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August 30, 2005

Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 "K" Street NW -Suite 534
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RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Gainesville, GA
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 658X)

Gentlemen:

This refers to CSX Transportation's Petition for Exemption filed on August 26, 2005, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated August 26, 2005 from the Georgia State Clearinghouse stating *"This proposal has been found to be consistent with those state or regional goals, policies, plans, fiscal resources, criteria for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), environmental impacts, federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulation with which the state is concerned."*

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Lou Gitomer, 1455 F Street, NW, Suite 225, Washington, DC, 20005
Ms. Donna Melton, CSXT, 500 Water Street-J150, Jacksonville, FL, 32202



Office of Planning and Budget

Sonny Perdue
Governor

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Director

GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS

TO: Dave Geraci
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street, J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

FROM: Barbara Jackson
Georgia State Clearinghouse

DATE: 8/26/2005

PROJECT: Proposed Abandonment of 0.85 miles +/- rail line from RR milepost GGM 39.2 to RR milepost GGM 40.05 in Gainesville, Hall Co., GA (STB Docket No. AB55 - Sub No. 658X)

STATE ID: GA050721004

The State level review of the above referenced proposal has been completed. This proposal has been found to be consistent with those state or regional goals, policies, plans, fiscal resources, criteria for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), environmental impacts, federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulations with which the state is concerned. **THIS MEMORANDUM AND ITS ENCLOSURES MUST BE FORWARDED BY YOU TO THE FEDERAL FUNDING AGENCY.** Be sure to retain a copy for your files. Thank you.

Additional Comments: The applicant is advised that the Dept. of Transportation's Office of Intermodal Programs was included in this review but did not comment within the review period. Should they later submit comments, we will forward to you.

The applicant is advised to note additional comments from DNR's Historic Preservation Division.

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Enc.: Georgia Mountains RDC, Aug. 18, 2005
HPD, Aug. 22, 2005

Form SC-4
Nov. 2004

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**GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM
EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS**

TO: Barbara Jackson
Georgia State Clearinghouse
270 Washington Street, SW, Eighth Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

FROM: MS. LINDA STRICKLAND
GEORGIA MOUNTAINS RDC

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: CSX Transportation

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DATE: August 18, 2005

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This notice is not consistent with:

- The goals, plans, policies, or fiscal resources with which this organization is concerned. (Line through inappropriate word or words and insert word or words that explains the rationale for the inconsistency. Additional pages may be used for outlining the inconsistencies).
- The criteria for developments of regional impact, federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulations administered by your agency. Environmental impacts or provision for protection of the environment. (Additional pages may be used for outlining the inconsistencies).

This notice does not impact upon the activities of the organization.

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 January 2005

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Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

Historic Preservation Division

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Telephone (404) 656-2840 Fax (404) 657-1040 <http://www.gashpo.org>

MEMORANDUM

TO: CSX Transportation
Attn: Dave Geric
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Jacksonville, Florida 32202

FROM: Elizabeth Shirk 
Environmental Review Coordinator
Historic Preservation Division

RE: Finding of "No Historic Properties Affected"

PROJECT: **Rail Abandonment from GGM 39.2-GGM40.5, Gainesville**
Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board
Applicant: CSX
GA-050721-004

COUNTY: **Hall County, Georgia**

DATE: August 19, 2005

The Historic Preservation Division has reviewed the information received concerning the above-mentioned project. Our comments are offered to assist federal agencies and project applicants in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Based on the information submitted, HPD believes that no historic properties or archaeological resources that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be affected by this undertaking. Please note that historic and/or archaeological resources may be located within the project's area of potential effect (APE), however, at this time it has been determined that they will not be impacted by the above-referenced project. Furthermore, any changes to this project as proposed will require further review by our office for compliance with the Section 106 process.

If we may be of further assistance contact me at (404) 651-6624, or Denise Messick, Environmental Review Historian at (404) 651-6777. Please refer to the project number assigned above in any future correspondence regarding this project.

ES:dpm

cc: Barbara Jackson, Georgia State Clearinghouse
Bryan Flower, Georgia Mountains RDC
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