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Mr Vernon A Williams  
Office of the Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20420

RE: Norfolk Southern "N" line extending from Mike Tucker Park in North Anniston to the Amtrak Station in Anniston

STB Docket No AB290 (Sub No 265x)

Dear Mr Williams

This letter is to respectfully request an additional 180 day negotiating period pursuant to the initial Interim Public Use Request made on behalf of the City of Anniston, Alabama for the purpose of negotiating the acquisition of the Norfolk Southern "N" line which extends approximately 5.1 miles through the City of Anniston, Alabama from Mike Tucker Park in North Anniston to the Amtrak Station in Anniston. The City of Anniston, Alabama is interested in negotiating the acquisition of this corridor for the purpose of pursuing the Rails to Trails project over this area.

By copy of this letter to Mr Alex Rocca and Ms Jani Marie Lipps of Norfolk Southern, we respectfully request their consent or the consent of Norfolk Southern to establish a new 180 day negotiating period.

Please contact me at the above number if you have questions or need additional information regarding this request.

Respectfully,

Hoyt W Howell, Jr  
Mayor

HWHjr/mb

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