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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 784X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Cobb, GA**

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Enclosed please find Cobb County Development Agency's comments finding that the abandonment is in compliance with the goals and policies of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely yours,



Melanie B. Yasbin
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Enclosure



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Subject: STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 784X), CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Cobb County, GA

Mr. Payne,

The Cobb County Community Development Agency is in receipt of CSX Transportation, Inc.'s (CSXT), proposal and Combined Environmental and Historic Report (CEHR) for the abandonment of approximately 2.3 miles of rail line on the Atlanta Terminal Subdivision, Atlanta Division between milepost SC 579.29 near Plant Atkinson Road and milepost SG 581.61 just west of East-West Connector, in Cobb County, GA.

Per your request, the Cobb County Community Development Agency (the Agency) has reviewed STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 784X) in relation to the Cobb County 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which includes existing and future land use polices. The Agency has determined that the abandonment of the rail line, as reference within the CEHR, is in compliance with the goals and policies of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. These goals and policies promote an active lifestyle by fostering a safe and walkable environment by improving trail connectivity between neighborhoods, parks, and other recreational facilities. The rail abandonment is also consistent with ongoing work program items that are highlighted in the 2040 Community Work Program.

In addition, the Agency reviewed the project from a historic preservation perspective and determined that the abandonment of the rail line, as described above, appears to not have any direct impact on historic or archaeological resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at the number or address above. You may also contact via email to Jason.Gaines@cobbcounty.org

Sincerely,

Jason Gaines

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