



**THE COUNCIL
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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: Docket No. FD 36137 City of Fishers, City of Noblesville, and Hamilton County, Indiana Petition for Partial Revocation of Exemption

Docket No. AB 290_117_X Norfolk and Western Railway Company --Abandonment between Indianapolis and Tipton in Marion, Hamilton, and Tipton Counties, IN.

Dear Chairman Begeman and Vice Chairman Miller,

The Cities of Fishers, and Noblesville, Indiana, Hamilton County, Indiana and apparently, now Indianapolis, IN, have petitioned the Board for trail use along significant portions of a roughly 37- mile railroad (Nickel Plate Railroad), extending from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Tipton, Indiana.

There are two proceedings previously or presently before the Board, under which the above-mentioned actions are being considered: Docket No. FD 36137 and Docket No. AB 290_117_X.

Until this point, many elected officials from Indianapolis have been reluctant to engage this issue in any official capacity because it seemed that the issue was localized to the municipalities who currently claim ownership of the railroad and originally initiated Board action. Recently however, it has been brought to the Council's attention that there exist some questions of ownership of the corridor and Indianapolis' right to participate in the decisions concerning the railroad.

To my dismay, I was notified that a trails use request was recently filed on behalf of Indianapolis. This has caused great confusion among myself and my colleagues on the Council because we are unaware who may have authorized such participation on behalf of Indianapolis. I respectfully urge the Board to suspend this proceeding until issues of ownership, representation, and authorization can be resolved and reported to the Board.

"I certify that these comments have been provided to all current Parties of Record via email. /S/ Councillor Jared Evans"
Respectfully,

Jared Evans
Indianapolis City-County Councillor
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