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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
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Surface Transportation Board
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1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

RE: **STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 189X)** Union Pacific Railroad Company--Abandonment Exemption--In Eau Claire County, WI -- Petition for Notice of Interim Trail Use

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the City of Eau Claire Wisconsin - Notice of Interim Trail Use."

We are making this application on behalf of the general public. The City of Eau Claire is a local governmental entity and exempt from the filing fee under 49 C.F.R. 1002.2 (e)(1).

Please date stamp and return the duplicate copy of this transmittal letter in the prepaid, return mail envelope for verification of receipt. Thank you.

By my signature below, I certify service upon the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Senior General Attorney, 101 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1920, Chicago, IL 60606.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD



AB-33 (SUB-NO. 189X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY -- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --
IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**CITY OF EAU CLAIRE WISCONSIN
PETITION FOR NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE**

BACKGROUND

On May 14, 2002, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon and discontinue service on a line of railroad known as the Eau Claire Industrial Lead from M.P. 0.00 near Barstow Street to M.P. 1.65 south of Truax Blvd., a distance of 1.65 miles in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin (the "Line"). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP code 54703. There are no agency stations on the Line.

On June 20, 2002, the City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin (CECW) signed a Statement of Willingness to Accept Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29. This statement is for the segment of UP railroad known as the Eau Claire Industrial Lead from M.P. 0.00 near Barstow Street to M.P. 1.65 south of Truax Blvd., a distance of 1.65 miles in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

PURPOSE

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) petitions to obtain a notice of interim trail use for interim highway, bicycle, pedestrian and other trail purposes and railbanking pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 for CECW for specified segments of the right of way

involved in this proceeding. CECW will use or preserve the land corridor and related real property for interim public transportation and recreational purposes (including highway, pedestrian and other trail), subject to restoration for railroad purposes. WisDOT and CECW have agreed to work cooperatively to acquire and use the right of way.

STATE AND CITY RESPONSIBILITIES

CECW is a municipal corporation located within the state of Wisconsin. CECW may acquire property within or outside the city for parks, recreation or any other public purpose. Section 66.22(1), Wis. Stats.

WisDOT is the designated state agency in rail matters in the State of Wisconsin. 49 U.S.C. Appx. § 1654(a) (formerly § 1654(j)), 49 C.F.R. § 266.1 and Ch. 85, Wis. Stats. WisDOT is responsible for all state and federally-aided highway construction and all state and federally-aided airport construction in Wisconsin. Secs. 84.01(2) and 114.32(1) and (5), Wis. Stats. WisDOT has the statutory first right to acquire for present or future transportation, recreational or scenic purposes any property used in operating a railroad that is abandoned in Wisconsin. Sec. 85.09(2), Wis. Stats.

WisDOT has state statutory authority to incorporate trails into the highway right-of-way in sec. 84.06(11), Wis. Stats.:

"(11) State Trails. As a part of any highway improvement or as a separate project under this section, a portion of a hiking trail, cross-country ski trail, bridle trail or bicycle trail under the management of a state agency, municipality or nonprofit may be incorporated into the highway right-of-way, and facilities for safe crossing of the highway may be provided."

CECW and WisDOT need the interim trail use designation to fulfill federal and state transportation and environmental responsibilities.

NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE

WisDOT respectfully requests that the Board provide CECW a notice of interim bicycle, pedestrian and other trail use and rail banking condition to accomplish the above public purposes.

WisDOT is interested in having CECW acquire and use the right of way of the rail line being abandoned for interim bicycle, pedestrian or other trail use and rail banking.

Exhibit 1 consists of a map showing the location of all the needed property in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

Exhibit 2 is the required Statement of Willingness by the City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin to assume full responsibility for management of the property.

CECW acquisition of the corridor for present and future transportation purposes as stated above is consistent with all Congressional purposes and neither abandonment nor discontinuance permitted by the STB conditioned as requested by WisDNR would be inconsistent with or disruptive of potential future rail use.

CONCLUSION

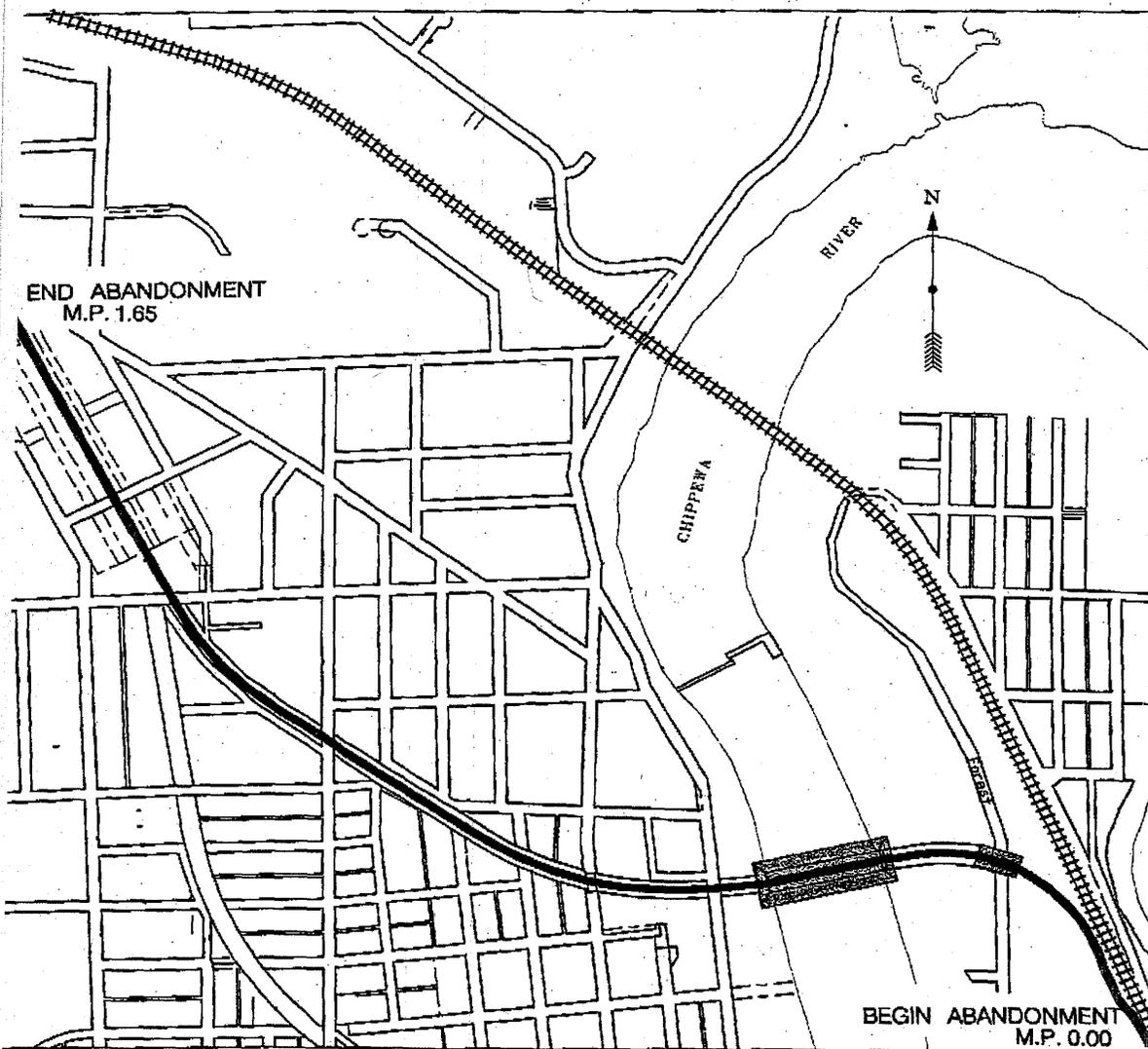
WisDOT respectfully requests the Board to issue a Notice of Interim Trail Use for the land corridor and related real property, including bridge structure, for a line of railroad known as the Eau Claire Industrial Lead from M.P. 0.00 near Barstow Street to M.P. 1.65 south of Truax Blvd., a distance of 1.65 miles in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin for interim trail use and rail banking, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This will allow all forms of transportation to be provided in a unified, interconnected, economically-efficient, and environmentally sound manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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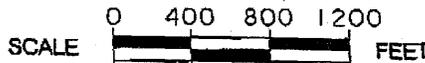
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STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY BY
CITY OF EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
PURSUANT TO 49 CFR 1152.29

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 USC 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29, the city of Eau Claire, Wisconsin (CECW) is willing to assume full responsibility for management of the property it acquires from the present owner and operator, Union Pacific Railroad Company. Upon acquisition CECW is willing to assume full responsibility for its operations on the property and for the payment of any taxes or assessments that thereafter may be lawfully levied against it. The property for which CECW is making this Statement of Willingness is the **entire land corridor and contiguous yard and related real property, including bridge structures**, a line of railroad known as the Eau Claire Industrial Lead from M.P. 0.00 near Barstow Street to M.P. 1.65 south of Truax Blvd., a distance of 1.65 miles in Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

The property CECW intends to acquire is the entire line of railroad proposed for abandonment in this proceeding, Docket No. AB-33 (SUB-NO. 189X). A map depicting the property that is to be acquired by CECW is attached to this pleading as **Exhibit 1**.

CECW acknowledges that use of the property is subject to the CECW's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the property for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on the railroad, Union Pacific Railroad Company on the same date it is being served on the Surface Transportation Board.

City of Eau Claire, Wisconsin (CECW)

Brian G. Amundson
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Director of Public Works
Acting City Manager

6.20.02
Date

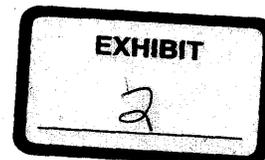
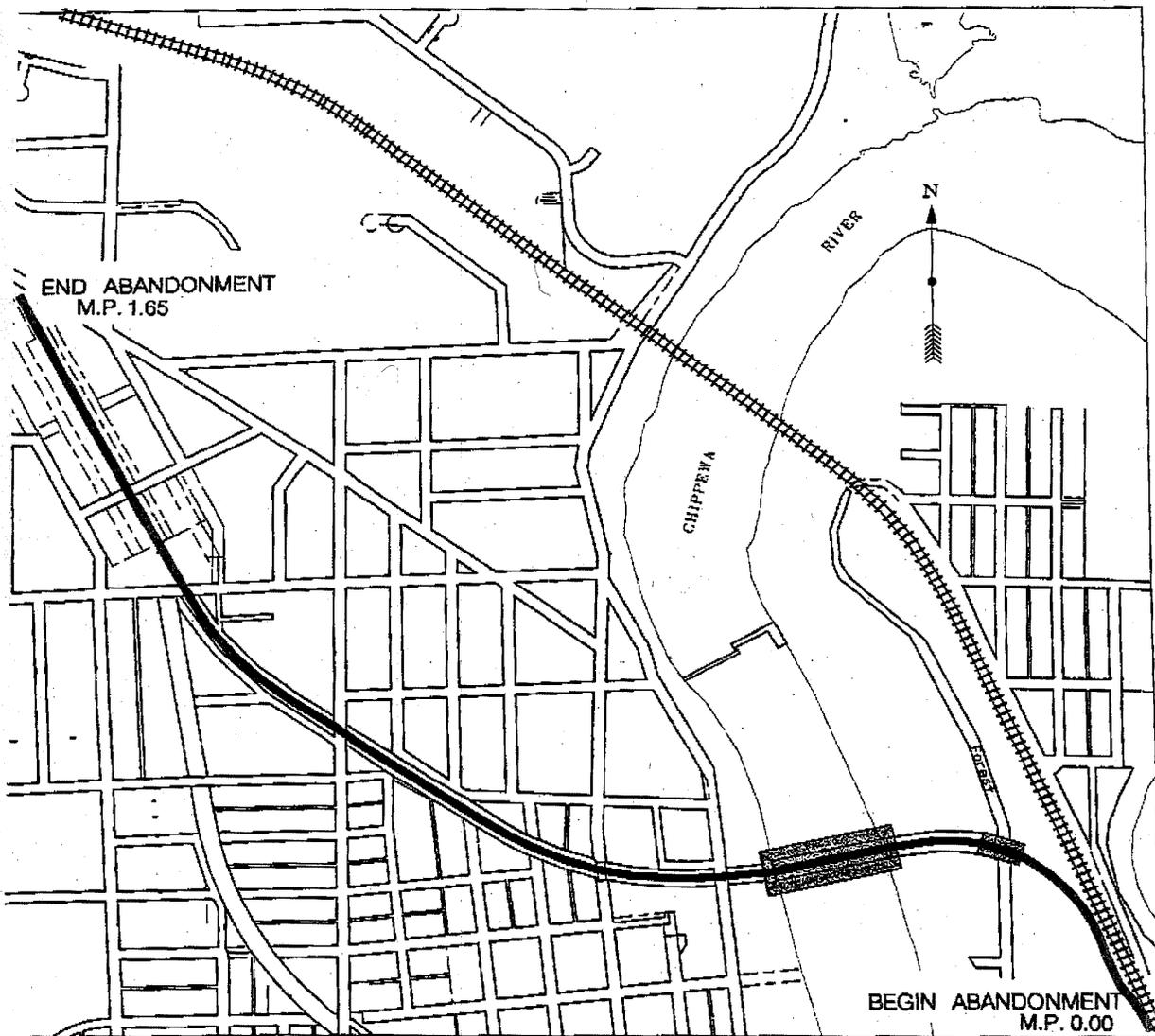


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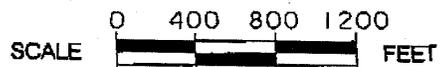


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