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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423



RE: Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 14X), *Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc.*
Abandonment Exemption—in Kent, Ionia and Montcalm Counties, MI

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility filed by the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition. Also enclosed is a check for the filing fee of \$200.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and the Statement and return them in the enclosed stamped envelop. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call 989 427-5555 or email me ckane@cmsinter.net.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Carolyn Kane'.

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 14X)



MID-MICHIGAN RAILROAD, INC.—ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION
IN KENT, IONIA AND MONTCALM COUNTIES, MI

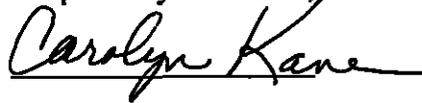
STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. §1247(d) and 49 CFR §1152.29, West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition (“WMTGC”) is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of, and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned and operated by Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. (“MMRR”). The property, known as Lowell to Greenville Line, extends from railroad milepost 103.20 near Lowell, to railroad milepost 81.32, near Greenville, a distance of 21.88 miles in Kent, Ionia and Montcalm Counties, MI. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB-364 (Sub-No. 14X).

A map of the property depicting the right-of-way is attached.

WMTGC acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on the MMRR on the same date it is being served on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Kane, WMTGC Project Coordinator