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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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Re: STB Docket Nos. 36186 and 36186 (Sub-No.1)

Dear Chairman Begeman and Board Members Fuchs and Oberman:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) promptly issue final decisions as soon as possible in the above referenced proceedings involving Texas Railway Exchange LLC's (TREX) proposed construction of a new common carrier line between BNSF Railway Company and Texas International Terminals. This project represents a significant private sector investment for the region and my congressional district.

On March 17, 2019, I wrote to the STB in support of TREX's proposed construction and crossing, and I requested that the Board promptly review the petitions without delay. I understand that STB's Office of Environmental Analysis issued a Final Environmental Assessment on May 2, 2019, finding no significant environmental impacts. While I also understand the parties discussed possible routing alterations, those discussions resulted in no project changes, and on November 7, 2019, TREX requested that STB expeditiously enter orders granting its petitions.

TREX has now been awaiting your decision to proceed with its unopposed project for almost two months. Since the environmental review is complete, there is no opposition, and there is a demonstrated substantial need for the project, I urge you to promptly issue final decisions no later than January 31, 2020, to ensure timely construction and project completion by late spring.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

Randy K. Weber
Member of Congress