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Subject: RE: Harsimus Branch Abandonment (Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X)) - Follow Up
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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to present comments in this case. My family and I are residents of 77 Erie Street, which is just a few blocks from the Sixth Street Embankment. We have lived there since 2016 and are proud to call Jersey City home. Over the past few years we have had additions to our family and now have two sons who are 3 years and 1 year old, respectively. The development we have seen in downtown Jersey City over the past 8 years has been tremendous, which is clear to see when we look out of our east-facing window. There has been a significant increase in the population of our neighborhood, without a corresponding increase in green space or parkland. As a result, the parks have become crowded and there is significantly less green space per person. We believe that the Sixth Street Embankment should be opened up to the community and developed as parkland for this reason. It would provide a much needed refuge from the crowds and a place to play and enjoy for our children, as they grow up in this wonderful city.

A few years ago, as I understand it, there was an agreement in place to develop the eastern most portion of the embankment as residential space, while preserving the rest for parkland. I believe Conrail derailed (no pun intended) the agreement at the last minute, without proper explanation given. I believe this sort of agreement, which balances the needs of the community, but also provides a profit to the owner of the embankment, would be the most amicable way to move forward.

Sincerely,
 Vivek Viswanathan

From: Tabachnick, Alan <alan.tabachnick@stb.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 4:50 PM
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[EXTERNAL]

To: Interested Parties

Re: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Online Public Meeting on September 28, 2023 for Conrail's request to abandon the Harsimus Branch in Jersey City, NJ, Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1189X)

Thank you for your interest in this proceeding and thank you to those who signed up for the virtual Section 106 public meeting, held last night, on September 28, 2023. We appreciate everyone's participation, input, and heartfelt remarks. As noted at the meeting last night, the meeting was transcribed by a court reporter and the transcript will be posted on our website when it is finalized, at www.stb.gov. Attached please find the slides we presented last night for your information.

If you would like to submit written comments, you can email them to me, or you can submit them through our online system. Please follow the instructions below. We are very interested in hearing from as many people as possible on this case.

To provide comments through the Board's website, access the homepage at www.stb.gov and then select "File an Environmental Comment" below the "Need Assistance?" button on the right side of the home page. Clicking on "File and

Environmental Comment” brings you to the comment form where you can type your comments directly into the form. Longer comments and documents can be attached to this form as Word, Adobe Acrobat, or other formats.

You can also submit comments via email to Alan.Tabachnick@stb.gov, and written comments can be mailed to:

Alan Tabachnick, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001, Attention: Environmental Filing, Docket No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1189X).

If you have any questions, please contact me via the email address above or by phone at 202-245-0367.

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