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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423



RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 739X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 10 copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption for CSX Transportation, Inc. an approximately 0.37-mile segment of railroad line formerly known as the L&N Belt Line between Milepost 472.27 and Milepost 472.64 at the end of the line, in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA. Also enclosed are a check for the filing fee of \$3,800, and a computer diskette containing the Notice in WORD and pdf format.

Please time and date stamp the extra copy of this letter and the Notice of Exemption and return it in the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

Melanie B. Yasbin
Attorney for: CSX Transportation, Inc.

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**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
-ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION-
IN ATLANTA, FULTON COUNTY, GA**

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Dated: June 11, 2015

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VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 for CSXT to abandon an approximately 0.37-mile segment of railroad line formerly known as the L&N Belt Line, between Milepost 472.27 and Milepost 472.64 at the end of the line, in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA (the “Line”). After receiving abandonment authority, CSXT plans to abandon the Line and sell the real estate. No local or overhead rail traffic has moved over the Line in more than two years.

Based on information in the possession of CSXT, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad’s possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

1. Proposed consummation date. The proposed consummation date is July 31, 2015.
2. Certification required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). *See* Exhibit A.
3. Information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1) through (4), (7), and (8), and (e)(4).

(a) General.

- (1) Exact name of applicant. CSX Transportation, Inc.

(2) Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C.

Subtitle IV, Chapter 105. CSXT is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(3) Relief sought. CSXT seeks to use the class exemption at 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 to abandon an approximately 0.37-mile long segment of railroad line on a portion of a line formerly known as the L&N Belt, between Milepost 472.27 and Milepost XXC 472.64 in Atlanta, Fulton County, GA. There are no stations on the Line.

(4) Map. *See* Exhibit B.

(7) Name, title, and address of representative of applicant to whom correspondence should be sent. Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, (410) 296-2250, Lou@lgraillaw.com.

(8) List of all United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the line proposed for abandonment traverses. The Line traverses U.S. Postal ZIP Code 30310.

(e) Rural and community impact.

(4) Statement of whether the properties proposed to be abandoned are appropriate for use for other public purposes, including roads and highways, other forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission, or recreation. If the applicant is aware of any restriction on the title to the property, including any reversionary interest, which would affect the transfer of title or the use of property for other than rail purposes, this shall be disclosed.

The Line may be suitable for other public purposes or trail use, but may be subject to reversionary interests.

4. The level of labor protection. The interests of any railroad employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions in *Oregon Short Line R. Co. –Abandonment–Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).
5. Certification. Certificates of compliance with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1) and 1105.11 are attached as Exhibit C.
6. Combined Environmental and Historic Report. See Exhibit D.

Respectfully submitted,



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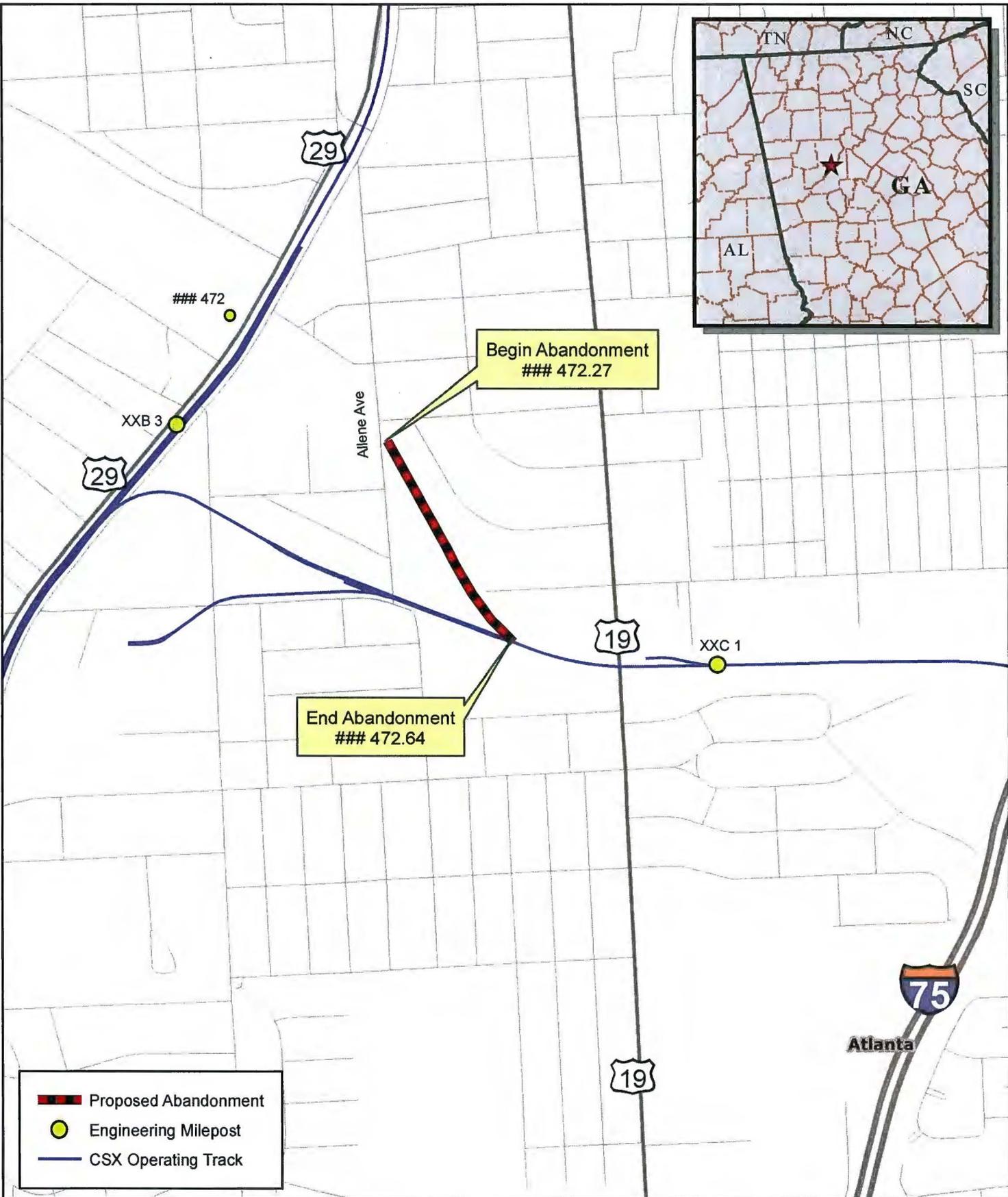
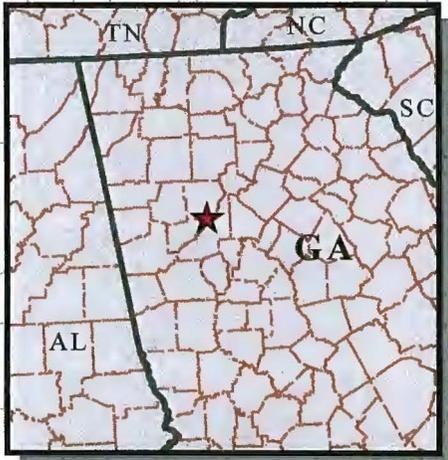
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EXHIBIT A-VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION

EXHIBIT B-MAP



-  Proposed Abandonment
-  Engineering Milepost
-  CSX Operating Track



CSX Real Property, Inc.

CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Milepost ### 472.27 to ### 472.64 (0.37 Miles Total)
STB Docket No. AB55 (Sub No. 739x)
Atlanta Division - Atlanta Terminal Subdivision
Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia

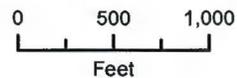


EXHIBIT C-CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND PUBLICATION

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 (d) (1), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 739X) was mailed via first class mail on May 19, 2015 and amended on June 1, 2015, to the following parties:

State Public Service Commission

Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta Georgia 30334-9054

Military Traffic Management Command

Headquarters
Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
Transportation Engineering Agency
ATTN: SDTE-SA (Railroads for National Defense)
1 Soldier Way, Building 1900W
Scott AFB, IL 62225

National Park Service

Mr. Rick Potts
Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Division
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program National Park Service
1849 C Street, N.W. (Org Code 2220)
Washington, DC 20240

National Park Service

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Land Resources Division
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20240

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20250-0003



Melanie B. Yasbin
June 11, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 739X) in the following form was advertised on June 4, 2014 in the Daily Report, a newspaper of general circulation in Fulton County, GA as required by 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c) and .12.



Melanie B. Yasbin

June 11, 2015

Notice of Intent To Abandon

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) gives notice that on or about June 3, 2015, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F—Exempt Abandonments permitting the abandonment of approximately 0.37 miles of railroad line formerly known as the L&N Belt Line, between milepost 472.27 and milepost 472.64, in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, GA (the “Line”). The proceeding has been docketed as No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 739X).

The Board’s Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the OEA, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at (202) 245-0295.

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board’s Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423–0001 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicant’s representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board’s Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant’s representative: Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, (410)296-2250, Lou@lgrailaw.com.

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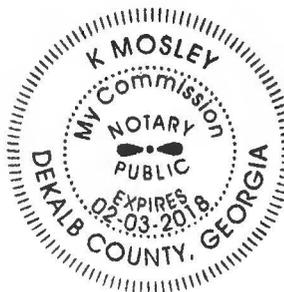
Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, this day personally came the undersigned who, being duly sworn, according to law, says she is an agent of ALM Media, LLC., publishers of the Daily Report, the official newspaper published in Atlanta, Ga, in said county and state, and that the publication, of which the annexed is a true copy, was published in said newspaper as provided by law on the following dates:

06/04/2015

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K Mosley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th of June, 2015.



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EXHIBIT D—ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

COMBINED ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Combined Environmental and Historic Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 739X) was mailed via first class mail on April 24, 2015 to the following parties:

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division
2 Martian Luther King Jr. Drive, SE
Suite 1152-East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

U.S. fish & Wildlife Service
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 400
Southeast Region
Atlanta, GA 30345-3319

U.S. EPA Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

Georgia Department of Transportation
Once Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree, NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
South Atlantic Division
60 Forsyth Street, SW Room 10M15
Atlanta, GA 30303-8801

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
678 S. Cobb Dr. SE STE 150
Marietta, GA 30060-3105

Natural Park Service
Southeast Regional Office
100 Alabama Street, SW
1924 Building
Atlanta, GA 30303

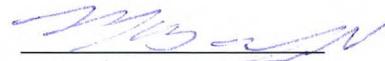
City of Atlanta
Planning & Community Development
55 Trinity Ave. SW,
Suite 1450
Atlanta, GA 30303

Fulton County Planning Office
5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd
Atlanta, GA 30336

Coastal Resources Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
One Conservation Way
Suite # 300
Brunswick, GA 31520-8687

Office of the Governor
The Honorable Nathan Deal
206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

National Geodetic Survey
Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov



Melanie B. Yasbin
June 11, 2015

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 739X)**

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Section 1105.7:

(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 0.37 of a mile between Railroad Milepost ### 472.27 to ### 472.64 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. STB Docket number AB 55 (Sub-No. 739X).

The above-referenced 0.37-mile line has not generated any originating, terminating or overhead freight traffic in over two (2) years. No new freight rail-oriented business is expected to develop, and the line is no longer required for operating purposes.

CSXT will not salvage any materials on this site. Following the consummation of the abandonment the line will be transferred to the developer of the larger Atlanta BeltLine project. The Atlanta BeltLine project is to establish a fixed guideway transit and multi-use trail system in a 22-mile diameter ring encircling Atlanta's urban core.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the opportunity costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached. (See Attachment 1)

Further attached is a distribution list of all parties who have received a

copy of this report. (See Attachment 2)

(2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger or freight traffic on this line. Since there has not been any traffic on this line in over 2 years, there will be no effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns.

(3) LAND USE

- (i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant received a response dated April 23, 2015 from the Office of Planning, Department of Planning and Community Development, City of Atlanta stating "*The Department of Planning and Community Development is supportive of this request...*" (See Attachment 3)

Applicant has not received a response to its April, 13, 2015 inquiry to GADOT, Fulton County Planning Office and the Governor of Georgia. (See Attachment 4, 5, 6)

- (ii) Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.**

Applicant has not received a response to its April 13, 2015 inquiry to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service in Marietta, Georgia requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 7)

The rail line traverses a heavily developed urban area between Allene Ave SW and University Ave SW within the City of Atlanta Georgia. Applicant feels the transfer of this line to the Atlanta BeltLine project will have no adverse effect on any prime agricultural land.

- (iii) **If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.**

Applicant has not received a response to its April 13, 2015 inquiry to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division located in Brunswick GA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 8)

Applicant feels that the transfer of this line to the Atlanta BeltLine project should not have an adverse impact on any coastal zone, land or water uses.

- (iv) **If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.**

The properties proposed to be abandoned may be suitable for other public purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes.

(4) ENERGY

- (i) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of energy resources.

- (ii) **Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

The proposed action will have no effect on the movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities.

- (iii) **State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

The proposed action will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency.

- (iv) **If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of**

more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage.

(5) AIR

- (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of a least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

- (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Not applicable.

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn

or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) **Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).**

Applicant believes that the abandonment will result in improvement to public safety. After consummation of the abandonment the line will be transferred to the Atlanta BeltLine project to establish a fixed guideway transit and multi-use trail system in a 22-mile diameter ring encircling Atlanta's urban core.

- (ii) **If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.**

Not applicable.

- (iii) **If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.**

Applicant's records do not indicate any known hazardous material spills or hazardous waste sites.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (i) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describes the effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its April 13, 2105 inquiry to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Atlanta GA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 9)

CSXT will not salvage any materials on this site. We do not believe that any federally endangered or threatened species will be negatively affected or critical habitats modified if the line is abandoned.

- (ii) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its April 13, 2015 inquiry to the Natural Park Service located in Atlanta, GA. (See Attachment 10) Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the line is not within any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests.

(9) WATER

- (i) **Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant has not received a response to its April 13, 2015 inquiry to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division in Atlanta GA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 11)

Applicant does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

- (ii) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

Applicant has not received a response to its April 13, 2015 inquiry to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Atlanta GA requesting information regarding this statement (See Attachment 12).

Applicant is not aware of any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains within the proposed project.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, CSXT will not salvage any materials on this site. Any future development will be with the

Atlanta BeltLine and are beyond the scope of this proposed abandonment.

- (iii) **State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).**

Applicant has not received a response to its April 13, 2015 inquiry to the U.S. Regional EPA, Region 4 Office in Atlanta GA requesting information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 13)

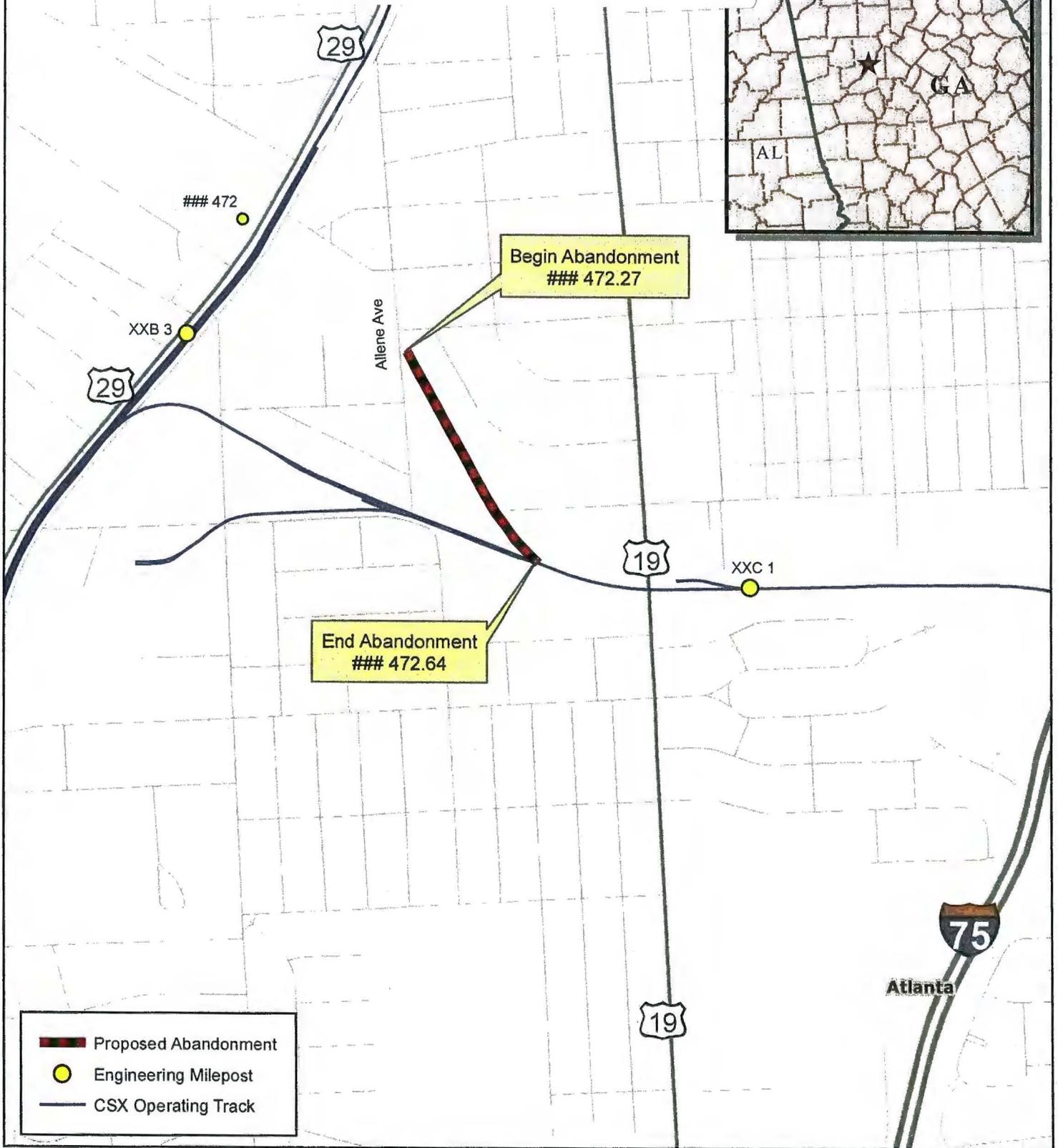
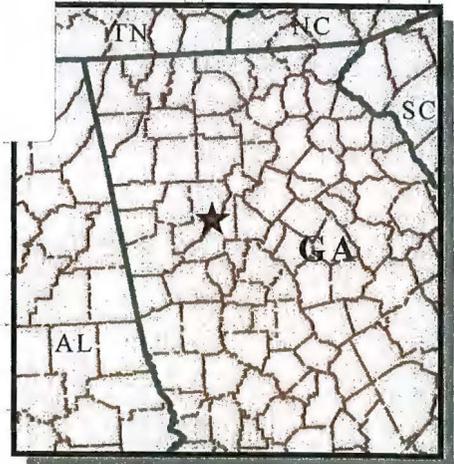
Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (ii), Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

10. MITIGATION

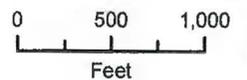
Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not believe there will be any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment. Any future development will be with the Atlanta BeltLine and are beyond the scope of this proposed abandonment.

Attachment 1



CSX Transportation, Inc.
Proposed Abandonment
Milepost ### 472.27 to ### 472.64 (0.37 Miles Total)
STB Docket No. AB55 (Sub No. 739x)
Atlanta Division - Atlanta Terminal Subdivision



Attachment 2

CSXT Abandonment External Distribution List Fulton County Georgia

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
One Conservation Way
Suite 300
Brunswick, GA 31520-8687

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 400
Southeast Region
Atlanta, GA 30345-3319

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
South Atlantic Division
60 Forsyth Street, SW Room 10M15
Atlanta, GA 30303-8801

Georgia Department of Transportation
One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree NW
Atlanta, GA 30308

City of Atlanta
Planning & Community Development
55 Trinity Ave. SW, Suite 1450
Atlanta, GA 30303

National Geodetic Survey
Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE
Suite 1152-East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

U.S. EPA-Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta GA 30303-8960

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
678 S. Cobb Dr. SE STE 150
Marietta, GA 30060-3105

Natural Park Service
Southeast Regional Office
100 Alabama Street, SW
1924 Building
Atlanta, GA 30303

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5440 Fulton Industrial Blvd
Atlanta, Georgia 30336

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206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Attachment 3

Burroughs, JoAnn

From: Lewis, Jonathan <jlewis@AtlantaGa.Gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2015 9:11 AM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Subject: Abandonment Notice for STB Docket No. AB55 (Sub No. 739x)

Ms. Burroughs:

Thank you for notifying me of the proposed abandonment request referenced above. The Department of Planning and Community Development is supportive of this request as it is consistent with the City of Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan and its industrial policy and the city's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, as well as our Project Greenspace Plan and Atlanta BeltLine Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Lewis, AICP
Assistant Director of Planning - Transportation

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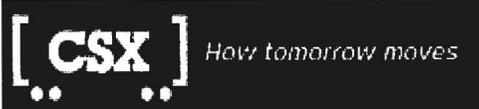
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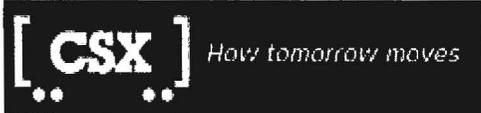
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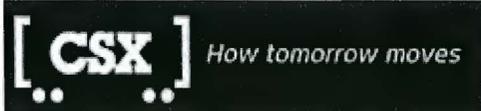
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CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

CSX Transportation, Inc. - Proposed Abandonment - STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 739X)

Agency response (check one):

No Environmental Impact

Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date: 4/30/15

Signature: Dan Wallace

Name: Dan Wallace

Title: GA Resource Inventory Coordinator (USDA NRCS)



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Date: 5-13-15

Signature: Kelie Moore

Name: Kelie Moore

Title: Coastal Resources Division
Federal Consistency coordinator



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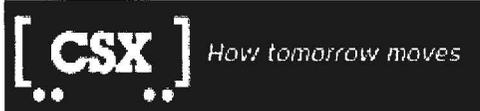
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“Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100 year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.”

Based upon the above described actions, CSXT would appreciate your concurrence in its position that there would be no adverse impact on wetlands or 100-year flood plains, and that no permits under Section 404 will be required.



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National Geodetic Survey
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Please advise if there are any geodetic markers which could be affected by the proposed transaction.

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Enclosures (2)

Burroughs, JoAnn

From: Simon Monroe <simon.monroe@noaa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 4:18 PM
To: Burroughs, JoAnn
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; Lucy Hall; Simon Monroe
Subject: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-55 (SUB NO. 739X)

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for
ATLANTA, Fulton County, GEORGIA.

Approximately 00 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described. These marks may or may not be disturbed.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall
consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) at least 90 days prior to
beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station
marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at

<http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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HISTORIC REPORT CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Historic Report in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 739X) was mailed via first class mail on April 24, 2015, to the following party:

Historic Preservation Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
254 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334



Melanie B. Yasbin
June 11, 2015



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In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a revised Historic Report covering the above-proposed abandonment.

We would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

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HISTORIC REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Atlanta, Fulton, Georgia
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 739X)**

1105.7(e)(1)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSXT proposes to abandon approximately 0.37 miles of its rail line between from Railroad Milepost ###472.27 (near Allene Road) to Railroad Milepost ### 472.64 (near University Ave SW), Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia.

The above referenced 0.37-mile line has not generated any originating or terminating traffic in over 2 years. No new freight rail-oriented business is expected to develop and the line is no longer required for operating purposes.

CSXT will not salvage any materials on this site. Following the consummation of the abandonment the line will be transferred to the developer of the larger Atlanta BeltLine project. The Atlanta BeltLine project is to establish a fixed guideway transit and multi-use trail system in a 22-mile diameter ring encircling Atlanta's urban core.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the opportunity costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

A map which delineates the proposed project is attached. (See Attachments 1)

1105.8(d)

- (1) A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and

sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action.

Attached is a copy of the Northwest Atlanta quadrangle topographic map by the U.S. Department of the Interior and prepared by the CSXT Properties Group.

The line to be abandoned has been identified by a heavy red line with black dashes. (See Attachment 2)

There are no CSXT-owned structures that are 50 years old or older that may be eligible for listing in the National Register that are part of the proposed action.

- (2) A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristic of the surrounding area:**

The right of way width along this right of way is approximately 50 feet from the centerline of track. The rail line traverses a heavily developed urban area between Allene Ave SW and University Ave SW within the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

- (3) Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area:**

Not applicable

- (4) The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known:**

Not applicable.

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This line was the Louisville & Nashville Railroad (LN) connection track to the Atlanta and West Point Railroad Beltline. The LN was

incorporated under special act of Kentucky on March 5, 1850, under special act of Tennessee on December 4, 1851 and under special act of Virginia, on March 30, 1887.

In 1972 The Family Lines was adopted to identify the LN and the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

On November 1, 1980, Seaboard Coast Line Industries Inc. and Chessie System Inc. merged and became CSX Corporation. On December 29, 1982 the merger of The Family Lines' affiliates formed the Seaboard System Railroad Inc., which name was changed on July 1, 1986 to CSX Transportation, Inc.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease.

- (6) **A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic:**

Not applicable.

- (7) **An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities):**

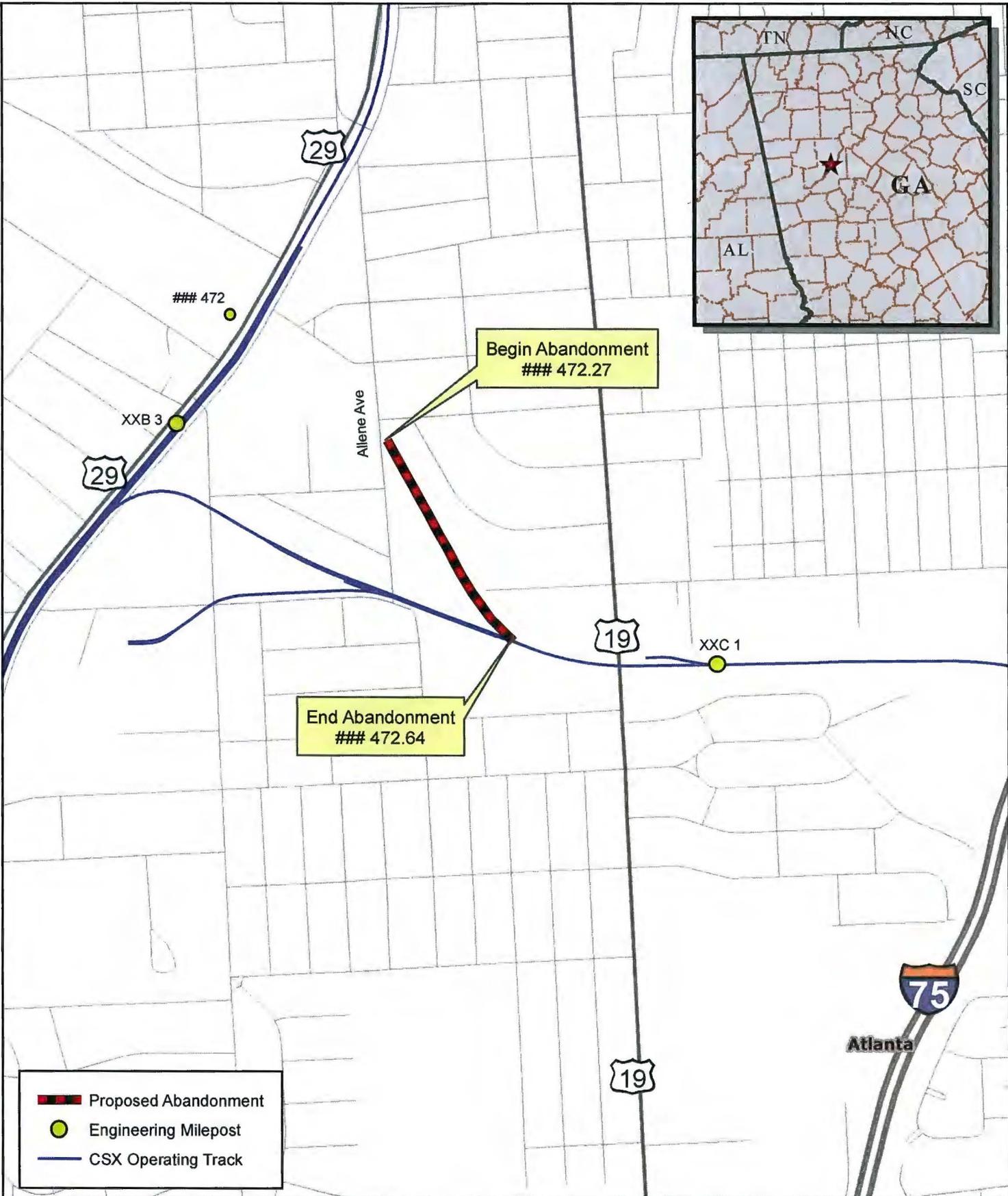
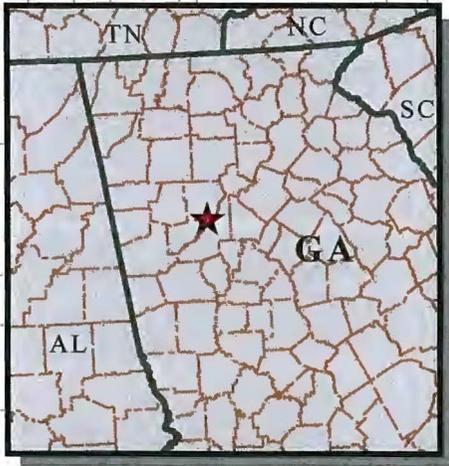
A review of our records indicates there are zero (0) CSXT-owned structures over 50 years old on this line segment that may be eligible for listing in the National Register.

We do not know of any significance or uniqueness to this line that would warrant your consideration, since to our knowledge, it is not associated with any event that has made a contribution to the broad patterns of history; or were not associated with lives of persons significant to our past; do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction; and do not represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction and have not or may not be likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

We do not know of any archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area.

- (8) **A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or man-made) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.**

The line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. Our records do not indicate that any swampy conditions exist, or that any hazardous material spills have occurred within the project area.



-  Proposed Abandonment
-  Engineering Milepost
-  CSX Operating Track



CSX Real Property, Inc.

CSX Transportation, Inc.
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