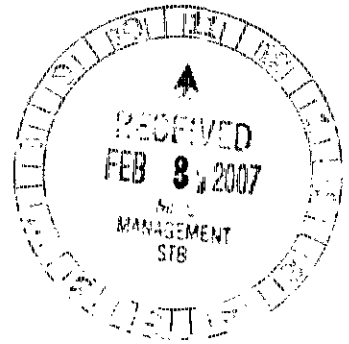


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consent to negotiate, support for NITU

Dear Secretary Williams:

This letter is in response to the City of Chillicothe's request for issuance of a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) in the above referenced discontinuance exemption proceeding (AB 1001X). Chillicothe-Brunswick Rail Maintenance Authority (CBRA) supports the issuance of a NITU and, to the extent CBRA's consent to negotiate an agreement is necessary for issuance of a NITU here, CBRA hereby consents, and joins in the City's request that a NITU be issued for the portion of the line in this proceeding from point of beginning in Chillicothe (at approximately MP 226) to the north side of U.S. Highway 24, at approximately MP 188.7 near Kelly.

Respectfully submitted,


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for CBRA

cc. Mayor Rodenberg,
City of Chillicothe

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