



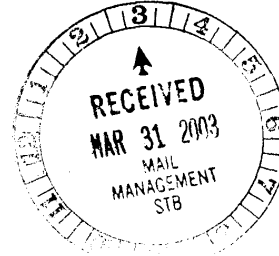
City of Chelsea

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
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March 24, 2003

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423



Re: STB Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 7X) → 207489
New York Central Lines, LLC – Abandonment
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 605X)
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Discontinuance of Service
Exemption in Suffolk County, Massachusetts

Dear Secretary Williams,

This letter is to indicate the City of Chelsea's concurrence with the request (copy enclosed) by Natalie S. Rosenberg, Counsel for CSX Transportation, for an extension of the negotiating period for the above referenced matter until October 28, 2003. We continue to work with CSX Transportation and the City of Boston, as well as with several State agencies, to effect the preservation of the right-of-way; however, additional time is required to pursue the matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (617) 889-8237 or by e-mail at jdepriest@ci.chelsea.ma.us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

John DePriest, AICP
Director of Planning

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