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The Honorable Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Proceedings
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE
CITY OF YELM, OWNER AND SPONSOR
IN ACCORDANCE WITH CFR 49.1152.29.**

Re: Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service on the Yelm Prairie Line from mileposts 20.99, near Roy, Washington and railroad milepost 25.56 within Yelm, Washington;
STB Docket: AB-1295 (Sub-No.0X)

Dear Ms. Brown:

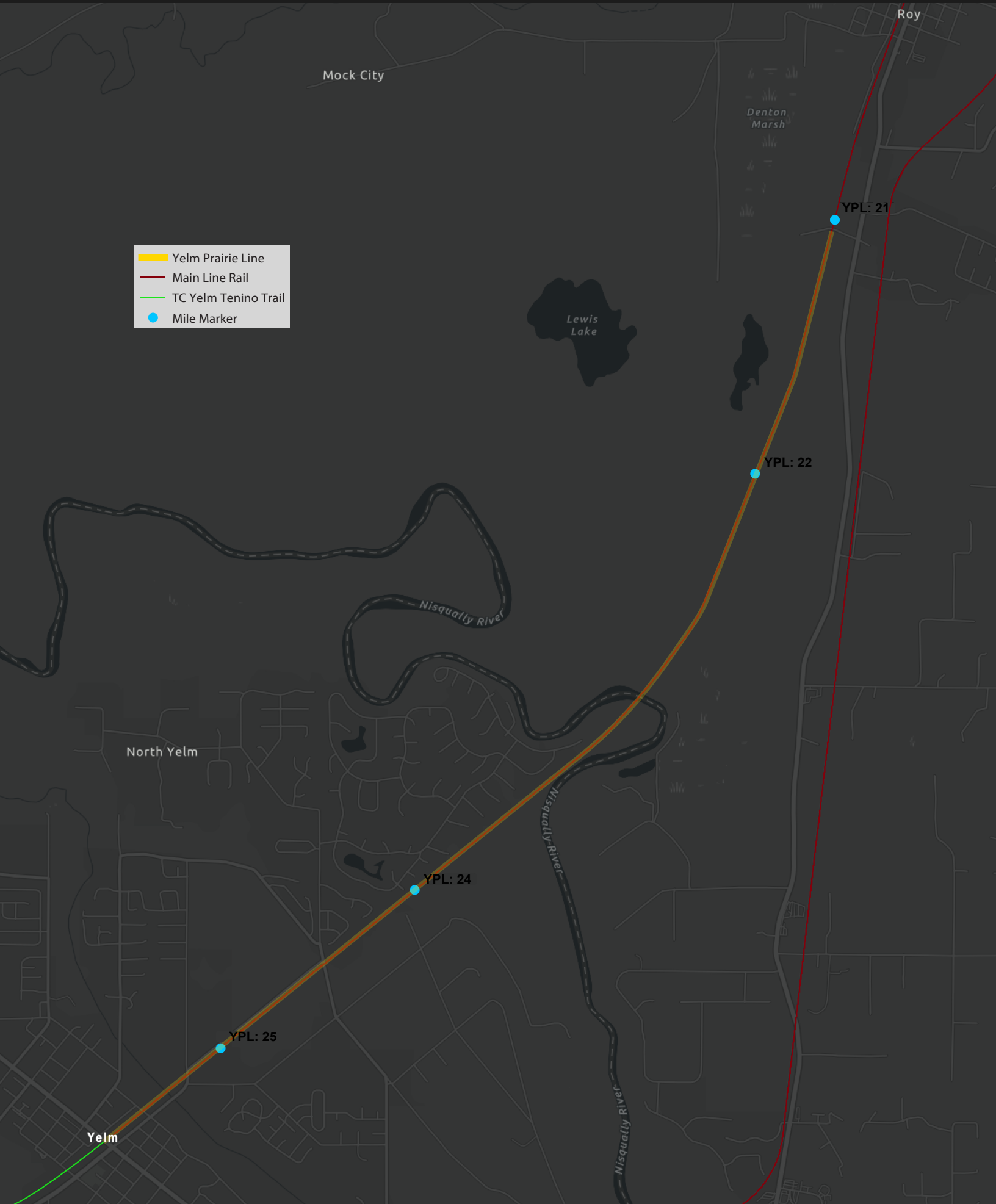
The City of Yelm as owner and operator, has entered into a trail use agreement (the "Trail Use Agreement") covering the rail line the runs an approximately 4.57-mile between mileposts 20.99, near Roy, Washington and railroad milepost 25.56 within Yelm, Washington which traverses through Thurston and Lewis County, Washington ("the Line"). Attached, as **Exhibit A**, and made part hereof, is a map depicting an accurate description of the Line that is the subject of said Trail Use Agreement. In accordance with the requirement of 49 C.F.R. 1152.29(d)(2), (h), the City, as sponsor, has executed a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and is hereby made part hereof.

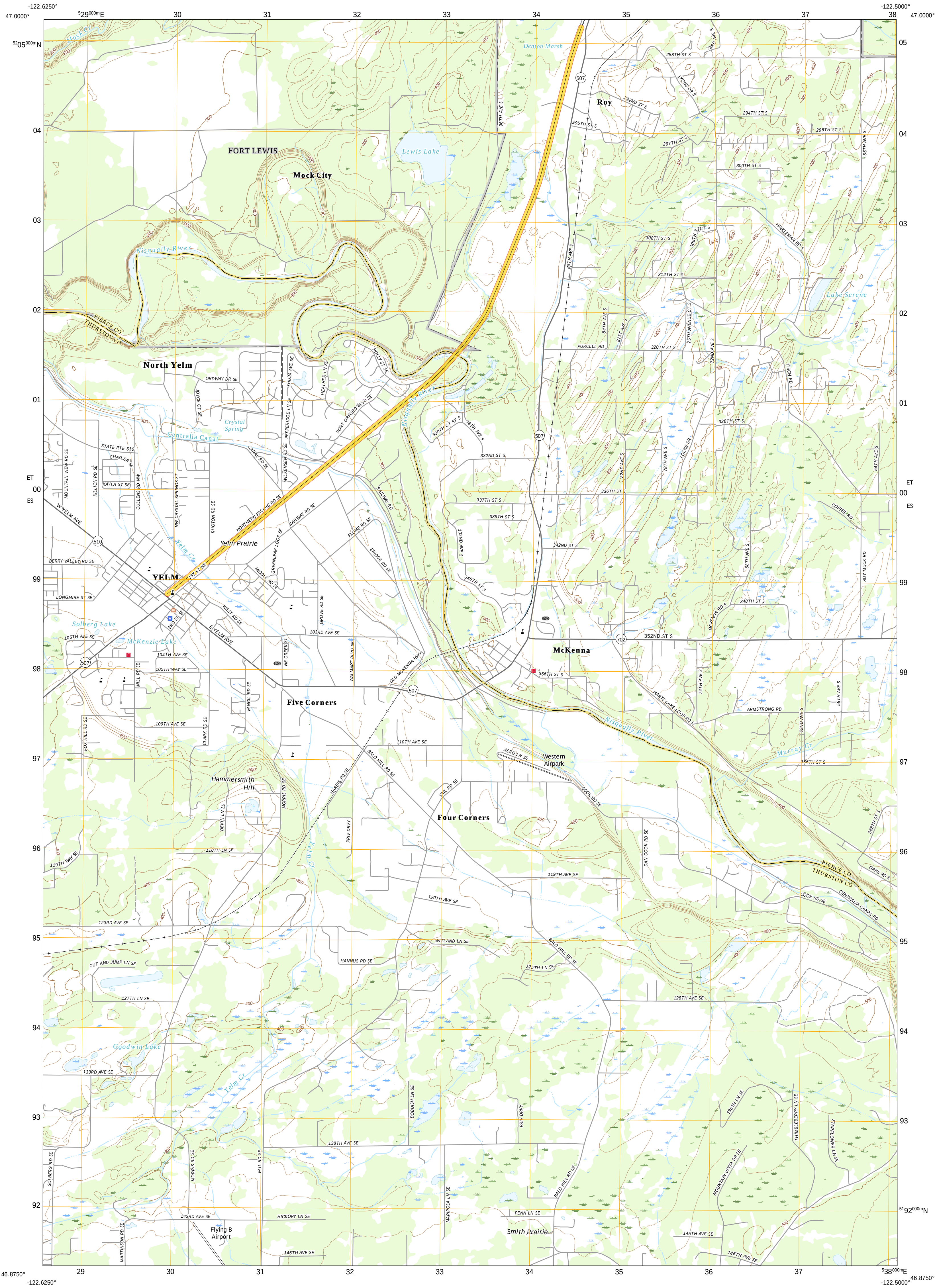
Very truly yours,

Brent F. Dille
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Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

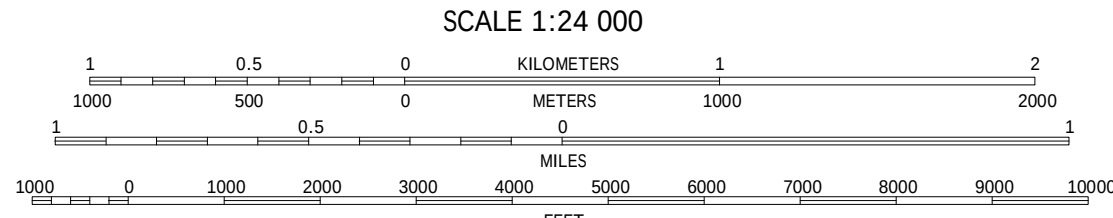
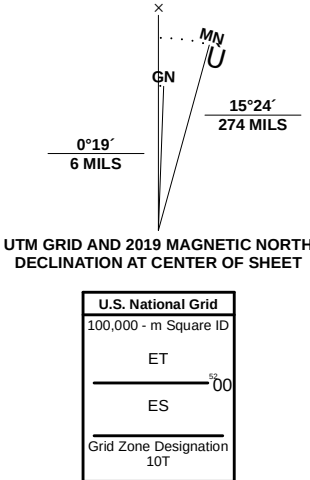




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Imagery.....NAIP, August 2015 - November 2015
Roads.....U.S. Census Bureau, 2016
Names.....GNIS, 1979 - 2019
Hydrography.....National Hydrography Dataset, 2004 - 2019
Contours.....National Elevation Dataset, 1999 - 2018
Boundaries.....Multiscale file, 2017 - 2018
Public Land Survey System.....BLM, 2019
Wetlands.....FWS National Wetlands Inventory 1980 - 1981



1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

1 Nisqually
2 Port Lewis
3 Spanaway
4 Tanasquon Prairie
5 Harts Lake
6 Vail
7 Lake Lawrence
8 Bald Hill

ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Expressway	Local Connector
Secondary Hwy	Local Road
Ramp	4WD
Interstate Route	US Route
	State Route

Proposed Abandonment

MCKENNA, WA
2020

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988
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Rail Line Abandonment | City of Yelm

LEGEND

CITY BOUNDARIES

- Urban Growth Area (UGA)
- City Limits
- County Limits

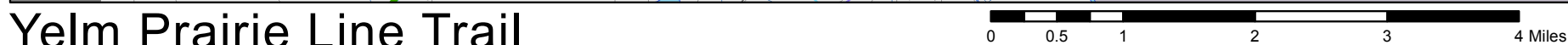
Environmental Designations

- WA State Route - 510
- TRMW Class III Shortline
- SR-510 Yelm Loop ROW
- Yelm Prairie Line ROW
- TC Yelm-Tenino Trail ROW
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Nisqually Land Trust
- DNR Managed Lands
- Rivers & Streams

The 1999 City of Yelm segment acquisition runs 4.57 miles from its southern junction with the TC Yelm Tenino Trail to the northern boundary of parcel 0217044009 (directly south of the 293rd Street crossing in Roy Washington).

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 1.25 1.5 Miles





Existing Bike Routes

- Trail, Shared Use, Existing
- Trail, Shared Use, Planned
- Trail, Shared Use, Proposed
- Route, On Street, Planned
- On Street Facilities, Proposed
- Featured Trail on Map
- Bike Lane
- Wide Shoulder
- Commonly Used Local Roads
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Connection
- Active Railroad
- Local Streets

-  Schools
 Libraries
 Trail Heads
-  Nisqually Indian Reservation
 Urban Growth Areas
 Parks, Preserves, and Open Space
 Department of Defense Lands
 Unincorporated Thurston County



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EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

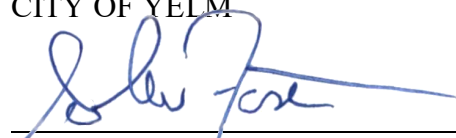
In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U. S. C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29 with respect to the right-of-way owned and operated by City of Yelm, the City of Yelm, as sponsor is willing to assume full responsibility for: (1) managing the right-of-way, (2) any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use the right-of-way (unless the sponsor is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and (3) the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way. The property known as the Northern Pacific railway-Prairie Line, approximately 4.57-mile rail line that runs between mileposts 20.99, near Roy, Washington and railroad milepost 25.56 within Yelm, Washington which traverses through Thurston and Lewis County, Washington. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB-1295X. A map of the property depicting the right-of-way is attached hereto.

The City acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to its obligation to meet its responsibilities as sponsor described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2020.

SPONSOR

CITY OF YELM



J.W. Foster, Mayor