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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

RE: 180-Day Interim Trail Use/Railbanking Agreement Extension Request,  
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 170), Union Pacific Railroad Company--Abandonment --in Polk County, IA  
**Action Requested by July 3, 2003**

Dear Mr. Williams:

This letter is to request an additional 180-day extension of the deadline for an interim trail use/railbanking agreement between the City of Des Moines, Iowa (City) and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in the matter of STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 170). The original deadline was January 5, 2003, which was extended by you to July 4, 2003 by Decision dated March 10, 2003. By this letter, I am requesting an additional extension of the deadline to December 30, 2003.

With the UPRR's cooperation, the City is now engaged in an engineering investigation of the feasibility of utilizing the railroad bridge over the Raccoon River for a bike trail, as well as investigating ownership and environmental issues with respect to the remainder of the railroad right-of-way subject to this abandonment proceeding. While the parties expect to complete these investigations expeditiously, we have not been able to conclude those investigations prior to the expiration of the existing CITU on July 4, 2003. We do not anticipate another extension will be necessary.

Please forward your decision regarding this extension to the following parties:

Mr. Don Tripp Director of Parks and Recreation 3226 University Avenue Des Moines, Iowa 50311 Tel. (515) 237-1452	Mr. James P. Gatlin Attorney for Union Pacific Railroad Company 1331 - 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 406 Denver, CO 80202 Tel. (303) 964-4594
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We have discussed this request with the UPRR and they are supportive of an extension. The UPRR will forward a support letter to you under separate cover.



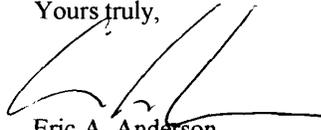
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Please direct questions regarding this request to Mr. Don Tripp, (515) 237-1452.  
Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric A. Anderson  
City Manager

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cc: Mr. James P. Gatlin, Union Pacific Railroad  
Mr. Mack Shumate, Union Pacific Railroad  
Mr. John Herdzina, Union Pacific Railroad  
Mr. Don Tripp, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Mr. John McKee, Acting City Engineer  
Mr. Phil Wageman, Director, City Real Estate Division