

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 739X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION—IN ATLANTA,
FULTON COUNTY, GA.

Decided: July 30, 2015

This decision makes, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1011.7(a)(2)(ix), a Finding of No Significant Impact under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(g).

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 C.F.R. pt. 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon an approximately 0.37-mile segment of rail line, formerly known as the L&N Belt Line, between milepost 472.27 and the end of the line at milepost 472.64 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Ga. (the Line). Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 37,734). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on July 31, 2015.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) on July 6, 2015, solicited comments, and issued a Final EA on July 24, 2015. No environmental or historic preservation issues were raised by any party or identified by OEA. Accordingly, a Finding of No Significant Impact under 49 C.F.R. § 1105.10(g) will be made pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1011.7(a)(2)(ix).¹

It is ordered:

1. Abandonment of the Line will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment and conservation of energy resources or on historic resources.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

¹ In the EA, OEA states that the right-of-way may be suitable for other public use following abandonment and salvage of the Line. On July 13, 2015, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. (ABI), filed a request for the issuance of a notice of interim trail use to permit negotiation with CSXT for use of the Line as a trail under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d), and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. However, on July 29, 2015, ABI withdrew its request.