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Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 10:04 AM
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Cc: Assenza, Adam; Phoebus, Elizabeth (Betsi)
Subject: RE: UP Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Alternatives - Input Requested

Mr. McCormick,

Thank you very much for your input, it is very helpful and we appreciate the prompt reply. We will reach out to you and Mr. Pike if we have further questions as we move through our environmental review.

Thank you,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: UP Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Alternatives - Input Requested

Good afternoon,

There are some regulatory requirements that should be considered while this project is in the planning stages.

1. The Arizona Corporation Commission requires a filing, a hearing, and then renders a formal decision regarding establishment or modification any public rail/road crossing, including at grade or grade separated.
2. The timeline for such a hearing and decision is conservatively estimated at 90 to 180 days. Beyond getting all parties in alignment regarding the safety aspects of the project, another constraint to be mindful of is getting the docketed item on the hearing schedule. Hearings are scheduled up to 180 days out.

We have some additional concerns, mainly related to what appears to be an increasing frequency grade crossings blocked for an excessively long period of time due to changing operating philosophy on the part of the Union Pacific. Blocking grade crossings for excessive periods of time can post safety risks for local citizens including delayed emergency response etc.

I'm copying our Grade Crossing Sr Inspector, Jason Pike. He is the primary contact for grade crossing inspection, modification, and establishment. He has already established contact with most of the parties involved in this project. I will also be involved with any operating issues.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We look forward to helping bring a productive and safe project to fruition.

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Subject: UP Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Alternatives - Input Requested

Hello Mr. McCormick,

The Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis has begun the process of preparing environmental documentation to support the analysis of potential environmental impacts of the proposed rail line. Since our last correspondence, the purpose and need for the rail line has been developed (attached) along with the range of alternatives to be considered during the environmental review. As shown in the attached Alternatives Constraints Map, the environmental document will evaluate two alternative alignments, which are shown as Alternatives 1 and 2. Both alternatives would provide approximately six miles of new industrial lead track from Union Pacific's main line track to the eastern portions of the Pecos Advanced Manufacturing Zone in the City of Mesa. Additional project elements include seven new at-grade roadway crossings, drainage improvements, and utility relocations.

The Office of Environmental Analysis requests feedback from your agency on the proposed alternatives as well as confirmation of any permits or approvals that are needed from your agency in order to construct the project. If a permit or approval is required, we request clarification regarding the regulatory trigger for your agency's involvement as well as application requirements and typical timeline for completing the process.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Adam Assenza, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis's Project Manager for this project, at (202) 245-0301 or Adam.Assenza@stb.gov. We greatly appreciate your assistance as we move forward with our environmental review.

Thank you,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: UPRR Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Preliminary Environmental Consultation

Good afternoon,

Email is fine. In the future, please send to the following address: railroad@azcc.gov. This will include our Director, Grade Crossing, and admin personnel.

Thank you,

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Subject: UPRR Pecos Industrial Rail Access and Train Extension (PIRATE) Preliminary Environmental Consultation

Hello Mr. McCormick,

The Union Pacific Railroad Company intends to seek authority from the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to construct and operate six miles of new rail line in Maricopa County, Arizona. An initial agency consultation letter is attached that provides additional information about the project and requests your agency's input regarding the proposed rail line by January 10, 2022. This letter was also mailed to your office on December 9, 2021. Please let us know if you prefer to receive future correspondence by mail or electronically and the preferred point of contact for your agency.

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Assenza, the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis Project Manager, at (202) 245-0301 or Adam.Assenza@stb.gov. We greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to your participation in the Board's environmental review process for this project.

Thank you,

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