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

Re: **Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 823X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment Exemption—in Hamilton County, OH**

Dear Ms. Brown:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") filed a Notice of Exemption on September 8, 2026, seeking authority to abandon a 2.07-mile line of railroad known as the Cincinnati Terminal Sub between milepost BEK 2.24 and milepost BEK 4.31, in Hamilton County, OH (the "Line").

Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation (the "Landbank") (a county nonprofit land reutilization corporation under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 1724 and 5722) and Tri-State Trails (an Ohio nonprofit corporation) request the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use/Rail Banking over a 1.64-mile portion of the Line between milepost BEK 2.24 and milepost BEK 3.14¹ pursuant to the requirements of 49 CFR 1152.29. The Landbank will own the trail and Tri-State Trails will facilitate the building and usage of the recreational trail.

A Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility is attached.

We further certify that a copy of this statement is being served on CSX Transportation, Inc., by approved email 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,

Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation

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¹ CSXT has advised HCLRC and Tri-State Trails that the mileposts do not represent the actual mileage of the portion of the line being acquired for trail use. CSXT advised us that the length of the line that will become a trail is 1.64 miles per the more accurate PropCSX mileage measurement. The overall length of the Line proposed for abandonment is accurate per PropCSX.

ATTACHMENT

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 Hamilton County Land Reutilization Corporation ("HCLRC") and Tri-State Trails (collectively, the "Interim Trail Sponsors") are 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 Cincinnati Terminal Sub, extends from railroad milepost BEK 2.24, to railroad milepost BEK 3.14, a distance of 1.64 miles in Hamilton County, OH. The right-of-way is part of a line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB 55 (Sub-No. 823X). A map of the property depicting the right-of-way is attached.

The Interim Trail Sponsors acknowledge that use of the right-of-way is subject to the Interim Trail Sponsors continuing to meet their 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.

Map of the Right-of-Way

Interim Trail Use proposed for the section depicted in black.

