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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

**RE: Union Pacific Railroad Company
Abandonment of St Charles, IL Lead
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 284X)
Petition for Interim Trail Use**

Dear Chief Brown:

On July 9th, 2010, the City of St Charles, IL, the County of Kane, Forest Preserve District of Kane County, and the St Charles Park District jointly filed a request for Public Use Condition and a request for Interim Trail Use Condition (NITU) for approximately 3.17 miles of railroad between milepost 35.13 and milepost 38.3 near St Charles, IL. By order dated September 21, 2011, the Board granted the request to implement interim trail use negotiations as specifically set forth in the order, for a period of 180 days commencing from September 21, 2011, and ending on March 21, 2012. This request has been extended and updated from time to time since 2012.

The City of St Charles, IL wishes to continue to work with local partner jurisdictions to compile specific information in efforts to satisfy our negotiating needs, and has been in direct contact with Union Pacific; however, we do not believe that the parties will be able to finalize negotiations by the end date of the order. Therefore, the City respectfully requests the Board to grant a 360 day extension until February 15, 2021 or such time so indicated by the Board.

Enclosed please find the original and ten (10) copies of this letter. Also, it is my understanding that the filing fee of \$450.00 is waived for Government Agencies requesting extension of NITU negotiations as to STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 284X)

FILING FEE WAIVED

RAYMOND P. ROGINA *Mayor*

MARK KOENEN, P.E. *City Administrator*

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Union Pacific Railroad Company. Please time and date stamp a copy of this letter and return it with the self-addressed stamped envelope.

We are also sending a copy to Union Pacific Railroad Company, by US Mail, postage prepaid, first class, on this 12th day of February, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and please contact me should you have and questions or concerns.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter Suhr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Suhr" clearly distinguishable.

Peter Suhr
Director of Public Works, City of St Charles, IL

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Monica Meyers, Director- Kane County Forest Preserve
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February 11, 2019

Mr. Peter Suhr
Public Works Director
City of St. Charles
2 E. Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60175

Dear Mr. Suhr,

I wanted to provide you a brief update on where our agency is at in our initiative to acquire the parcels of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) property for the purpose of developing a bike path, trail linkages and pedestrian plazas. In the summer of 2018, the St. Charles Park District applied for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant to fund the acquisition of the UPRR parcels between Randall Road and the Fox River. We were notified in January 2019 that we have been awarded the grant for \$473,600 for UPRR land acquisition. We have had the property appraised and are beginning negotiations with the UPRR shortly in addition to soliciting professional services for Phase I engineering. The Forest Preserve District of Kane County is in active negotiations for the portion west of Randall Road their agency has identified as a potential acquisition. We are allowing that to be finalized and will follow their lead immediately following.

I have attached an exhibit that outlines the current scope of our project. We look forward to bringing this amenity to St. Charles and working with our community partners to make it a reality. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Laura M. Rudow

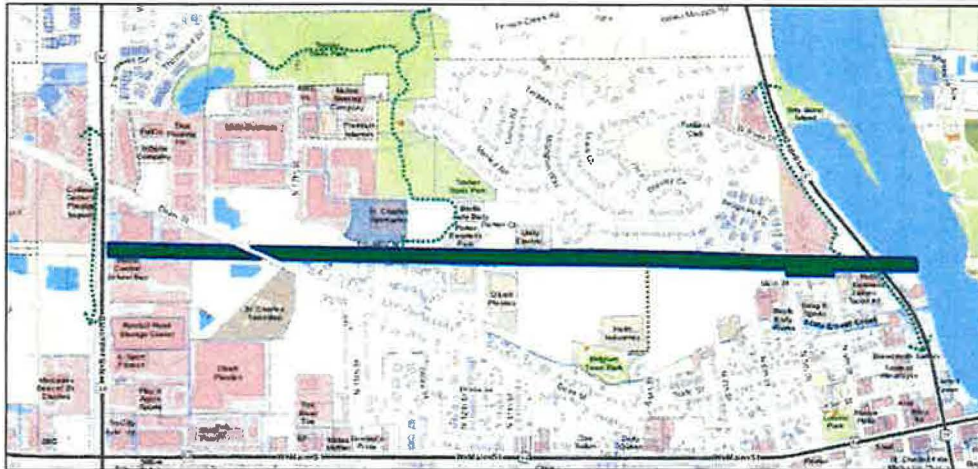
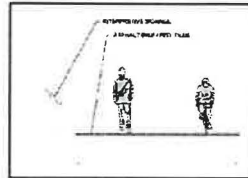
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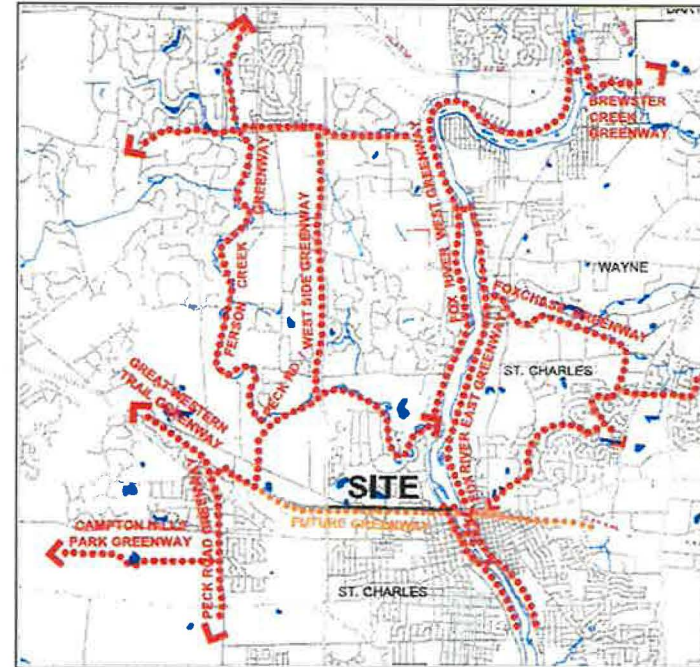
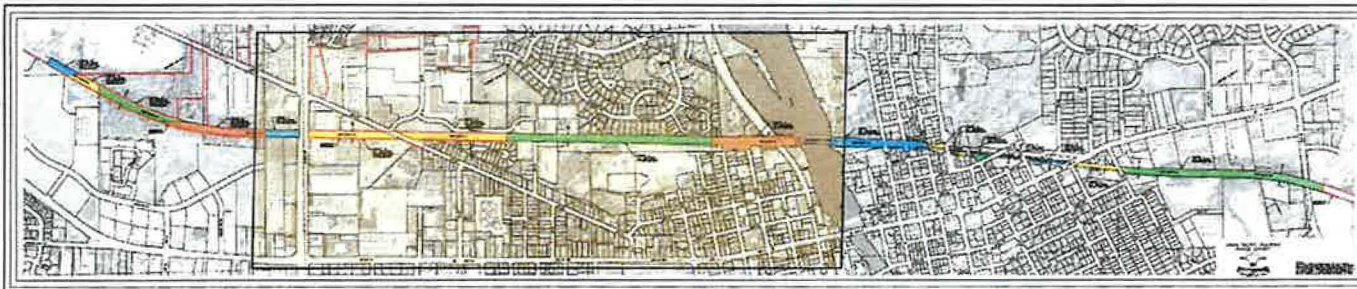
Bike & Pedestrian Trail -- Acquisition & Development Plan

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD PARCEL

Randall Road to the Fox River



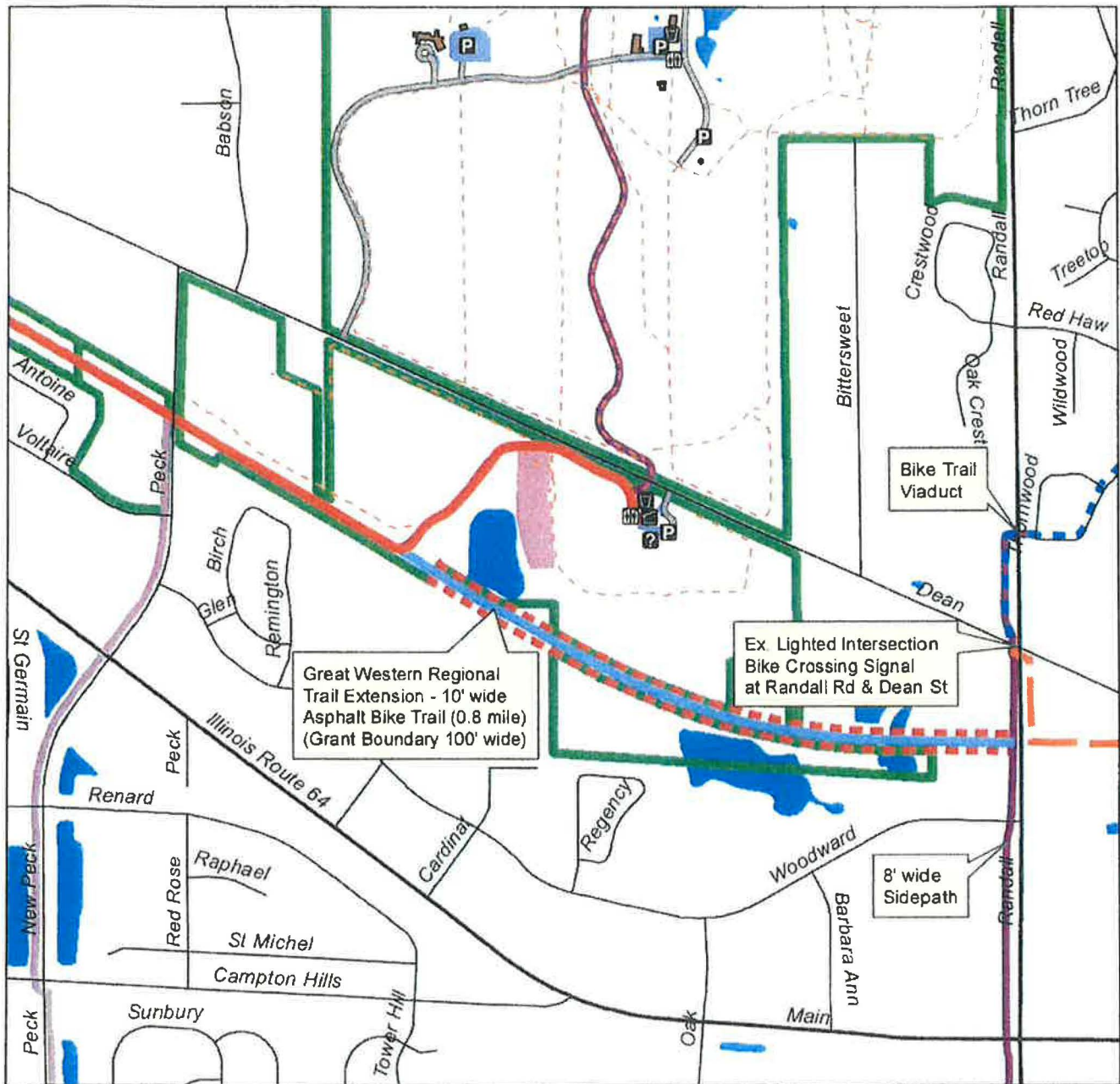
Phase 1 Project Limits



04/23/18



2017 Grant - Site Development Plan Great Western Regional Trail Extension-Acquisition



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Legend

- Information
- Parking
- Shelter
- Restroom
- Water
- Road
- Major Road
- Forest Preserve Road
- Grant Boundary
- Forest Preserve
- Structure-Existing
- Illinois Nature Preserve
- Open Water

Trail Information

- Forest Preserve Internal Trail
- Great Western Trail
- GREAT WESTERN TRAIL EXTENSION
- LeRoy Oakes to Wildrose Trail (On street)
- Great Western Trail Extension Future SIC-PD
- Peck Road Trail / Mid County Trail
- Randall Road Trail



2/24/17



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February 12, 2020

Mr. Peter Suhr
Director of Public Works
City of St. Charles
2 E. Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174-1984

Re: Great Western Trail Extension at Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve

Dear Mr. Suhr:

Per your request, the following is an update regarding the active Great Western Trail Extension Project at the Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve.

Our February 27, 2019 update indicated the District had acquired an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) CMAQ grant for the purposes of assisting in the costs to acquire the necessary 8 acres of land currently owned by Union Pacific Railroad between the Leroy Oakes Forest Preserve to Randall Road as well as phase II (final design/land acquisition/bid documents), phase III (construction oversight) and construction. As required by the grant, the District had budgeted the funding for its grant match. Additionally, the District had completed Phase I engineering and secured the contract for Phase II engineering services; with both under review with IDOT.

Our August 8, 2019 update noted that the District had received approval from IDOT on the completed Phase I engineering review and IDOT was in the process of reviewing the Phase II engineering contract.

To date, the District has received approval from IDOT for the Phase II engineering contract. Engineering is currently underway and scheduled to be completed in 2021. Bid letting and construction are anticipated immediately thereafter in 2021 through IDOT's letting process and schedule.

Please contact me at 630-232-5981 or meyersmonica@kaneforest.com should you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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Monica A. Meyers
Executive Director