



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
Washington, DC 20423

Office of Environmental Analysis

September 30, 2016

«First_Name» «Last_Name», «Title»
 «Organization»
 «Street_Address»
 «City», «State» «Zip»

Re: Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub-No. 1), New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a
 Wilmington and Woburn Terminal Railway—Construction, Acquisition,
 & Operation Exemption—in Wilmington and Woburn, Mass.;
 Government-to-Government Consultation; Notice of Intent to Prepare an
 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Draft Scope of Study

Dear «First_Name» «Last_Name»:

The purpose of this letter is to initiate formal government-to-government consultation with the «Organization» regarding the above-referenced project.

As you know from the Surface Transportation Board's (Board) August 11, 2016 letter, the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is the office within the Board responsible for ensuring that the agency is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related environmental laws, including Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations at 36 C.F.R. Part 800. As we explained in our letter, New England Transrail, LLC (NET) filed a petition for exemption with the Board pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §§ 10502 and 10901 in Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub-No. 1). NET intends to acquire, construct and operate various rail lines and construct and operate transloading facilities, where goods and materials are transferred from rail to truck, in the towns of Wilmington and Woburn, Massachusetts. NET proposes to acquire 5,727 feet of existing track, to rehabilitate or construct a combined 10,838 feet of track, and to operate as a rail carrier over the total 16,565 feet of track on and adjacent to property currently owned by the Olin Corporation at 51 Eames Street in Wilmington. The decision facing the Board whether or not to license this project is an undertaking subject to compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

The Board would now like to know whether your tribe is interested in consulting with us regarding the broader range of impacts assessed under NEPA including those to tribal lands and resources such as properties of religious and cultural significance.

In addition, OEA would like to inform you that the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS and Draft Scope of Study for the project was issued today and can be viewed on the Board-sponsored project website at www.NewEnglandTransrailEIS.com by clicking on "Notice of Intent" under "Related Documents and Links."

We would appreciate your written comments on the Draft Scope of Study by the close of the scoping comment period on **November 29, 2016**. Please refer to **Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub-No. 1)** in all correspondence addressed to the Board.

We encourage you to submit scoping comments electronically via email to NewEnglandTransrailEIS@icf.com. You may also send written comments to Danielle Gosselin, OEA's Project Manager for the EIS, at:

Danielle Gosselin
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub. No. 1)
395 E Street, SW
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Additionally, a public scoping meeting will be held at the following location on the date listed. The scoping meeting will be held in an open house format for the first half hour followed by a brief presentation by OEA. After the presentation, interested parties will be provided an opportunity to provide oral public comment.

- October 25, 2016; 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Wilmington Middle School, 25 Carter Lane, Wilmington, MA 01887

To help us ensure adequate, timely communication, we ask that you please sign up to be added to the project's email distribution list. To sign up, please go to the project website at www.NewEnglandTransrailEIS.com, click on "Project Mailing List" and complete and submit the form.

We would appreciate it if you could let us know if you would like to participate in government-to-government consultation regarding the proposed project by completing and returning the attached form. If you have any questions or need specific information about the proposed project, please feel free to contact Danielle Gosselin of my staff by phone at (202) 245-0300 or by email at danielle.gosselin@stb.gov. We look forward to your participation in government-to government consultation and the Board's environmental review process for this project.

Sincerely,



Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: THPO

Attachments: Attachment A: Consultation Questionnaire

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

«Organization»

Docket No. FD 34797 (Sub-No. 1), New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a Wilmington and Woburn Terminal Railway—Construction, Acquisition, & Operation Exemption—in Wilmington and Woburn, Mass.; Government-to-Government Consultation

NET's Proposed Project in Wilmington and Woburn, Massachusetts

Please check all the appropriate response(s) that apply from the list below and use the back of this form or additional sheets if you wish to make comments:

- ☐ We have no interests associated with NET's proposed project and further consultation with our Tribe is not required.
- ☐ We want to continue to receive project information by email and participate in the public involvement process.
- ☐ We want to continue to receive project information by U.S. mail and participate in the public involvement process.
- ☐ We have an interest in NET's proposed project and want to participate in government-to-government consultation.

Name of the «Organization» designated contact for NET's proposed project:

_____ Phone: _____

Please Print Name

E-mail: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please mail to: Danielle Gosselin
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Or email to: danielle.gosselin@stb.gov

New England Transrail EIS – G2G Mailing List – September 30, 2016

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New England Transrail EIS – NOI Email Blast Lists – September 30, 2016 E-Blast

NET EIS – G2G and NOI Letter to Tribes

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