

NARPO is requesting the STB to deny any extension to the NITU in AB 33-284X.

AB 33-284X Trail Use (NITU) request has been ongoing since March 2011, nearly 9 years. The STB rules only allow NITU extensions for a maximum of 3 years after the initial NITU unless "extraordinary reason" are put forth by the NITU extension requestor. The reasons put forth by the City of St. Charles, Illinois are not extraordinary. They are the same reasons mentioned in the previous 18 NITU extension requests.

The new STB rules that became effective on February 2, 2020 on NITU extensions should not allow any more extensions for this NITU. The City of St. Charles has had 9 years to plan and execute a Trail Use Agreement with UP Railroad. Their time is up and UP should consummate the abandonment or do another complete Petition for Abandonment through the STB.

NARPO has attempted to serve the parties of record, but numerous parties of record have no email address or they are not at the addresses listed in the STB records. The current mayor of St. Charles, the Public Works Director, Laura Ludow of STC Parks and Jeremy Berman have been served.

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