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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D. C. 20423

RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 794X) *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Pinellas County, FL*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(d)(1)(ii), the City of St. Petersburg (the “City”) requests a one-year extension until January 12, 2027 to continue and conclude its negotiations for trail use under a Notice of Interim Trail Use of Abandonment (“NITU”) with CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) for an approximately 0.86-mile rail line on its Clearwater Subdivision, from milepost ARE 897.57 to milepost ARE 898.42, in St. Petersburg, Pinellas County (the “Line”).

By Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment in *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Pinellas County, Fla.*, Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 794X) (served January 12, 2024), the Board granted the City’s request for a NITU for one year, which was set to expire on January 12, 2025. On January 10, 2025, the Board granted the City a first one-year extension to negotiate interim trail use with CSXT until January 12, 2026. See *CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Pinellas County, Fla.*, Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 794X) (served January 10, 2025).

An initial NITU permits one year for negotiations and up to three one-year extensions for negotiations. 49 CFR 1152.29(d)(i and ii). The City and its partner, Trust For Public Lands have made an offer to purchase the Line which CSXT has accepted. The parties are in the process of due diligence in preparation for closing on the purchase tentatively scheduled for next Spring. The City believes that exercising this last one-year extension will allow for the completion of the acquisition of the Line.

FILING FEE WAIVED



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Pursuant to 49 CFR §1002.2(e), filing fees are generally waived for local government entities. The City respectfully requests the filing fee for this extension request to be waived.

I certify that this letter has been served on all parties of record to this proceeding either electronically or by first class mail, postage prepaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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