

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

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Via electronic mail

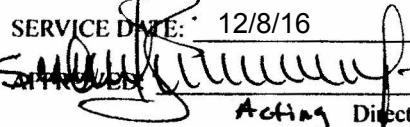
December 5, 2016

Cynthia T. Brown
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Part of Public Record	DECISION ID NO.: <u>45600</u>
	DECIDED DATE: <u>12-7-16</u>
GRANTED	SERVICE DATE: <u>12/8/16</u>
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	☒ <u>extended to 12-1-17</u>

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment Exemption-in Middlesex County, MA; Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 593X), CSX Transportation Inc.-Discontinuance of Service Exemption-in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Framingham, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request an additional 361-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) in the above captioned proceeding with respect to the 3.40 mile portion of line that extends from railroad milepost QBS 0.00 at Framingham to railroad milepost QBS 3.40 at the Framingham town line. Pursuant to the October 27, 2011 decision of the Surface Transportation Board, an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking was extended to October 11, 2016 (the "Negotiating Deadline").

CSXT and the Town wish to continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU and to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement. Most recently, an appraisal of the corridor was conducted in April of 2016. The Towns of Sudbury and Framingham continue to coordinate to move forward in a collaborative manner and advance towards acquisition of the corridor. The ultimate goal is the extension of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) along the CSXT corridor. The Trust for Public Lands has assisted the Towns in this process.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline for 361 days to December 1, 2017. CSX has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

FILING FEE WAIVED

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In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1) as the Town is a local government entity. The Town is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. Halpin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Halpin
Town Manager

cc: Louis E. Gitomer, Attorney for CSXT
Matt Coffing, CSXT
Board of Selectmen
Christopher Petrini, Town Counsel
Marianne Iarossi, Community & Economic Development
Melissa Rodrigues, Sudbury Town Manager
Beth Suedmeyer, Sudbury Environmental Planner