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October 8, 2015
Via electronic mail

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Office of Proceedings
October 8, 2015
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Public Record

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment
Exemption in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request an additional 180-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the 1.4-mile portion of line that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.90. Pursuant to the November 4, 2014 decision (the "Decision") of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking was extended to October 11, 2015 ("Negotiating Deadline").

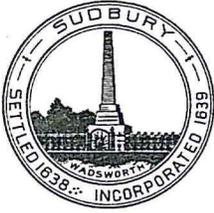
CSXT and the Town wish to continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU and to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement. Most recently, in April of 2015, CSXT re-established communication with the Towns of Sudbury and Framingham and participated in a site walk and follow up meeting with representatives from CSXT, local officials from both Towns, MassDOT representatives and legislative delegates. All in attendance agreed to move forward in a collaborative manner to develop a plan for acquisition of the corridor and the extension of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) along the CSXT corridor. Requesting early acquisition approval for purchase of the corridor was agreed to be a logical first step.

In Sudbury, rail trail proposals at Town Meeting have been supported overwhelmingly time and time again, with over \$320,000 appropriated to date for the BFRT. Additional funds from the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail have been raised. A Project Need Form and Project Initiation Form have been submitted for the project, and the BFRT in Sudbury has been assigned Project #608164.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline for one-year to October 11, 2016. CSXT has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

FILING FEE WAIVED



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The Town is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Parties of Record