



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Department of Mobility and Infrastructure

William Peduto, Mayor

Karina Ricks, Director

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January 10, 2020

Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Selection Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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**RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 793X), CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment
Exemption in Allegheny County, PA;**

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (the “City”) to request an additional 365-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., (CSXT), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 0.85 mile rail line on the River Branch, Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision between Val. Sta. 40+75 and Val. Sta. 85+76, the end of the line, in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA. Pursuant to the August 9, 2019 decision, the trail use negotiating period is set to expire on February 5, 2020 (the “Negotiating Deadline”).

The City wishes to continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU and to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement with CSXT. The City is currently conducting a title search of the property and intends to undertake a boundary survey and an appraisal in the upcoming months.

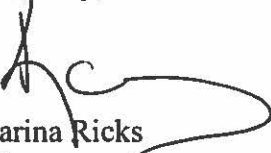
The City respectfully requests an extension of the negotiating deadline for 365-days to February 5, 2021.

In addition, the City respectfully requests a waiver of the Board’s filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1) as the City is a local government entity. The City is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

By my signature below, I certify service upon CSX Transportation, Inc., by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class on January 10, 2020.

FILING FEE WAIVED

Sincerely,



Karina Ricks
Director

CC:

Catherine Adkins – CSX Transportation, Inc.
Friends of the Riverfront
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald
Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh
District 7 Councilwoman Deb Gross
Riverlife