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RE: Docket EP 753 - Petition for Rulemaking

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

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Dear Ms. Brown,
These comments, filed on behalf of Steve Rohweder are in support of a petition by
Rails-to-Trails
Conservancy (RTC) for the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to establish a one-year
period for any
initial interim trail use negotiating period and codify the STB's authority to grant
extensions of the
negotiating period for good cause shown.

The community I live in (Green, Ohio) has initiatives underway to expand our trail
network in order to connect with neighboring communities and existing towpath
trails. I support this petition by Rails-to-Trails and ask that you consider it
seriously since I believe it helps the process for communities like mine to convert
existing unused railroads lines to beautiful trails for outdoor activity.

Based on our direct experience with railbanking negotiations before the STB, we urge
the Board to
adopt RTC's proposed rule in Docket No. EP 753.

Thank you for your consideration,

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