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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

Dear Ms. Brown,

These comments, filed on behalf of the Baltimore City Department of Planning 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.

We support the rule change so we can have adequate time to negotiate with railroads without having to file extensions for trail projects in our city plans.

Currently unused rail corridors comprise a significant portion of the planned trail network for Baltimore.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeff La Noue".

Jeff La Noue
Corridor Planner, Baltimore Green Network

cc: Laurie Feinberg, Assistant Director
cc: Lisa McNeilly, Director of Sustainability