

Resolution # 1-16, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Surface Transportation Board

Docket No. FD35952

Whereas rail traffic in Rock County has diminished in recent years, and

Whereas no indication has ever been given that rail lines in Rock County are congested, and

Whereas the proposed GLBT rail corridor would sever neighborhoods, farms and communities in its path, and

Whereas the termination of roads to avoid at-grade crossings would lengthen emergency response times, school bus rides, snow plowing routes, farm to field routes, and disrupt all other local traffic, as well as increase the burden of traffic on routes not severed, and

Whereas the proposed GLBT rail corridor would consume approximately 575 acres of productive farmland in Rock County, and an acreage potentially two to three times larger when considering land lost through aggregate acquisition for construction of the rail bed, and

Whereas Rock County businesses, Towns and families depend on that land for agricultural production, tax base, and personal income, and

Whereas the GLBT promoters have not legitimately demonstrated any direct benefit to rural Rock County residents as a result of the proposed project,

The Rock County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association does hereby resolve to oppose the Great Lakes Basin Transportation proposal, Surface Transportation Board docket number FD 35952, recognizing it to be unnecessary, inconvenient, and disruptive to existing agricultural businesses, communities, and families in Rock County, Wisconsin. The Rock County Unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association would recommend improvements and expenditures be made in existing Rock County rail corridors to meet future local and regional needs.

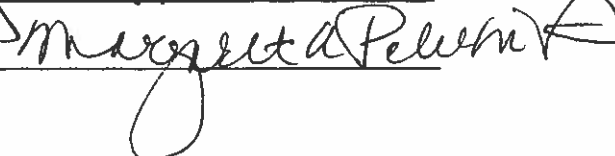
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