

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Finance Docket No. 33838

METRO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY --ACQUISITION EXEMPTION  
--CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Decided: June 5, 2000

By motion filed May 24, 2000, Metro Regional Transit Authority (METRO) seeks a protective order under 49 CFR 1104.14 in connection with its notice of exemption filed simultaneously in the above-entitled proceeding to acquire certain interests in a portion of a CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) rail line and right-of-way. The motion seeks to prevent public disclosure of portions of the Shared Use Agreement between METRO and CSXT, attached as Exhibit C<sup>1</sup> to the Verified Notice of Exemption.<sup>2</sup>

Specifically, METRO states that the confidential version of the Shared Use Agreement contains provisions regarding liability (Article 13) and insurance (Article 14) that include confidential commercial information which, if it were available to the public, could harm METRO and CSXT's commercial interests.

The motion conforms with the Board's rules at 49 CFR 1104.14 governing requests for protective orders to maintain the confidentiality of materials submitted to the Board. Accordingly, the motion for protective order will be granted, subject to the Protective Order and Undertaking contained in the Appendix. Issuance of the protective order ensures that the parties' confidential information will be used solely for this proceeding and not for other purposes. Because METRO did not submit a proposed protective order, the form set out in the Appendix to this decision will be imposed.

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit C consists of a confidential version and a public version of the Shared Use Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> METRO simultaneously filed a motion to dismiss the notice of exemption on jurisdictional grounds. That motion will be addressed in a subsequent Board decision.

It is ordered:

1. The motion for a protective order is granted, and the Protective Order and Undertaking in the Appendix to this decision are adopted.
2. The specified confidential material in the Shared Use Agreement submitted in STB Finance Docket No. 33838 will be kept under seal by the Board and not placed in the public docket or otherwise disclosed to the public, unless the attached Undertaking is executed and the terms of the Protective Order are followed, or unless otherwise ordered by the Board.
3. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, Vernon A. Williams, Secretary.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary

APPENDIX

PROTECTIVE ORDER

1. For the purposes of this Protective Order, “confidential information” means Articles 13 and 14 of the Shared Use Agreement entered into between METRO and CSXT filed on May 24, 2000, in STB Finance Docket No. 33838.

2. The confidential information shall be used for the purpose of this and any related Board proceedings, or any judicial review proceeding arising therefrom, and not for any other business, commercial, or other competitive purpose.

3. The confidential information shall not be disclosed in any way or to any person without the written consent of METRO or CSXT or an order of the Board, except: to outside counsel or consultants of parties to these proceedings, solely for use in connection with this and any related Board proceedings, or any judicial review proceeding arising therefrom, provided that such outside counsel or consultant has been given and has read a copy of this Protective Order, agrees to be bound by its terms by signing the attached Undertaking and submits a copy of same to counsel for METRO and CSXT named in the Notice of Exemption filed in STB Finance Docket No. 33838 prior to receiving access to this information.

4. Any documents containing the confidential information must be destroyed, and notices of such destruction must be served on the Board at the completion of this and any related Board proceedings, or any judicial review proceeding arising therefrom, whichever comes first.

5. If the Board retains the confidential information, it shall, in order to keep it confidential, treat the information in accordance with the procedure set forth at 49 CFR 1104.14.

6. If any party intends to use the confidential information at hearings in this proceeding or in any related Board proceedings, or in any judicial review proceeding arising therefrom, the party shall submit any documents setting forth or revealing such confidential information to the Board, or the reviewing court as appropriate, under seal, and shall accompany such submission with a written request to the Board or the court to (i) restrict attendance at the hearing during discussion of such confidential information, and (ii) restrict access to the portion of the record or briefs reflecting discussion of such confidential information in accordance with this Protective Order.

7. All parties must comply with all of the provisions stated in this Protective Order unless good cause, as determined by the Board, is shown by any party to warrant suspension of any of the provisions herein.

UNDERTAKING

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Protective Order governing the filing of confidential information by METRO or CSXT in STB Finance Docket No. 33838 and understand the same, and agree to be bound by its terms. I agree not to use or permit the use of any data or information obtained under this Undertaking, or to use or permit the use of any techniques disclosed or information learned as a result of receiving such data or information, for any purpose other than the preparation and preservation of evidence and argument in STB Finance Docket No. 33838 or any judicial review proceedings taken or filed in connection therewith. I further agree not to disclose any data or information obtained under this Protective Order to any person who is not also bound by the terms of this order and has executed an Undertaking in the form hereof.

I understand and agree that money damages would not be a sufficient remedy for breach of this Undertaking, and that METRO and CSXT shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief as a remedy for any such breach, and I further agree to waive any requirement for the securing or posting of any bond in connection with such remedy. Such remedy shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedy for breach of this Undertaking but shall be in addition to all remedies available at law or equity.

Dated:

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