

September 29, 2026

Ms. Cynthia Brown
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Public Record

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 818X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Marion County, IN**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") filed a Notice of Exemption on October 28, 2024, seeking authority to abandon a 1.8-mile line of railroad on its Northeast Great Lakes Division, Indianapolis Terminal Subdivision, Craven Industrial track between Lat/Long (39.74752, -86.18469) – Lat/Long (39.7294, -86.20626), in Marion County, IN (the "Line"). Trail use negotiations between CSXT and the City of Indianapolis have not been successful. The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis recommended and the Board adopted conditions concerning the potential removal of two bridges. If CSXT and the Indiana Trails Fund enter a trail use agreement, CSXT will not remove the two bridges and will not be required to comply with the conditions precedent for removing the bridges imposed in the decision served on December 17, 2024.

The Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. ("ITF") requests the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use/Rail Banking for the Line pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 1152.29. ITF will own the trail and Line will facilitate the building and usage of the recreational trail.

A Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility is attached. The filing fee of \$350 is included.

A copy of this statement is being served on all parties of record on the same date it is being served on the Board.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Vonnegut,
President
Indiana Trails Fund

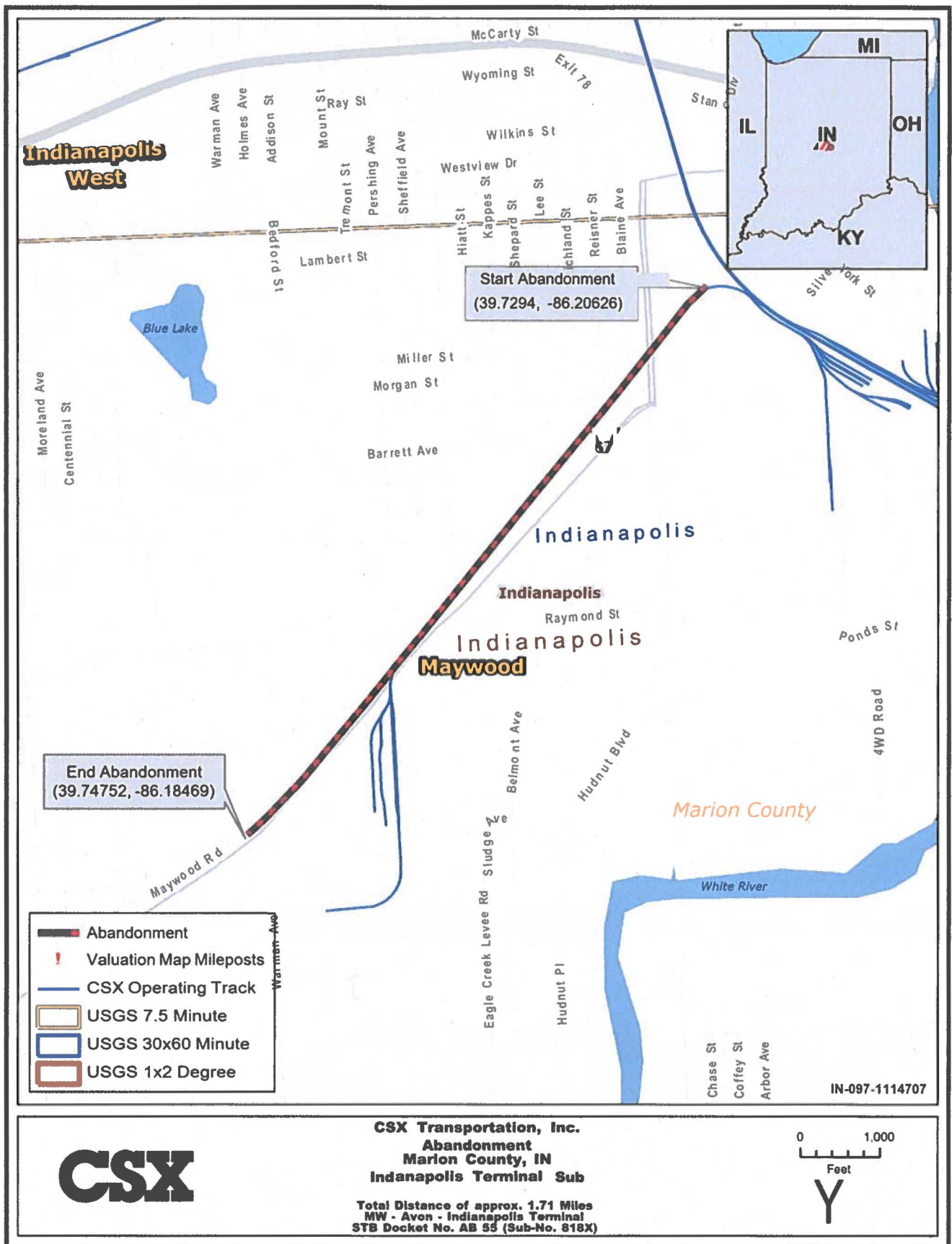

Derek Zollinger,
Manager
Indiana Trails Fund

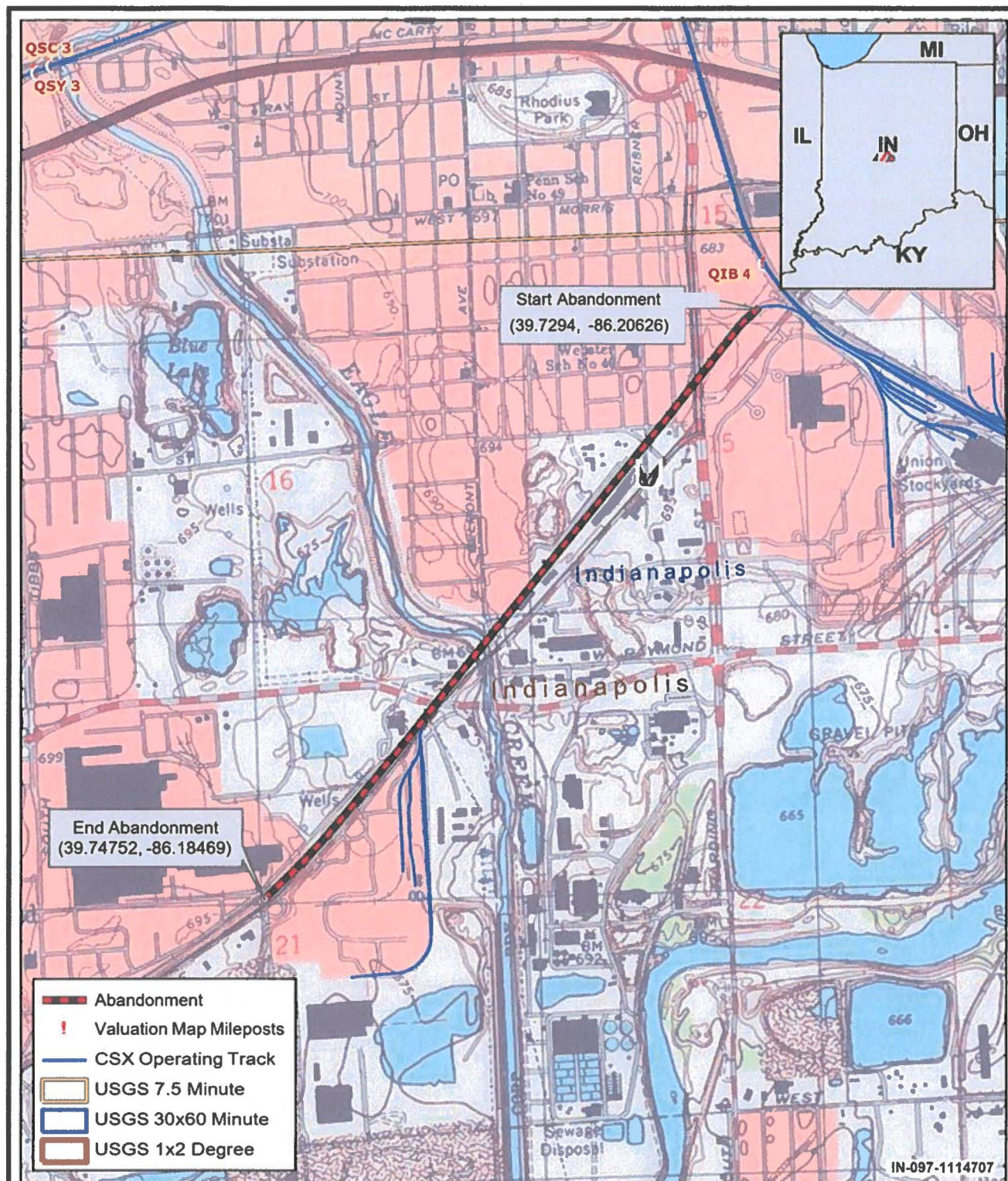
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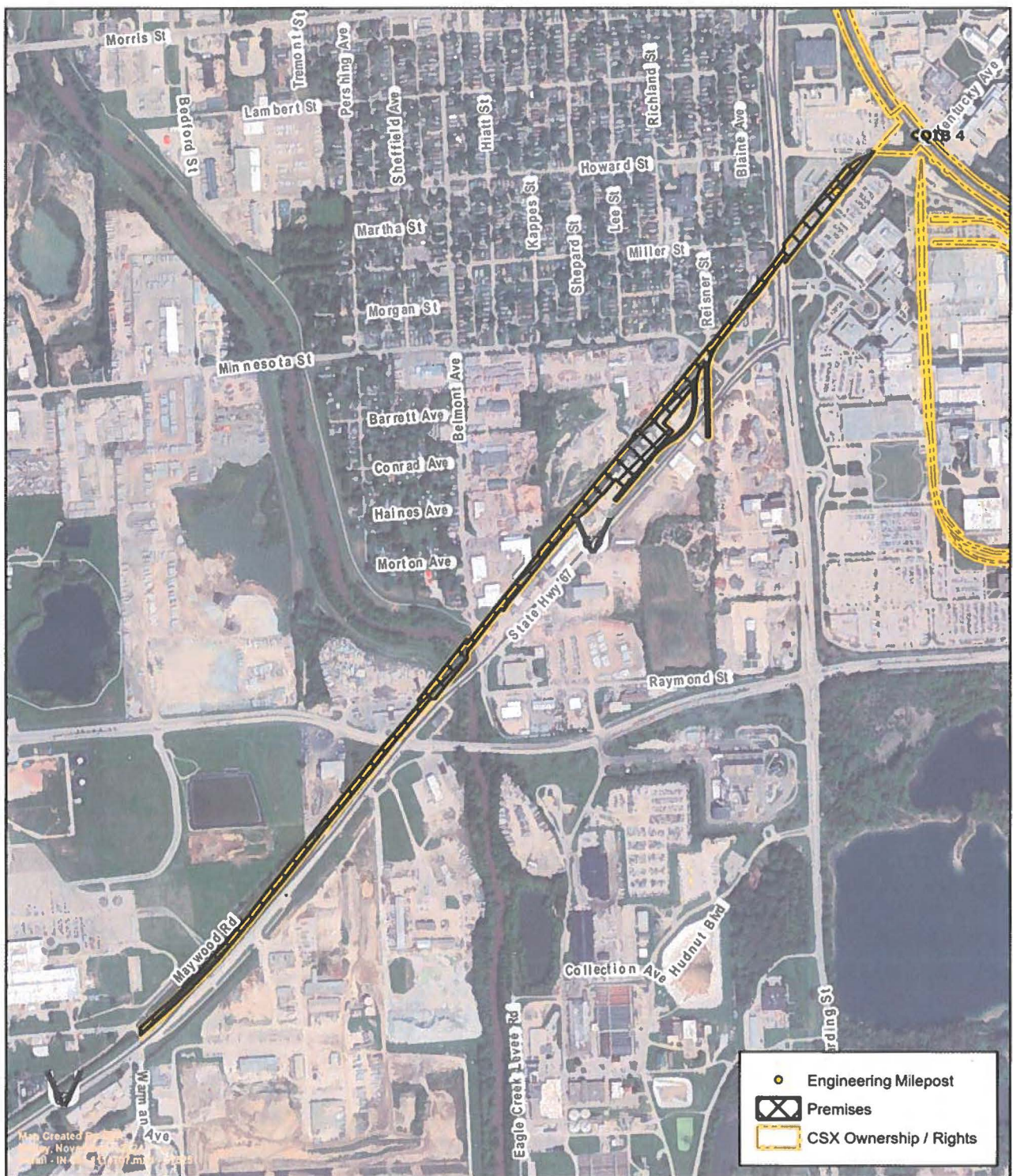
Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility

In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under 16 U.S.C. 1247(d) and 49 CFR 1152.29 with respect to the right-of-way owned and operated by CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"), the Indiana Trails Fund ("ITF") is willing to assume full responsibility for: (1) managing the right-of-way, (2) any legal liability arising out of the transfer or use of the right-of-way, and (3) the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right of way. The property, known as the Northeast Great Lakes Division, Indianapolis Terminal Subdivision, Craven Industrial track, extends between Lat/Long (39.74752, -86.18469) – Lat/Long (39.7294, -86.20626), a distance of 1.8 miles in Marion County, IN. The right-of-way is the line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB 55 (Sub-No. 818X). A map of the property depicting the right-of-way is attached.

ITF acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the Indiana Trails Fund continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. A copy of this statement is being served on CSX Transportation, Inc., on the same date it is being served on the Board.







CSX

CAVEN INDUSTRIAL TRACK
SITE: IN-097-1114707
MARION COUNTY - INDIANAPOLIS, IN
N - AVON - INDIANAPOLIS TERMINAL
BETWEEN LAT/LONG: 39.7294,-86.20626 TO 39.74752,-86.18469

