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September 25, 2023

Re: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), *New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—In Middlesex County, Mass.*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Since CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) filed for authority to abandon the 3.4-mile portion of the right-of-way between milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham and milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line (the “Trail Line”) on October 12, 2001, the City of Framingham, Massachusetts (“the City”) has been working to acquire the Trail Line in order to complete a continuous multiuse path known as the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail that follows a 25-mile route. Framingham and CSXT have now reached an agreement to transfer the Trail Line from the Georgetown and High Line Railway, LLC (“GHL”) to the City on September 29, 2023.

On September 6, 2023, the City and GHL jointly requested the Surface Transportation Board to authorize the City to become a substitute trail user by the transfer of the Notice of Interim Trail Use from GHL to the City. On September 7, 2023, National Association of Reversionary Property Owners (“NARPO”) filed a letter opposing the transfer. CSXT has responded to NARPO and shown that NARPO’s arguments are inaccurate and do not justify delaying the transfer of the NITU.

The City requests the Surface Transportation Board to expeditiously deny the relief sought by NARPO and to expeditiously approve the transfer of the NITU from GHL to the City so that the City can complete the trail extension it has been seeking for over 20 years with CSXT’s cooperation.

Sincerely,

Charlie Sisitsky,
Mayor, City of Framingham

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that this letter has been served on all parties of record in this proceeding by email.

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