

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

This letter is concerning Docket Number AB 290 419 X, the proposed abandonment of a section of track in Hudson, Ohio, by Norfolk Southern. I am a private citizen advocating for more passenger rail service. This section of Right of Way is a critical connection between Cleveland and Akron. The Northeast Ohio Commuter Rail Feasibility Study published in late 2001 by Parsons Brinckerhoff identified that this corridor was the best alternative for connecting Cleveland to Akron (and on to Canton). This rail Right of Way should be maintained for future passenger rail service in the region.

Here is a link to the Executive Summary of that study (link is still active as of January 2, 2026):

<http://www.multimodalways.org/docs/govts/counties/OHMPONOACA/NEORail/FINAL%20Report%20Chapters/Executive%20Summary/Exec%20Sum%20FINAL%20MBC%202-06-02.pdf>

I also want to express my concern and disappointment that this was announced in late December with a comment deadline of January 2. This timeline made it very difficult for the appropriate parties to review and provide input. Many relevant entities may not even be aware of this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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