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To: [Tabachnick, Alan](#)
Subject: Harsimus Branch and Embankment
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Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

I learned this week that the Surface Transportation Board is considering authorizing the abandonment of the Harsimus Branch without historic preservation conditions.

Such a decision leads potentially 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 that 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.

The Embankment runs along the back of my property. I have not been notified by the STB that the board's decision may lead to Embankment demolition. The demolition would undoubtedly cause structural damage to my building and damage to the historic districts and the neighborhood.

Yours truly,

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