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Please see attached

Friday, July 14, 2023

To: alan.tabachnick@stb.gov

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

I learned that the STB/Surface Transportation Board is considering authorizing the abandonment of the Harsimus Branch without historic preservation conditions. Such a decision leads potentially, and even likely, to the demolition of the Embankment. It will break up a more than 150-year-old transportation corridor that is important to our city's future, and its removal would create additional area and environmental problems to an already congested area.

The broader public has had no information about this matter, and is not aware of the imminence or quality, or impact of this decision. I too, would not have known, had I not been a subscriber to an Embankment Coalition newsletter.

I understand the agency was supposed to have informed and engaged the public in this process at its **earliest** stage, and that it is now in a **late**-stage review without having done the required public notification.

Please correct this situation.

Additionally, I would appreciate your posting this email as an Environmental Comment, as I am not familiar with your system.

Regards,

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