

From: [Joseph Vita](#)
To: [Tabachnick, Alan](#)
Subject: Imminent threat to the Harsimus Branch & Embankment
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 7:45:37 PM

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

I learned this week that the STB is considering authorizing the abandonment of the Harsimus Branch in Jersey City without historic preservation conditions.

Such a decision leads potentially - even likely - to the demolition of the Embankment. It certainly breaks up a century-and-a-half-old transportation corridor that is important to our city's future.

The public has had no information about this matter unless they happen to subscribe to an Embankment Coalition newsletter, and, even then, they would not be aware of the imminence or quality of this decision.

I understand your agency was supposed to have informed and engaged the public in this process at its earliest stages, and that it is now in a late stage of review without having done so.

Please correct this situation as soon as possible.

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

Sincerely,

Joseph Vita

Resident and neighbor to the Embankment

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Best,

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