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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: Soo Line's Support of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Petition for Notice of Interim Trail Use; Petition For Exemption to Abandon Approximately 5.0+/- miles of Rail Line Between Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; STB Docket No.: AB-57 (Sub No. 55X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

I write to inform you that Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway Company ("Soo Line"), fully supports the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WDOT) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR) Petition for Notice of Interim Trail Use, dated November 24, 2004. Yesterday, this support was confirmed in a telephone conference with Allyn Lepeska, the attorney for WDOT, and myself, at Soo Line's request. In addition, Soo Line is already in discussions with WDOT and WDNR regarding the proposed trail use.

Further, Vicki Schaefer, a Railroad Property Specialist with WDOT, informed us that there is a great deal of excitement about this new trail from the State, the City of Milwaukee, and Milwaukee County, among others. We understand Soo Line is pleased that the West Allis abandonment could lead to such a positive outcome through the Rails-to-Trails program.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (612) 335-7082. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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