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## LEGAL DEPARTMENT (978) 663-1215

March 15, 2012

Mr. Edward L. Bell  
Technical Services Division  
Massachusetts Historical Commission  
220 Morrissey Boulevard  
Boston, MA 02125

**Re: Notice of Exemption Abandonment and Discontinuance - Boston and  
Maine Corp. and Springfield Terminal Railway Company - Lowell  
Industrial Track - AB 32 (Sub No. 85X) and AB 355 (Sub No. 37X)**

Dear Mr. Bell:

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 18, 2012, to Ms. Catherine Glidden of the Surface Transportation Board, whereas you recommended that the above referenced project information be provided to Mr. Peter J. Aucella, Acting Superintendent, Lowell National Historic Park, National Park Service, for comment. As evidenced in the attached email correspondence between myself and Mr. Aucella, the Lowell Industrial Track is situated "... entirely outside of the Lowell National Historical Park and Preservation District and does not involve any known historic properties of interest to the National Park."

Additionally, on or about November 18, 2011, I visited the Massachusetts Historical Commission's ("MHC") office in Boston, Massachusetts and met with you. After some brief investigation into the subject line, you determined that due to the nature of the layout of the track and the way in which the historical sections/sites were delineated on the maps, it was impractical, if not impossible, to ascertain the effect, if any, that the track had within any historical zone. Therefore, you suggested I contact the Lowell Historical Board ("LHB"), and request any information they might have to assist in determining any effect the track might have within any historical zone.

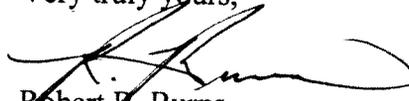
Upon contacting the LHB, I was informed by Mr. Stephen Stowell, Administrator of the Lowell Historic Board that the subject track does not traverse through any of the 11 review districts in which the LHB has jurisdiction over. Mr. Stowell then referred me to re-consult with the MHC for sign-off purposes of Section 106. (See Attached Email from

S. Stowell), at which time you then made the above recommendation to consult with Mr. Aucella at the National Historical Park in Lowell.

At this time, it is clear that all venues have been exhausted and that the project will not have any affect within any historical zone. Accordingly, we request that MHC provide the STB with the appropriate "sign-off" for purposes of Section 106 and the project eligibility to be consummated.

Should you have any questions or comments in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (978) 663-1215. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Robert B. Burns  
Corporate Counsel  
Boston and Maine Corporation  
Springfield Terminal Railway Company

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Cc: Catherine Glidden, STB  
Stephen Stowell, Lowell Historic Board  
Peter Aucella, Lowell National Historic Park

## Burns, Robert

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**From:** Peter\_Aucella@nps.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2012 1:41 PM  
**To:** Burns, Robert  
**Subject:** Re: Lowell Industrial Track Map  
**Attachments:** pic27372.jpg; Lowell Indstrl Track MAP.pdf

Bob:

Now that I see the location, it is evident that the locations to be abandoned are entirely outside of the Lowell National Historical Park and Preservation District and does not involve any known historic properties of interest to the National Park.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

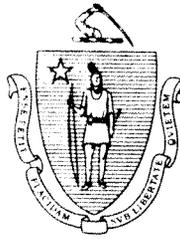
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Acting Superintendent  
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"Burns, Robert"  
<rburns@panam.com  
> To  
"peter\_aucella@nps.gov"  
03/13/2012 01:22 <peter\_aucella@nps.gov>  
PM cc  
Subject  
Lowell Industrial Track Map

Dear Peter:

I received your v-mail message and appreciate your prompt response. I have attached a map of the Lowell Industrial Track that we are attempting to abandon for your review and comment.

Thank you again for your assistance.



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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January 18, 2012

Catherine Glidden  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Lowell, MA: Abandonment & Discontinuance of Service Over Lowell Industrial Track AB 32 (Sub No. 85X) AB 355 (Sub No. 37X). MHC #RC.44156.

Dear Ms. Glidden:

In response to your telephone call, I recommend that you provide the project information to Mr. Peter J. Aucella, Acting Superintendent, Lowell National Historic Park, National Park Service, 67 Kirk Street, Lowell, MA 01852-1029, for any comment.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended (36 CFR 800), and the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement with the National Park Service with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E. Bell", written over a horizontal line.

Edward L. Bell  
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Massachusetts Historical Commission

xc:

Robert B. Burns, PanAm Railways  
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Best Regards,

Bob

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(See attached file: Lowell Indstrl Track MAP.pdf)

## Burns, Robert

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**From:** Stowell, Stephen <Sstowell@lowellma.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2011 9:51 AM  
**To:** Burns, Robert  
**Subject:** Local Historic Review - Lowell Industrial Track

Mr. Burns –

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the historic status of the Lowell Industrial Track. Please note that the track is not located within any of the 11 review districts that this agency has design review, approval, and permitting jurisdiction in. The Massachusetts Historical Commission would be able to provide guidance with regard to any National or State Register designations or eligibility. These comments do not represent a sign-off for purposes of Section 106 as the final determination regarding eligibility and effect must be made by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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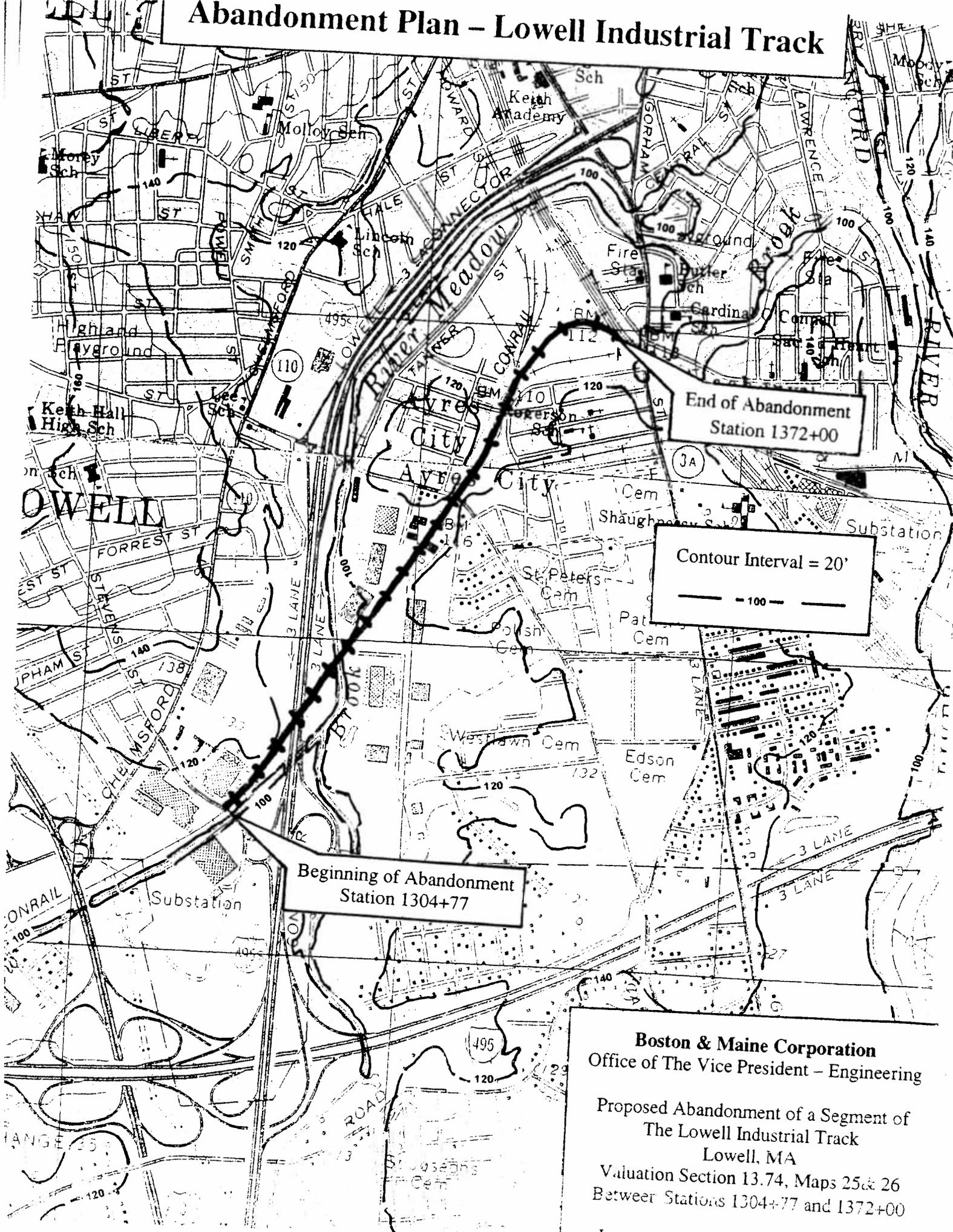
*National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Preservation Honor Award*

*National Trust for Historic Preservation Distinctive Destination Community*

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# Abandonment Plan - Lowell Industrial Track



End of Abandonment  
Station 1372+00

Contour Interval = 20'  
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Beginning of Abandonment  
Station 1304+77

**Boston & Maine Corporation**  
Office of The Vice President - Engineering

Proposed Abandonment of a Segment of  
The Lowell Industrial Track  
Lowell, MA  
Valuation Section 13.74, Maps 25 & 26  
Between Stations 1304+77 and 1372+00

January 25, 2009