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Re: State Highway 41 UPRR "Feeley" Industrial Spur Abandonment

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The City of Coeur d'Alene highly supports abandonment of the Union Pacific Railroad Coeur d'Alene Industrial "Feeley" Spur to accommodate the State Highway 41 expansion project. These enhancements will improve safety, corridor functionality and reduce delay to commercial freight movements as well as local and commuter traffic.

The City is in favor of the abandonment of the industrial spur which would remove four at grade public rail crossings including one that traverses the SH 41 corridor project between Prairie Avenue and Lancaster Rd., the project limits, as well as the at-grade crossings at Prairie Avenue, Meyer Rd., one private crossing, and three future public at-grade rail crossings upon build-out of the local road system proposed by the City of Post Falls.

Abandonment of the "Feeley" Spur would also allow for further the expansion of Prairie Avenue, which is currently on the National Highway System (NHS) register servicing east/west users between Post Falls and US 95 in Coeur d'Alene/Hayden, as well as continuation of the Prairie Trail Shared Use Path System which starts in Coeur d'Alene and runs northwest four miles across town linking parks, schools, neighborhoods and businesses ending at Huetter Road, along the same "Feeley" Spur railroad grade we are in support of UPRR abandoning.

Approval to abandon the industrial lead is crucial to the functionality of the highway system and critical to the multi-modal transportation plan envisioned by the Department, Federal Highway Administration, MPO, Cities and local road authorities.

The department respectfully requests that the Surface Transportation Board take this critical abandonment into consideration as well as expedite the process for purposes of the construction of the state highway system on this critical freight corridor. If I can be of further assistance in making this necessary abandonment, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Bosley
City Engineer
City of Coeur d'Alene



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I certify that I have, on September 24, 2020, served copies of this Petition for Reconsideration on all parties of record in this proceeding.

William J. Roberson
Idaho Transportation Department
Program Manager

Idaho Transportation Department and our partners are in support of the abandonment of the CDA Industrial Lead in-light of the expansion of the State Highway 41 and Prairie Ave. The department respectfully requests your consideration as well as an expeditious resolution in this matter.
