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Hon. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1094)A; *Chelsea Property Owners –
Abandonment – Portion of the Consolidated Rail Corporation's West 30th
Street Secondary Track in New York, NY*

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing for filing in this proceeding the following letters from property owners whose properties are encumbered by the High Line, the rail line that is the subject of this proceeding:

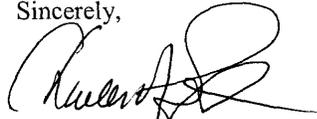
- (1) Letter dated October 13, 2004, from Elizabeth Bradford, General Counsel, New York Convention Center Operating Corporation, that is, the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center of New York. Please note that the last sentence of the second paragraph confirms further the statements made by the City of New York in the Reply of the City of New York to the Reply of 511 West 23rd Street Associates, LLC to CITU Request in Support of Adverse Abandonment Proceeding.
- (2) Letter dated October 20, 2004 from Charles Blaichman, on behalf of the High Line Development LLC.
- (3) Letter dated November 2, 2004, from Stephen J. Zoukis, President, Jamestown Chelsea Market Corp.
- (4) Letter dated October 4, 2004, from Andrew Zabler, Senior Vice President, AB Green Gansevoort, LLC.

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By copy of this letter and its attachments, I am serving all parties of record in this proceeding.

Please date stamp one copy of this cover letter and each of the attached documents, and return to our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Spitulnik
Counsel for the City of New York, NY

cc (w/enclosures): All Parties of Record

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October 13, 2004

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Dear Sir:

I am the General Counsel of the New York Convention Center Operating Corporation ("Javits Center"), the sublessee and operator of property located at Block 679, Lot 1 and Block 707, Lot 1, New York, New York. This is one of the properties encumbered by the Highline. I am writing this letter in conditional support of the application by the City of New York ("City") and the New York State Urban Development Corporation a/k/a the Empire State Development Corporation ("ESDC") to be issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use ("CITU").

We believe that the conversion of the Highline South of 30th Street for public use as a linear public space, public trail, or for other public recreational purpose is an important result that will improve the West Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan and is consistent with the planned expansion of the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, so long as such public recreational use does not extend North of 30th Street. We support the railroad's planned contribution of the Highline structure and easements to the City and ESDC, and the City's planned conversion of the Highline to public use, provided that negotiations currently underway yield an appropriate agreement permitting demolition of the Highline structure over the Javits Center property in order to facilitate its planned development. We understand that such an agreement will require the continued existence of a right of way that connects to the national rail system, and we will negotiate agreements that will permit preservation of such right of way as part of the current negotiations.

Very Truly Yours,

Elizabeth Bradford
General Counsel
New York Convention Center Operating Corp.

High Line Development LLC

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October 20, 2004

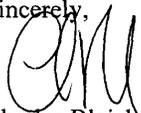
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Dear Sir:

I am the owner of property located at 450 West 14th Street, New York, New York. This is one of the properties encumbered by the Highline. I am writing this letter in support of the application by the City of New York ("City") and the New York State Urban Development Corporation a/k/a the Empire State Development Corporation ("ESDC") to be issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use ("CITU").

We believe that the conversion of the Highline for public use as a linear public space, public trail, or for other public recreational purpose is an important result that will improve the West Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. To that end, we support the application of the City and ESDC for the CITU. In addition, we support the railroad's planned contribution of the Highline structure and easements to the City and ESDC, and the City's planned conversion of the Highline to public use, which we understand are essential to this project. Finally, we believe that the Board has the authority to and may appropriately issue a CITU in the context of an adverse abandonment proceeding.

Sincerely,


Charles Blaichman



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November 2, 2004

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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Dear Sir:

JAMESTOWN Chelsea Market, L.P. ("JT Chelsea") is the owner of property located at 75 9th Avenue, New York, New York. This is one of the properties encumbered by the Highline. I am writing this letter on behalf of JT Chelsea in support of the application by the City of New York ("City") and the New York State Urban Development Corporation a/k/a the Empire State Development Corporation ("ESDC") to be issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use ("CITU"), subject to preservation of all rights and claims we might have as fee owner as a result of the issuance of the CITU if the proposed rezoning of the property in a manner consistent with adjacent property owners whose properties are currently being proposed for rezoning by the Department of City Planning for New York City does not occur.

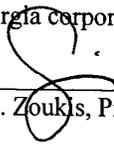
We believe that the conversion of the Highline for public use as a linear public space, public trail, or for other public recreational purpose is an important result that will improve the West Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. To that end, we support the application of the City and ESDC for the CITU. In addition, we support the railroad's planned contribution of the Highline structure and easements to the City and ESDC, and the City's planned conversion of the Highline to public use, which we understand are essential to this project.

Sincerely,

JAMESTOWN Chelsea Market, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership

By: JT Chelsea Market Corp., a Georgia corporation, its general partner

By:


Stephen J. Zoukis, President

AB Green Gansevoort, LLC
c/o HotelsAB
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295 Lafayette Street, Suite 708
New York, New York 10012

October 4, 2004

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Secretary
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Re: The Highline

Dear Sir:

I am the owner of property located at 856 Washington Street, New York, New York. This is one of the properties encumbered by the Highline. I am writing this letter in support of the application by the City of New York ("City") and the New York State Urban Development Corporation a/k/a the Empire State Development Corporation ("ESDC") to be issued a Certificate of Interim Trail Use ("CITU").

We believe that the conversion of the Highline for public use as a linear public space, public trail, or for other public recreational purpose is an important result that will improve the West Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan. To that end, we support the application of the City and ESDC for the CITU. In addition, we support in principal the railroad's planned contribution of the Highline structure and easements to the City and ESDC, and the City's planned conversion of the Highline to public use. Finally, we urge the Board to issue a CITU in the context of an adverse abandonment proceeding.

Very truly yours,



Andrew Zabler
Senior Vice President

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