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Hon. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

**Re: *Soo Line Railroad - Abandonment of Trackage in Cook County, Illinois*
*STB Docket No. AB-57 (Sub-No. 63X)***

Dear Ms. Brown:

Soo Line Railroad Company dba Canadian Pacific ("Soo Line") objects to the City of Chicago's (the "City") late-filed requests to impose a Public Use Condition and Notice of Interim Trail Use ("NITU"). Soo Line does not intend to negotiate an agreement with the City for sale of the subject trackage for interim trail use and rail banking.

With respect to the City's request for a Public Use Condition, pursuant to the Board's published Notice served on October 16, 2015, petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions were required to be filed by November 5, 2015. Not only has the City failed to provide any showing of good cause for failing to comply with the Board's deadline, it has also failed to provide any basis for the Board to determine that the involved rail facilities are appropriate for use for other public purposes. Moreover, as the City was informed on August 14, 2015 of the pendency of this exemption proceeding by Soo Line's initial environmental scoping correspondence, any claim that the City has had insufficient opportunity to make a timely request rings hollow. Accordingly, the Board should deny the City's eleventh hour request to impose a public use condition under 49 U.S.C. § 10905.

Although Soo Line opposes the City's request for a public use condition, it is nonetheless willing to discuss with the City the potential sale of the property.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stinson Leonard Street LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Karl Hansen', written over the typed name.

W. Karl Hansen

cc: Rebeckah Scheinfeld, Chicago Commissioner of Transportation