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Jackson County Executive

November 8, 2019

Allison C. Davis
Director, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB 33 (Sub No. 342X)
Union Pacific Railroad Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Jackson County,
Missouri

Dear Ms. Davis:

This comment is filed on behalf of Jackson County, Missouri, doing business as Rock Island Rail Corridor Authority (“Jackson County”).

As noted in the joint petition for exemption authority filed by Union Pacific Railroad Company (“Union Pacific”) and Jackson County on October 4, 2019, Union Pacific and Jackson County do not plan to consummate the abandonment of the subject line (the “Line”). Instead, Jackson County intends to use the Line for rail banking and interim trail use.

Accordingly, Jackson County makes the following:

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 with respect to the Line, Jackson County is willing to assume full responsibility for: (1) Managing the right-of-way, (2) any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of the right-of-way, and (3) the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right of way. The property extends from railroad milepost 288.3 to railroad milepost 270.6, a distance of 17.7 miles in Jackson County, Missouri. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB 33 (Sub-No. 342X). A map of the property depicting the Line is attached.

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Jackson County acknowledges that use of the Line is subject to 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 Union Pacific on the same date it is being served on the Board.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad Company care of Jeremy Berman at 1400 Douglas Street, Mail Stop 1690, Omaha, Nebraska 68179-1690 by U.S. mail, first class and email on this day, November 8, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank White, Jr.
Jackson County Executive

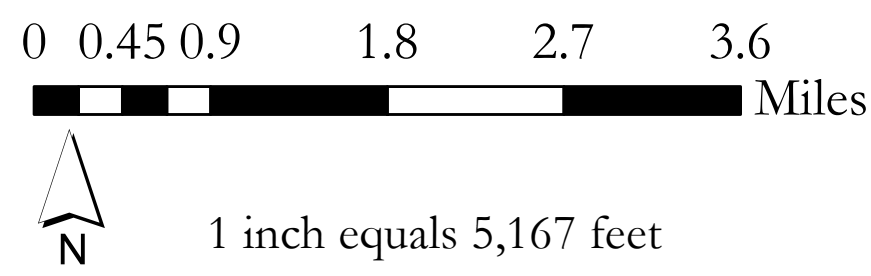
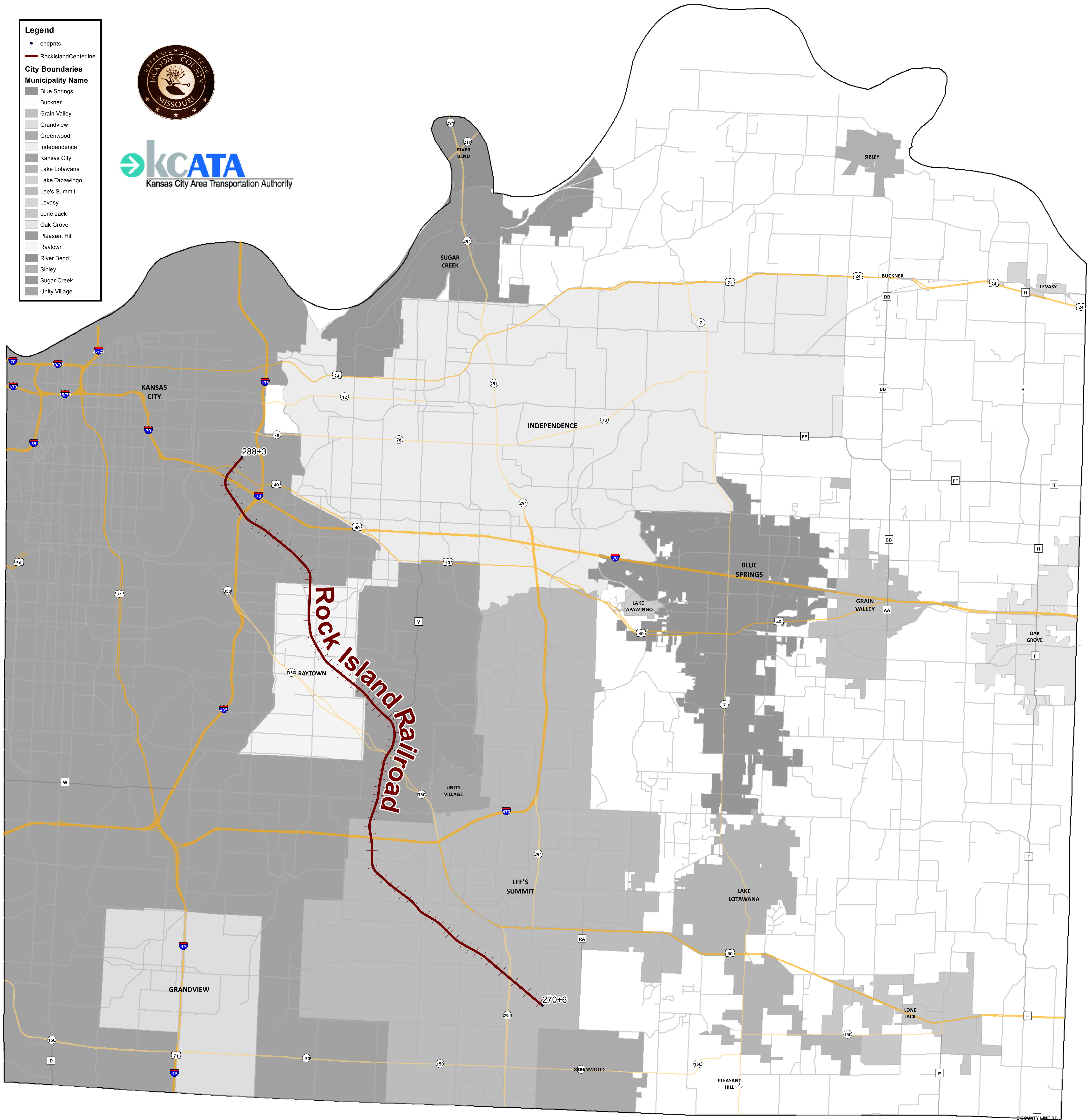
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City Boundaries

Municipality Name

- Blue Springs
- Buckner
- Grain Valley
- Grandview
- Greenwood
- Independence
- Kansas City
- Lake Lotawana
- Lake Tapawingo
- Lee's Summit
- Levasy
- Lone Jack
- Oak Grove
- Pleasant Hill
- Raytown
- River Bend
- Sibley
- Sugar Creek
- Unity Village



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September 29, 2015

DISCLAIMER: These maps are NOT SURVEY ACCURATE.
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Certificate of Service

I, Carolyn Kraska, hereby certify that on November 8, 2019, a true and correct copy of Jackson County's request for trail use was sent via electronic mail to the following:

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Kansas City, MO 64106
jamesfrank@communityoversightservices.org

Jeremy Berman
Union Pacific Railroad Company
1400 Douglas Street
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jmberman@up.com

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Kraska", is written over a horizontal line.

Carolyn G. Kraska