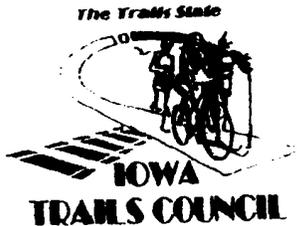


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December 15, 2005

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" St. NW
Washington, D. C., 20423

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is made to AB 33 (225X), which is the proposed abandonment of Union Pacific rail corridor between Mason City and Thornton in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.

We have been granted the right to negotiate to acquire this corridor for the purpose of establishing a trail in an interim period prior to possible reactivation of rail service.

We have not been able to finalize negotiations for this acquisition and therefore are requesting that a second period of 180 days be granted for this purpose. We believe that the Union Pacific Railroad concurs in the granting of this additional time in which to conclude these negotiations.

We are forwarding a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago and are asking them to notify you of this concurrence.

We thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan
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(STB Docket – AB 33 225 X)

**Mason City to Thornton -- Cerro Gordo County (MP 2 to MP 17.4) – 15.4 miles –
Union Pacific**

Environmental and Historical Report filed on December 11, 2004. An exempt
abandonment notice filed on January 4, 2005. Petition for exemption filed February 11,
2004. Request for Trails Use filed by Iowa Trails Council. Petition for exemption
approved June 1, 2005 with trails use negotiation period provided until Jan. 1, 2006.
Tracks and crossings have not been removed.

CROSSINGS AFFECTED BY ABANDONMENT

Mason City (Flint) to Thornton

CERRO GORDO County

UP	CROSSING	MILEPOST	HWYNUM	STREET NAME
	195980A	2.2	B 20	55E50S NW/C
	196376L	2.81	D 35	50E NW/C
	196377T	3.97		99E NW/C 1-95-21
	196378A	5.25	B 43	25E NW/C
	196394J	5.84	S 34	50S NW/C
	196396X	6.43		70E NW/C
	195987X	7.16	S 34	10S NW/C
	195988E	7.4	B 15	85E NW/C
	196398L	7.56		25E NW/C
	196399T	9.65	B 55	80E NW/C
	196402Y	11.7	B 60	40E NW/C
	196403F	11.82		LINCOLN ST.
	201970L	13.07	S 33	35S NW/C
	201975V	14.92	I-35	50E85S NW/C
	201976C	15.23		99S NW/C
	201977J	15.25		99E NW/C
	201979X	16.35	S 25	1ST STREET

2/18/05

(STB Docket – AB 33 213 X)