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I work for a state agency helping local partners build trails for recreation and bike and pedestrian commuting. I am writing to ask that the STB preserve the current railbanking rules that allow for extended periods of time for railbanking before trails are built, beyond the six 180-day extensions limit that has recently been proposed. Negotiating for access, acquiring land, securing permits and funding to construct a trail is a complicated process that frequently takes much longer than the 1,080 days allowed by this proposal. Please reject the proposed rule to restrict railbanking negotiations in this way.