Chicago Sun-Times, does hereby certify it has published the attached advertisements in the following secular newspapers. All newspapers meet Illinois Compiled Statute requirements for publication of Notices per Chapter 715 ILCS 5/0.01 et seq. R.S. 1874, P728 Sec 1, EFF. July 1, 1874. Amended by Laws 1959, P1494, EFF. July 17, 1959. Formerly Ill. Rev. Stat. 1991, CH100, Pl.

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PUBLICATION DATE(S): 09/25/2012

Chicago Sun-Times

NOTICE

Soo Line Railroad Company, (d/b/a Canadian Pacific) gives notice that on or about October 15, 2012, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a Notice of Exemption under 49 C.F.R. 1152 Subpart F - Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of 2.88 miles +/- feet of rail line between milepost 2.38 +/- and milepost 5.26 +/- which traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Codes 60622 and 60647 in Cook County, Illinois. The proceeding will be docketed as No. AB 57 (Sub No. 60X). The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the Notice of Exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC, 20423, or by calling that office at 202 245 0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant's representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance Services at 202 245 0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative, W. Karl Hansen at Leonard, Street and Deinard, 150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55402, 612-335-1500. 9/25/12 406229

Soo Line Railroad Company
(d/b/a Canadian Pacific)
Minneapolis, Minnesota

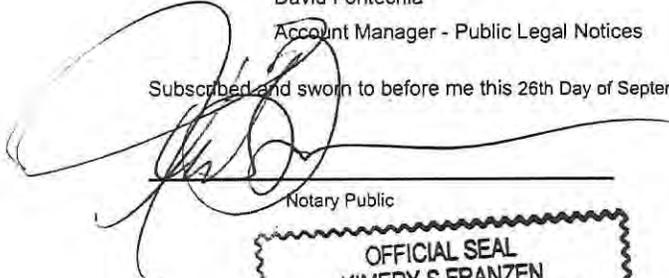
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, has caused this Certificate to be signed and notarized

By



David Fontechia
Account Manager - Public Legal Notices

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th Day of September 2012 A.D.



Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
KIMERY S FRANZEN
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 10/16/16

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Exhibit No. 3

Responses to Environmental Scoping Correspondence Sent August 13, 2012



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Cook County

Chicago

Railway Abandonment

Between Milepost 2.38 and Milepost 5.26 (Along Bloomingdale Ave. between
Lawndale Ave. and I-90)

STB-AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

IHPA Log #012082012

September 13, 2012

W. Karl Hansen
Leonard, Street and Deinard
150 S. 5th St., Suite 2300
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Dear Mr. Hansen:

We have reviewed the documentation submitted for the referenced project in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. Based upon the information provided, no historic properties are affected. We, therefore, have no objection to the undertaking proceeding as planned.

Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This clearance remains in effect for two years from date of issuance. It does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Skeletal Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 217/785-5027.

Sincerely,

Anne E. Haaker
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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August 23, 2012

VIA U.S. MAIL

To: W. Karl Hansen
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150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Re: Request for Comments on Potential Environmental Impact of Proposed Rail Line and Embankment Abandonment Located between Milepost 2.38+/- and Milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois (U.S. Postal Zip Codes 60622 and 60647) – STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Once a critical component of Cook County's extensive cargo network, the former Bloomingdale Avenue train line was an integral part of our region's development as an international center for manufacturing and transportation. Shifts in technology, urban lifestyles and the international business landscape led to the eventual demise of the Bloomingdale as a viable cargo option. As that opportunity has closed, however, the footprint of the Bloomingdale provides the impetus for a more contemporary and socio-economically relevant plan for the train line's use.

Just as the original plans for the Bloomingdale addressed contemporary needs for economic development, safety and efficient movement in the early 1900s, the current vision for a linear park and multi-use trail along the shuttered embankment address the needs for sustainable development and connectivity critical in today's world.

It is because of this anticipated positive impact of the planned Bloomingdale Trail project on Community and Economic Development for Cook County residents in the affected areas that this planned initiative and the associated declaration of abandonment have the support of Cook County's Department of Planning and Development.

Initially constructed in the late 1800s, the Bloomingdale was built to facilitate the movement of goods manufactured in the Chicago area to points of sale throughout the world. Schwinn Bicycles, Lincoln Logs and Hammond Organs are just a few of the region's unique product brands that gained worldwide market share as a result of this important rail infrastructure. Improvements to the line in the early 1900's leveraged crucial engineering and technological advances, elevating the train line 16 feet above the street grade, greatly curtailing traffic disruptions and accidental fatalities along the Bloomingdale corridor.



Economic, technological and cultural changes in the later part of the 20th and early 21st Centuries have rendered the initial functionality of the Bloomindale obsolete. The collective plans and vision of stakeholders in the four communities along the 2.88 mile stretch of embankment offer a viable and sustainable opportunity to repurpose the Bloomingdale in a manner consistent with local priorities and objectives of Cook County and those established in the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Go To 2040 Plan for regional prosperity.

Cook County's Department of Planning and Development should be added to the chorus of community stakeholders and partners alongside the Chicago Department of Transportation, the Chicago Park District, the Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development, the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Trust for Public Land, Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail and community residents in supporting the requested petition to discontinue and abandon all freight rail operations by the Soo Railroad Company ("Soo Line") d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "María Choca-Urban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

María Choca-Urban

Director

Cook County Department of Planning and Development



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Champaign, IL 61821
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August 21, 2012

W. Karl Hansen
Leonard, Street, and Deinard
150 South Fifth Street, Suite 2300
Minneapolis, MN 55402

RE: Request for Comments on Potential Environmental Impact of Proposed Rail Line and Embankment Abandonment Located between Milepost 2.38 +/- and Milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois (U.S. Postal Zip Codes 60622 and 60647) – STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

Dear Mr. Hansen:

We have reviewed the proposed project as requested.

The proposed track abandonment would be confined to an existing rail corridor in an urban area. It will have no impact on prime or important farmlands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ivan N. Dozier".

IVAN N. DOZIER
State Conservationist

cc:

Ronald Ziehm, ASTC, USDA-NRCS, 502 Comfort Drive, Suite D, Marion, IL 62959
Annette Holmes, ASTC, USDA-NRCS, P.O. Box 19281, State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL 62794
Don McCallon, ASTC, USDA-NRCS, 3605 N. IL Route 47, Suite C, Morris, IL 60450
Robert Mier, Acting ASTC, USDA-NRCS, 6021 Development Drive, Suite 3, Charleston, IL 61920
Gary Struben, State Soil Scientist, NRCS, 2118 West Park Court, Champaign, IL 61821

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August 21, 2012

Mr. W. Karl Hansen
Leonard Street and Deinard
150 S. 5th Street, Suite 2300
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

RE: Illinois Coastal Management Plan Federal Consistency Determination

Dear Mr. Hansen:

In a letter dated August 15, 2012 you stated that Soo Line Railroad are considering the abandonment of 2.88 miles of rail line between Milepost 2.38 and Milepost 5.26 (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois and are requesting comments on the effects of the abandonment on the Illinois Coastal Management Plan (ICMP). I have reviewed your request and have determined that since the proposed work will be outside the boundaries of the ICMP and will not affect any coastal use or resource of the ICMP, the proposed project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Illinois Coastal Management Program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (312) 793-5947 or james.casey@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

James P. Casey
ICMP Federal Consistency Coordinator

Hansen, Karl

From: Simon Monroe <simon.monroe@noaa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 10:27 AM
To: Hansen, Karl
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; Gilbert Mitchell; Simon Monroe
Subject: Response, STB Docket AB-57 (SUB NO. 060X)

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for ELGIN, Cook County, ILLINOIS.

Approximately 00 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If station marks listed below are in the abandonment path, [THE RAILROAD] shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station marks are described on the attached file.

Additional advice is provided at

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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No Stations Found.

Exhibit No. 4

Environmental Scoping Correspondence Required By 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7(b)

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W. KARL HANSEN
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August 13, 2012

VIA U.S. MAIL

To: Attached List of Parties Consulted

Re: Request for Comments on Potential Environmental Impact of Proposed Rail Line and Embankment Abandonment Located between Milepost 2.38 +/- and Milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois (U.S. Postal Zip Codes 60622 and 60647) - STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

Dear Sir/Madam::

Soo Line Railroad Company ("Soo Line") d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway on or about October 15, 2012, anticipates filing a Notice of Exemption to Abandon pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 10502 with the United States Department of Transportation – Surface Transportation Board (STB) to discontinue and abandon all freight rail operations over approximately 2.88 miles of rail line located in Cook County, Illinois. A map of the proposed abandonment is enclosed.

This proposed rail line abandonment notice of exemption requires review by the STB. I will be preparing an Environmental and Historic Report that will provide the basis of the environmental review that the STB's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will conduct for this proceeding. In preparing this report, consultation with agencies or organizations that may have specific interest in or knowledge of the potential environmental impact is essential. This letter is, therefore, intended to solicit your comments regarding the potential environmental impact, if any, of the proposed rail line abandonment.

Your comments on the potential impact of this abandonment will be incorporated into the Environmental Report to be filed on or about September 25, 2012. A copy of this report will be provided to you, after which additional comments can be submitted directly to the OEA.

As shown on the attached map, the line that is proposed to be abandoned is located between Milepost 2.38 +/- and Milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois. It traverses through U.S. Postal Zip Codes 60622 and 60647.

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For purposes of evaluating the environmental impact that would result from abandonment of the line, the proposed action includes discontinuing freight service and salvaging equipment and materials that are present on the line.

The railroad embankment is located within the City of Chicago street right-of-ways approximately 15 feet above the existing street grade and crosses approximately 37 viaducts. The proposed action includes the removal of all rails, ties, spikes, plates, railroad-related utilities, and signaling devices. The embankment would remain in place. All equipment and materials that are removed from the line would either be reused, sold as scrap, or disposed of in accordance with applicable environmental regulations.

The Environmental Report for the proposed abandonment is being prepared pursuant to STB regulations (49 C.F.R. Chapter X, Part 1105) (copy of which is enclosed), the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4332; the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6362(b); and related laws including the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1451, and the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1531. Areas of concern that you and other interested parties are invited to address in your comments include any potential impact of the proposed action on the following:

- Local land use
- Existing local and regional transportation systems
- Energy use
- Air emissions and ambient air quality conditions
- Water quality and wetlands
- Biological resources including threatened or endangered species
- Ambient noise levels
- Public health safety
- Historic, cultural, or archaeological sites listed or eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places
- Socioeconomics, including local and regional employment

We are soliciting your comments with regard to: (1) any permitting/approval authority which your agency has over the proposed action, and (2) any specific concerns which you believe should be addressed in the STB environmental document prepared after our Report is submitted. As required by applicable STB regulations (49 C.F.R., Chapter X, Part 1105.7(e)(9)(iii)) and Part 1105.7(c), we also request that you comment on and describe the effects, if any, of our proposed action on those resources or areas of concern within the authority of your agency.

Specifically, the Board's regulations state that, with respect to the area of concern within the jurisdiction of your agency, Soo Line must address the following:

“49 C.F.R. Part 1105.7(e)(4)(i)-(iv) Energy:

(i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.

(ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.

(iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.

(iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than:

(A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or

(B) An average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given. To minimize the production of repetitive data, the information on overall energy efficiency in Section 1105.7(e)(4)(iii) need not be supplied if the more detailed information in Section 1105.7(e)(4)(iv) is required.”

“49 C.F.R. Part 1105.7(e)(5)(ii) Air:

(ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act.”

“49 C.F.R. Part 1105.7(e)(6)(ii) Noise:

(ii) An increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.”

“49 C.F.R. Part 1105.7(e)(7)(iii) Safety:

(iii) If there are known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous materials spills on the right-of-way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.”

“49 C.F.R. Part 1105.7(e)(9)(i), (ii), & (iii) Water:

(i) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.

(ii) Based on consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.

(iii) State whether permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required.)” (emphasis added)

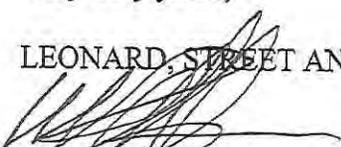
Any written comments should be submitted to the undersigned. They will be appended to the Environmental Report being submitted to the STB if received prior to September 20, 2012. Thereafter, please submit them directly to the Office of Environmental Analysis as follows: Surface Transportation Board, Office of Environmental Analysis, 395 E Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20423-0001, or by calling that office at (202) 245-0454, and forwarding a copy to the undersigned.

Any comments or information that you provide will be included in Soo Line’s Environmental Report and will be considered by the STB in the preparation of the draft environmental document and in its evaluation of the overall environmental and energy impact of the proposed action. Your cooperation will help ensure that all environmental concerns are thoroughly addressed.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

LEONARD, STREET AND DEINARD



W. Karl Hansen
Enclosures

Bloomington Line
CHICAGO, IL
ZIP CODES 60622 AND 60647
AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

ENVIRONMENTAL & HISTORICAL REPORT
BLOOMINGDALE ABANDONMENT
S.T.B. DOCKET NO. AB-57 (SUB-NO. 60X)
LIST OF PARTIES CONSULTED

Parties consulted in preparing Environmental and Historical Reports - Soo Line Railroad Company (d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway) - Abandonment of Line of Railroad running between Milepost 2.38 +/- and Milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) in Cook County, Illinois (U.S. Postal Zip Codes 60622 and 60647) -- S.T.B. Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 60X)

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Exhibit No. 5
Historic Report

BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY –)
ABANDONMENT OF TRACKAGE)
LOCATED IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS) DOCKET NO. AB-57
) (SUB-NO. 60X)
)

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION TO ABANDON PURSUANT TO 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50
A 2.88 MILE LINE OF RAILROAD BETWEEN MILEPOST 2.38 +/- AND MILEPOST 5.26
+/- (ELGIN SUBDIVISION) WHICH TRAVERSES THROUGH UNITED STATES POSTAL
SERVICE ZIP CODES 60622 AND 60647 IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HISTORIC REPORT
IN COMPLIANCE WITH
49 C.F.R. SECTION 1105.8

SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY
d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway)

LEONARD, STREET and DEINARD
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Attorney for Applicant
Service Date: September 26, 2012

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ABANDONMENT OF TRACKAGE)	
LOCATED IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS)	DOCKET NO. AB-57
)	(SUB-NO. 60X)
)	

HISTORIC REPORT

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Sections 1105.7(e) and 1105.8, Soo Line Railroad Company dba Canadian Pacific hereby submits the following Historic Report regarding the Verified Notice of Exemption to Abandon a 2.88 mile line of railroad between milepost 2.38 +/- and milepost 5.26 +/- (Elgin Subdivision) which traverses through United States Postal Service Zip Codes 60622 and 60647 in Cook County, Illinois.

Section 1105.8(c) Distribution: The applicant must send the Historic Report to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer(s), preferably at least 60 days in advance of filing the application, petition, or notice, but not later than 20 days prior to filing with the Board.

See Certificate of Service effecting service on September 26, 2012, attached as Exhibit No. 1 to Environmental Report.

Section 1105.8(d)(1)-(8) Content: The Historic Report should contain the information required by § 1105.7(e)(1) (Environmental Report - See Preceding Report) and the following additional historic information:

Section 1105.8(d)(1) U.S.G.S. Topographic Maps: A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action;

See Appendix A.

Section 1105.8(d)(2) Right-of-Way: A written description of the right-of-way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristics of the surrounding area;

The subject property consists of one inactive railroad track and the adjacent right-of-way with an average width of 30 feet. The subject property is located in a primarily commercial, residential, and limited industrial area of Chicago, Illinois. The topography is generally flat.

Section 1105.8(d)(3) Photographs: Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area;

Representative photographs of the Bloomingdale Line are included in Appendix B.

Section 1105.8(d)(4): The dates of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known.

The Chicago and Pacific Railroad constructed the original Bloomingdale Line in 1872. In 1914, its successor, the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, raised the existing at-grade tracks 16' above grade level on a 30' right-of-way, which is the present-day structure of the Line. The Line's structure is comprised of reinforced poured-in-place concrete "boxes" between the cross streets. Each box is connected to the next one by a bridge, clearing the street grid below. The bridges are mostly reinforced concrete, with a few steel structures. Other than routine maintenance, the Line has not undergone any major alteration since Soo Line acquired the property in the mid-1980s. Soo Line's salvage operations will be limited to removal of the tracks and track materials from the above-grade structure including the connecting bridges.

Section 1105.8(d)(5) History: A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action.

The Bloomingdale Line initially handled passenger and freight operations after its construction in the 1870s. Over time, freight operations predominated. In 1985, Soo Line acquired the Line for freight operations from the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company. The Line has been out of service since 2001 and no changes other than the removal of track and ties are contemplated as a result of the proposed action.

Section 1105.8(d)(6) Documents: A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic.

The carrier's files consist primarily of maps and photos of the line, some engineering drawings, and maintenance records.

Section 1105.8(d)(7) Opinion: An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. § 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archaeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area,

and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities).

It is the opinion of the railroad that the Bloomingdale Line would not meet the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Illinois Historical Society indicated on September 13, 2012 that no historic properties would be affected by the proposed abandonment. Its response is included in Exhibit No. 3.

Section 1105.8(d)(8) Archaeological Resources: A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or manmade) that might affect the archaeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.

There are no known ground disturbances or fills other than those which would have occurred during original construction of this line and any subsequent maintenance or rehabilitation. There are no known toxic waste areas within the right-of-way of this railroad line.

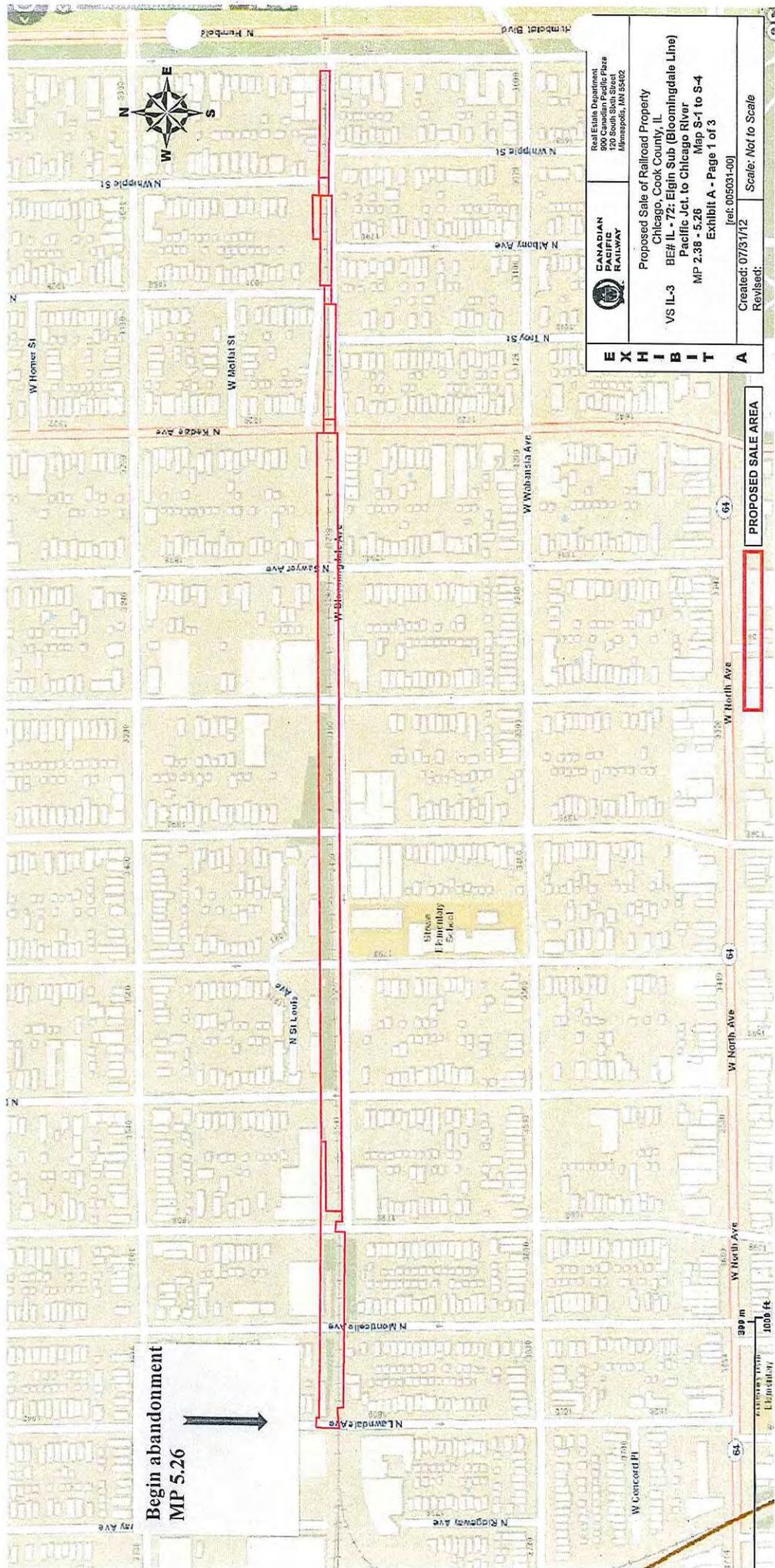
The following excerpt from ICC document *Assessment of Environmental Impacts Associated with Railroad Abandonment Proposals* discusses archeological evaluations:

“Salvaging an abandoned railroad line is normally confined to the limits of the right of way and rarely involves major excavation work. If the right of way is to be leveled at all, only the roadbed built up during actual construction of the line would be affected. It is unlikely that there are any historic track structures under the roadbed since old rails and ties are salvaged during maintenance and rehabilitation operations. Likewise, there is usually neither significant damage to the vegetation found within the right of way nor any effect on land adjacent to the railroad property. By confining salvage operations of a rail line as discussed above, it is not anticipated that any archaeological sites in or immediately adjacent to the right of way, would be affected by the abandonment.”

END OF REPORT

Appendix A

Map of Abandonment Location



Begin abandonment
MP 5.26



 CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	Real Estate Department 120 South State Street, Suite 1500 Minneapolis, MN 55402
	EXHIBIT A
Proposed Sale of Railroad Property Chicago, Cook County, IL VS IL-3 BE# IL - 72; Elgin Sub (Bloomington Line) Pacific Jct. to Chicago River MP 2.38 - 5.26 Map S-1 to S-4 Exhibit A - Page 1 of 3 [ref: 005031-00]	
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PROPOSED SALE AREA

890 m
1000 ft



End abandonment
MP 2.38



EXHIBIT A

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600 South Sixth Street
Chicago, IL 60605
Minnesota, MN 55402

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PROPOSED SALE AREA

300 m

1000 ft

Proprietor
Horn 551514

Appendix B

Photographs of Railroad Structures and the Immediately Surrounding Area



Looking east near N. Lawndale Ave.



Looking east near N. Monticello Ave.



Looking north near N. Drake Ave.



Looking east near N. St. Louis Ave.



Looking east near N. Spaulding Ave.



Looking north near Spaulding Ave.



Looking west near N. Sawyer Ave.



Looking east near N. Humboldt Blvd.



Looking east near N. Richmond St.



Looking east near N. Francisco Ave.



Looking east near N. Washtenaw Ave.



Looking east near N. Rockwell St.



Looking east near N. Western Ave.



Looking east near Milwaukee Ave.



Looking east near N. Leavitt St.



Looking east near N. Hoyne Ave.



Looking west near N. Winchester Ave.



Looking east near N. Wood Ave.



Looking east near N. Paulina St.



Looking east near N. Marshfield Ave.

