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Negotiations often are necessary beyond the 3 year extension period, whether for regulatory, funding or other legitimate reasons. The nature and complexity of the negotiations, as well as the temperament, availability, sophistication, political leanings, economic viability and ownership structure of the parties involved.

Many examples exist of successful past negotiations requiring extensions of effort well in excess of three years. This rule fails to contemplate those realities – how many State initiatives involve years of planning, negotiating, failing, re-envisioning and beginning again?

Recreational trails are a critical part of our state's future, reflecting the need to consider the health and well being of its residents. Their potential shouldn't be met with an arbitrary limitation on time.

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