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Ms. Cynthia Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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**Re: Union Pacific Railroad Company
Abandonment of Weber Industrial Lead, Lincolnwood, Illinois
STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 263X)
Petition for Public Use Condition and Interim Trail Use**

Dear Chief Brown:

The Village of Lincolnwood, Illinois (the "**Village**"), a political subdivision, hereby petitions the Surface Transportation Board for an order extending its Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment in the above-referenced matter ("**Decision**") for an additional 180 days, through and including November 27, 2012.

On November 25, 2008, the Village filed its Petition for a Public Use Condition as well as an Interim Trail Use Condition ("**Petition**"), rather than an outright abandonment authorization, for that portion of the Weber Industrial Lead located within the corporate boundaries of the Village, extending from approximately Milepost 8.4 near Devon Avenue to approximately Milepost 9.45 near Touhy Avenue. As part of the Petition, the Village filed its Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility pursuant to 49 CFR §1152.29.

On December 17, 2008, the Board issued its Decision, providing for a 180-day period for negotiations between the Village, the City of Chicago, and Union Pacific Railroad Company ("**UP**"). The Board has granted six extensions of the time period for negotiations, most recently on December 27, 2011, when the Board issued an order further extending the time period for negotiations an additional 180 days, through and including May 31, 2011.

Since December 2011, the Village has continued its development of plans for the use of the right-of-way for trail and/or other public purposes, all in accordance with the Petition. As noted in the Village's previous extension requests, the Village has been approved for two grants from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program ("**CMAQ**") to support the proposed purchase, and trail use, of the right-of-way.

The CMAQ grants are administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation ("**IDOT**"), which requires that grantees follow a specified procedure in order to receive grant funding. In furtherance of that procedure, the Village has accomplished the following since December 2011:

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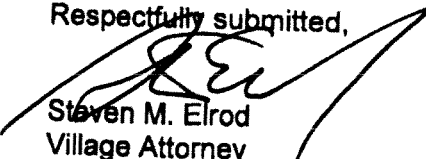
1. The Village has submitted its final Phase I Preliminary Engineering Report to IDOT;
2. The Village is working with IDOT to receive approval for commencement of the appraisal process and of the Phase II Engineering Report;
3. The Village has scheduled a public meeting for June 12, 2012, with neighboring property owners and Village residents to discuss the proposed trail use of the right-of-way; and
4. The Village has submitted an application through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program for 80% matching grant funding for construction of an overpass for the proposed trail use over Lincoln Avenue (the primary north-south thoroughfare in the Village).

The Village continues to work with IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration, and with UP, to produce all necessary plans, obtain all necessary approvals, and complete all required engineering and preparations for the proposed purchase and trail use of the right-of-way. The Village anticipates that it will receive formal approval to commence the appraisal process and the Phase II Engineering Report in the near future. However, until the appraisal and Phase II Report are complete, the Village cannot commence the land acquisition procedures. Thus, the Village is unlikely to complete all pre-acquisition work and plans until after the expiration of the current negotiation period. Accordingly, in order to complete its trail plan to satisfy CMAQ and IDOT requirements, and to continue negotiations with UP to a successful conclusion, the Village requests additional time.

Therefore, the Village respectfully requests that the Board issue an order extending the negotiation period for an additional 180 days, through and including November 27, 2012. In support of its request, the Village renews its Petition and its Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad Company, c/o Mack H. Shumate, 101 North Wacker Drive, Room 1920, Chicago, Illinois 60606, and upon the City of Chicago, c/o Mr. Gabe Klein, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60602-2570, by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 31st day of May, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,


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