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Mr. Vernon Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: CSX Transportation, Inc. Abandonment in Monroe County, Indiana
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 634X)

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and ten copies of a Request for Extension of Notice of Interim Trail Use by the City of Bloomington, Indiana in the above-captioned proceeding. I would appreciate your acknowledgment of receipt of these documents by stamping the extra enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

STB DOCKET NO. AB-55 (Sub-No. 634X)

CSX TRANSPORTATION INC. – ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION –
IN MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA

**THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA,
REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF NOTICE OF INTERIM TRAIL USE**

Background

On July 1, 2003 CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) petitioned for an exemption under 49 U.S.C 10502 from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a 2.95 mile line of railroad in CSXT's Western Region, Great Lakes Division, extending from milepost 00Q-219.55 to milepost 00Q222.50, in Bloomington, Monroe County, IN (the "Line"). On August 6, 2003 the City of Bloomington, acting by and through its Redevelopment Commission ("Bloomington"), filed a request for imposition of a public use condition and issuance of a notice of interim trail use (NITU) on the Line. On October 16, 2003, the Board issued a NITU under 49 C.F.R. 1152.29, which was served on Bloomington on October 20, 2003, allowing Bloomington until April 17, 2003 to negotiate a rail banking agreement with CSXT. On August 15, 2003, CSXT indicated its willingness to negotiate with Bloomington.

Bloomington and CSXT have conducted positive discussions regarding a rail banking agreement but will not be able to conclude the negotiations and enter into an interim trail use/ rail banking agreement prior to April 17, 2003. CSXT has been informed that Bloomington intends to request this extension of time and does not object to an extension.



Motion

Therefore, Bloomington respectfully requests that the Board extend the period prescribed to negotiate an interim trail use/rail banking agreement for an additional 180 days for the Line and related real property, including bridge structures, on the 2.95 mile line of railroad in CSXT's Western Region, Great Lakes Division, extending from milepost 00Q-219.55 to milepost 00Q222.50, in Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, to allow Bloomington and CSXT additional time to reach an interim trail use/rail banking agreement, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. Sec. 1152.29.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of March, 2004,



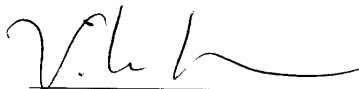
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 4th day of March, 2004, I have served a true and accurate copy of the foregoing motion on the following party via first-class mail, postage pre-paid.

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