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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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**RE: 180 Extension Request from City of Montgomery to Complete
Negotiations with Norfolk Southern**

**City of Montgomery, Alabama Response to Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-
No. 278X), Central of Georgia Railroad Company/Norfolk Southern -
Abandonment - in Montgomery County, Alabama**

**City of Montgomery, Alabama Response to Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-
No. 728X), CSX Transportation, Inc. - Discontinuance of Operating
Rights - in Montgomery County, Alabama**

Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed on behalf of the City of Montgomery, which is interested in the property that an abandonment and discontinuance of operating rights for a rail line from milepost H411.50 to H413.62 for transportation purposes was filed by Norfolk Southern (NS)/Central of Georgia Railroad (CGR) and CSX. We understand that the STB issued a Notice of Intent for Trail Use or abandonment, which provided for a 180-day period in which the City of Montgomery and NS/CGR can negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement.

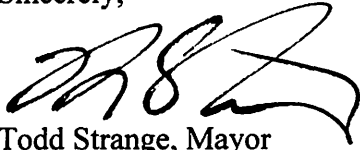
We have been in communication with NS representatives in Montgomery and Virginia to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement since the STB action occurred. In addition, we have initiated the process of getting an appraisal on the referenced property and any other relevant information needed to make a sound decision. Based on continued negotiations and communications that are ongoing, the City of Montgomery hereby request an extension of the 180 day period by an additional 180 days or the maximum time allowed to complete all tasks associated with this property transaction.

Thank you for your consideration in this request.

If you have any questions please feel free to give Robert Smith, Director of Planning a call at (334) 625-2218.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TS', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd Strange, Mayor
City of Montgomery, AL

cc: Anita Archie, Chief of Staff, City of Montgomery
Kim Fehl, City Attorney, City of Montgomery
Robert Smith, Director of Planning, City of Montgomery
Chris Conway, Director of Public Works, City of Montgomery
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