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Please reject the proposed rule to restrict railbanking negotiations to six 180-day extensions—essentially three years—except under “extraordinary circumstances.” Railbanking is critical to maintain rail corridors for future use. In many areas, if lost to development, any efforts to reintroduce rail mass transit would be hindered if not made impossible without railbanking. With a growing population and the physical limits on road expansion to relieve increasing POV congestion, existing railroad lines, banked as rail-trails for public use, provide an important method to improve quality of life both now and in the future. Do not accept the proposed rule change!