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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Proceedings
395 E Street. S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: AB-290 (Sub-No. 404X)
*Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption –
In the City of Greensboro, North Carolina*

Dear Ms. Brown:

On September 13, 2019, the City of Greensboro, a municipal corporation existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, having its principal office located at 300 W. Washington Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27401 (hereinafter referred to as the “Proponent”) requested issuance of a Public Use Condition and an Interim Trail Use Condition, rather than an outright abandonment authorization for the 3.1 mile rail line located between Milepost CF-65.6 and Milepost CF-68.7 (the “Line”) within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Proponent filed its September 13, 2019 request in order to allow for and facilitate trails use negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”) for the Line. Since filing its request Proponent has discussed the Line with NSR and based upon those discussions determined that its request for a public use condition use is neither necessary, nor appropriate and is contrary to Proponent’s interests. As such, Proponent respectfully requests that the Board withdraw the portion of Proponent’s September 13, 2019 request for a public use condition for the Line.

Proponent re-affirms its request for Interim Trail Use and remains fully committed to pursuing trail use for the Line, which is suitable for rail banking and would connect to existing public greenway trails operated by the Proponent. A map depicting the portion of the right-of-way to be subject to the trail use condition requested is attached.

Likewise, Proponent remains fully committed to assuming financial responsibility for the Line and the City of Greensboro understands that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service. Proponent appreciates the Board’s assistance in processing this request.

September 19, 2019

The Proponents' designated person of contact with respect to this matter is:

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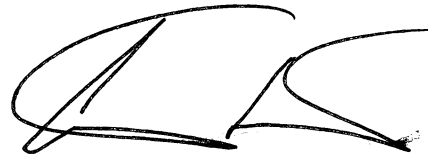
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As a governmental entity, respectfully requests the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") waive any filing fee.

By my signature below, I certify a copy of this request was served on counsel for Norfolk Southern Railway Corporation by email and U.S. Mail, first-class, postage pre-paid contemporaneous with the filing of the same with the Board this nineteenth day of September, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CW' or similar initials, written over a horizontal line.

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Map Exhibit

