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January 21, 2021
Via electronic mail

Cynthia T. Brown
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Office of Proceedings
January 21, 2021
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Public Record

Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 793X), CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – in Allegheny County, PA;

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (the "City") to request an additional 365-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., (CSXT), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 0.85 mile rail line on the River Branch, Baltimore Division, P&W Subdivision between Val. Sta. 40+75 and Val. Sta. 85+76, the end of the line, in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA. Pursuant to the February 14, 2020 decision 50137, the trail use negotiating period is set to expire on February 5, 2021 (the "Negotiating Deadline").

The City wishes to continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU and to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement with CSXT. The City has completed the title search and boundary survey and is currently in the process of conducting an appraisal.

The City respectfully requests an extension of the negotiating deadline for 365-days to February 4, 2022.

In addition, the City respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1) as the City is a local government entity. The City is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

By my signature below, I certify service upon CSX Transportation, Inc., by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class on January 21, 2021.

Sincerely,

Karina Ricks, Director
Department of Mobility and Infrastructure
City of Pittsburgh

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Damien D'Anna – CSX Transportation, Inc.

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