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

RE: Docket EP 753 – Petition for Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing in support of a petition by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to establish a one-year period for trail use negotiation and to codify the STB's authority to grant extensions of the negotiating period for good cause shown.

Our region contains the nation's largest network of paved, off-street trails much being rail beds. We believe that that the rule change would reduce extension requests and streamline the rail banking process.

Thank you for your consideration,



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