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Re: STB Docket No. AB 400 (Sub-No. 8X). SEMINOLE GULF RAILWAY, L.P. - ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION – IN LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES, FL

To the Chief of Case Administration:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1152.29(h), Seminole Gulf Railway, L.P. ("SGLR"), as the owner of the rail line that is the subject of the abandonment proceeding in Docket No. AB 400 (Sub-No. 8X), and Trust for Public Land ("TPL"), as the holder of the NITU authorized by the Board in the decision served July 24, 2026, hereby jointly notify the Board that SGLR and TPL reached agreement on interim trail use and railbanking via a Purchase and Sale Agreement ("Agreement"). The Agreement covers the entire approximately 11.4-mile rail line extending from approximately SGLR Milepost AX 979.39 in Estero, Florida, to approximately SGLR Milepost AX 990.80 in Collier County, Florida (the "Rail Line") that is the subject of this abandonment proceeding.

SGLR and TPL certify that the Agreement includes provisions requiring TPL to fulfill the responsibilities described in 49 CFR §1152.29(a)(2) as were set forth in the Statement of Willingness of TPL dated July 1, 2026, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. In accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR §1152.29(h), a map of the Rail Line is also enclosed herewith.

The filing of this letter has been authorized by SGLR and TPL. Please let us know if there are any questions regarding this filing.

I hereby certify that a copy of this letter was served by email on all parties of record as shown below.

Respectfully,



Catherine A Brown
Counsel for The Trust for Public Land

Attachments:

TPL Statement of Willingness dated July 1, 2026

Map of Rail Line

Copy sent via email to:

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Dear Chief of Case Administration:

This request is filed on behalf of The Trust for Public Land, a non-profit California corporation (TPL). In accordance with the Board's regulations as set forth in 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, TPL petitions the Board to issue a Notice of Interim Trail Use for an approximately 11.4-mile rail line in Lee and Collier Counties, Florida (the "Line") that is the subject of the above-referenced exempt abandonment proceeding. The filing fee of $350 has been paid through Pay.Gov.

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
In order to establish interim trail use and rail banking under Section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. §1247(d), and 49 CFR 1152.29 with respect to the right-of-way owned and operated by Seminole Gulf Railway, L.P. ("SGLR"), TPL (Interim Trail Sponsor) 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 right-of-way *(unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability),* and (3) the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way. The property is known as the Bonita Estero Rail Line (the "Line"). The Line extends from the northern right-of-way boundary of Estero Parkway at approximately SGLR Milepost AX 979.39 in the Village of Estero, FL (Lee County) south through the remainder of Estero, and through the City of Bonita Springs, FL (Lee County) and continuing into unincorporated Collier County, FL to the corridor's terminus at the conceptual northern right-of-way extension of the Wiggins Pass Road at approximately SGLR milepost AX 990.8, a distance of approximately 11.4 miles. The right-of-way is all of the line of railroad proposed for abandonment in Docket No. STB AB 400 (Sub-No. 8X). A map of the property depicting the Line is attached.

Trust for Public Land acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the sponsor 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 SGLR on the same date it is being served on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Hattaway, AICP
Southeast Region Conservation Director

Copy to Eric Hocky, Clark Hill PLC at ehocky@clarkhill.com

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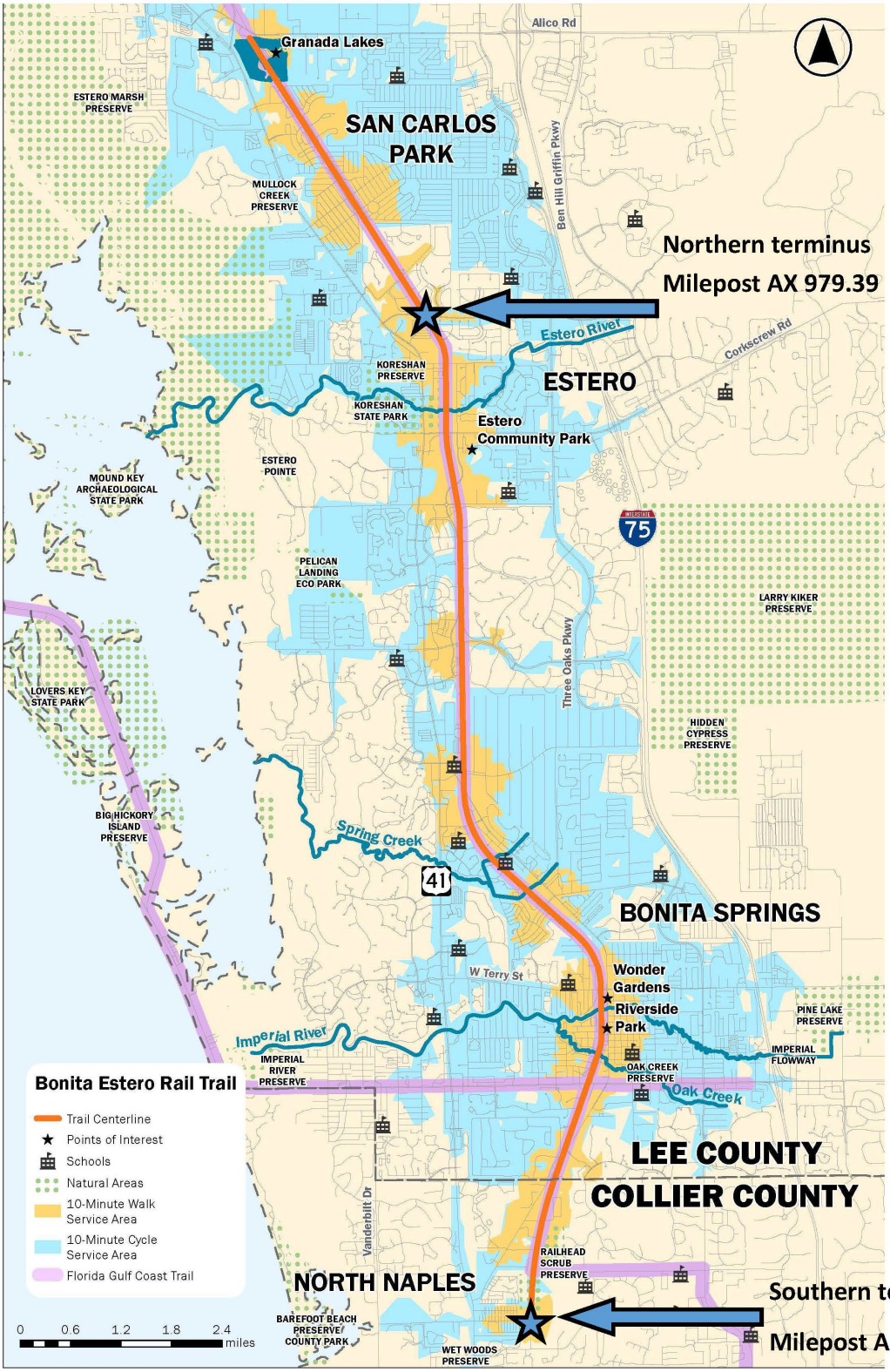

Map from Friends of BERT website. https://bonitaesterorailtrail.com/