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AB 33 (Sub-No. 346X)

Gabriel S. Meyer
Surface Transportation Board

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Re: Idaho State Highway 41 Union Pacific Railroad "Feeley" Industrial Spur Abandonment

Dear Mr. Meyer:

The Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO) has been very involved in the Idaho Transportation Department's efforts to make significant highway improvements to State Highway 41 located in Kootenai County, Idaho. KMPO developed the SH-41 Highway Corridor Plan in collaboration with the Idaho Transportation Department, Local jurisdictions, local highway districts, and the community at-large. The current improvements on SH-41 and Prairie Avenue were derived from this plan. The lack of traffic on the "Feeley Spur and the high cost associated with upgrading two at-grade crossings makes this abandonment sensible and cost effective for both UPRR and the traveling public. As a result, KMPO highly supports abandonment of the Union Pacific Railroad's Coeur D'Alene Industrial "Feeley" Spur to accommodate the State Highway 41 expansion project as well as the programmed expansion of Prairie Avenue. These enhancements will improve safety, corridor functionality, reduced annual maintenance costs and provide more efficient movement for commercial freight movements as well as local and commuter traffic.

The Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization respectfully requests that the Surface Transportation Board take this 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 completing this locally supported abandonment, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Glenn F. Miles
Executive Director
Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization

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I certify that I have, on September 25, 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.
