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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC 20423**

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Docket No. AB 122 (Sub-No. 2X)

**Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis – Abandonment Exemption –
in St. Louis County, Mo.**

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has expired in this:

(X) Notice of Exemption () Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

() **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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In this proceeding, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis (TRRA) filed a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) under 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50 seeking exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. § 10903 in connection with the abandonment of a line of railroad in St. Louis County, Missouri. The rail line proposed for abandonment extends approximately 0.1 miles from milepost 0.7 near Bodine Industrial Drive to milepost 0.8 at the end of the track (the Line). The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served a Draft EA for this proceeding on August 20, 2021 for public review and comment. In the Draft EA, OEA recommended one environmental condition and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

Comments on the Draft EA

In the Draft EA, OEA concluded that the proposed abandonment would have no effect on historical properties that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register), pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act at 36 C.F.R. § 800.4(d)(1). To give the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) sufficient time to comment on OEA's finding, the Draft EA recommended that the Board impose a condition that would bar TRRA from consummating the proposed abandonment until the Section 106 process has been completed.

By phone and by email to TRRA's attorney on September 9, 2021, the SHPO informed OEA of the SHPO's concurrence with OEA's finding of no historic properties affected. Accordingly, the Section 106 condition previously recommended in the Draft EA is not necessary, and OEA is no longer recommending that the Board impose the condition. The documentation for OEA's finding of no historic properties affected, as specified at 36 C.F.R. §

800.11(d), consists of the TRRA's historic report, all relevant correspondence, the Draft EA, and this Final EA, which have been provided to the SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website at www.stb.gov.

Conclusions

The Draft EA comment period has ended, and no conditions are recommended by OEA. Accordingly, OEA believes that the proposed action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

By the Board, Danielle Gosselin, Acting Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.