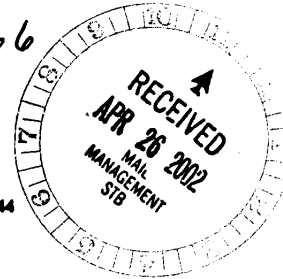




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April 12, 2002

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street Northwest
Washington, D. C., 20423-0001

Re. AB 586 (Sub No. 1X)

Dear Secretary Williams:

We have been negotiating with the North Central Railway Association for the acquisition of the above referenced, soon to be abandoned 6.25 mile railroad right-of-way in Franklin County, for the purpose of establishing a trail under the terms of the National Trails System Act as overseen by the STB.

We are representing the Franklin County Conservation Board in these negotiations and that board believes it needs more time in which to make final arrangements to take on this task. We are therefore requesting an extension of time in which to complete these negotiations, that being the usual 180 days, although we do not believe that we will require this full time period.

We are enclosing an additional ten copies of this letter and sending a copy to Mr. T. Scott Bannister, who is representing the NCRA, at his office in the Des Moines Building in Des Moines, Iowa. We trust that the NCRA will concur with an extension of time in which to finalize these negotiations.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

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