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RE Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 675X), CSX Transportation, Inc. -
Abandonment Exemption-in Ware County, GA

Dear Secretary Williams

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of a Verified Notice of Exemption for abandonment in the above-entitled proceeding and a check for the filing fee of \$3,200. Also enclosed is a computer diskette containing the Notice.

Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and the Notice and return them with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance.

If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

Louis E. Gitomer
Attorney for CSX Transportation, Inc.

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Docket No AB-55 (Sub-No. 675X)

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC –ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–
IN WARE COUNTY, GA**

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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INC**

Dated December 14, 2007

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Docket No AB-55 (Sub-No 675X)

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC –ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION–
IN WARE COUNTY, GA**

VERIFIED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) files this Verified Notice of Exemption pursuant to the class exemption at 49 C F R § 1152.50 for CSXT to abandon a 1.08-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Fitzgerald Subdivision between milepost AP 588.84, and milepost AP 587.76, all in Waycross, GA, in Ware County, GA (the “Line”). No local rail traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years. Any overhead traffic on the Line can and has been rerouted.

1. Proposed consummation date. The proposed consummation date is February 2, 2008.
2. Certification required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(b). *See* Exhibit A.
3. Information required by 49 C.F.R. § 1152.22(a)(1) through (4), (7), and (8), and (e)(4).

(a) General

(1) Exact name of applicant. CSX Transportation, Inc.

(2) Whether applicant is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C.

Subtitle IV, Chapter 105. CSXT is a common carrier by railroad subject to 49 U.S.C. Subtitle IV, Chapter 105.

(3) Relief sought. CSXT seeks to use the class exemption at 49 C F R. § 1152.50 to abandon a 1.08-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Fitzgerald Subdivision between milepost AP 588.84, and milepost AP 587.76, all in Waycross, GA, in Ware County, GA. There are no stations on the Line.

(4) Map. *See* Exhibit B.

(7) Name, title, and address of representative of applicant to whom correspondence should be sent. Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, (202) 466-6532, Lou_Gitomer@verizon.net

(8) List of all United States Postal Service ZIP Codes that the line proposed for abandonment traverses. The Line traverses ZIP Codes 31501 and 31503

(e) Rural and community impact

(4) Statement of whether the properties proposed to be abandoned are appropriate for use for other public purposes, including roads and highways, other forms of mass transportation, conservation, energy production or transmission, or recreation. If the applicant is aware of any restriction on the title to the property, including any reversionary interest, which would affect the transfer of title or the use of property for other than rail purposes, this shall be disclosed

CSXT believes that the properties proposed for abandonment may be suitable for other purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes

4. The level of labor protection The interests of railroad employees who may be adversely affected by the proposed abandonment will be adequately protected by the labor protective conditions in *Oregon Short Line R Co –Abandonment–Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

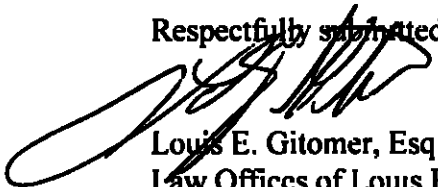
5 Certification. Certificates of compliance with the notice requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.50(d)(1) and 1105.11 are attached as Exhibit C.

6 Environmental Report. See Exhibit D Based on information in the possession of CSXT, the Line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in the railroad's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it

7. Historic Report See Exhibit E

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Respectfully submitted,



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Dated. December 14, 2007

EXHIBIT A

**VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION THAT RAIL LINE MEETS
CRITERIA OF 49 C.F.R. SECTION 1152.50(b)**

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL

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I, Ellen M Preslar, being duly sworn, depose and state that I am Manager Regulatory Costing for Network Rationalization of CSX Transportation, Inc ("CSXT"), that I am authorized to make this verification, and that I have read the foregoing Notice of Exemption and know the facts asserted therein are true and accurate as stated, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief

I hereby certify that no local traffic has moved over CSXT's 1.08-mile rail line on its Southern Region, Jacksonville Division, Fitzgerald Subdivision, from Milepost AP 587.76 to Milepost AP 588.84, Waycross, Ware County, Georgia, for at least two years prior to the date hereof, and that any overhead traffic on the line can be rerouted over other lines. Further, no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period. The foregoing certification is made on behalf of CSXT by the undersigned after due and careful investigation of the matters herein certified and based on the best of the knowledge, information, and belief of the undersigned.

Ellen M. Preslar

Ellen M Preslar

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 5th day of December, 2007

My Commission Expires Apr 1 09, 2009

[Signature]
Notary Public

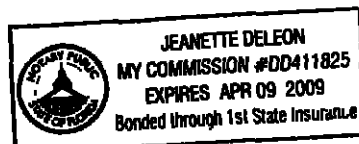
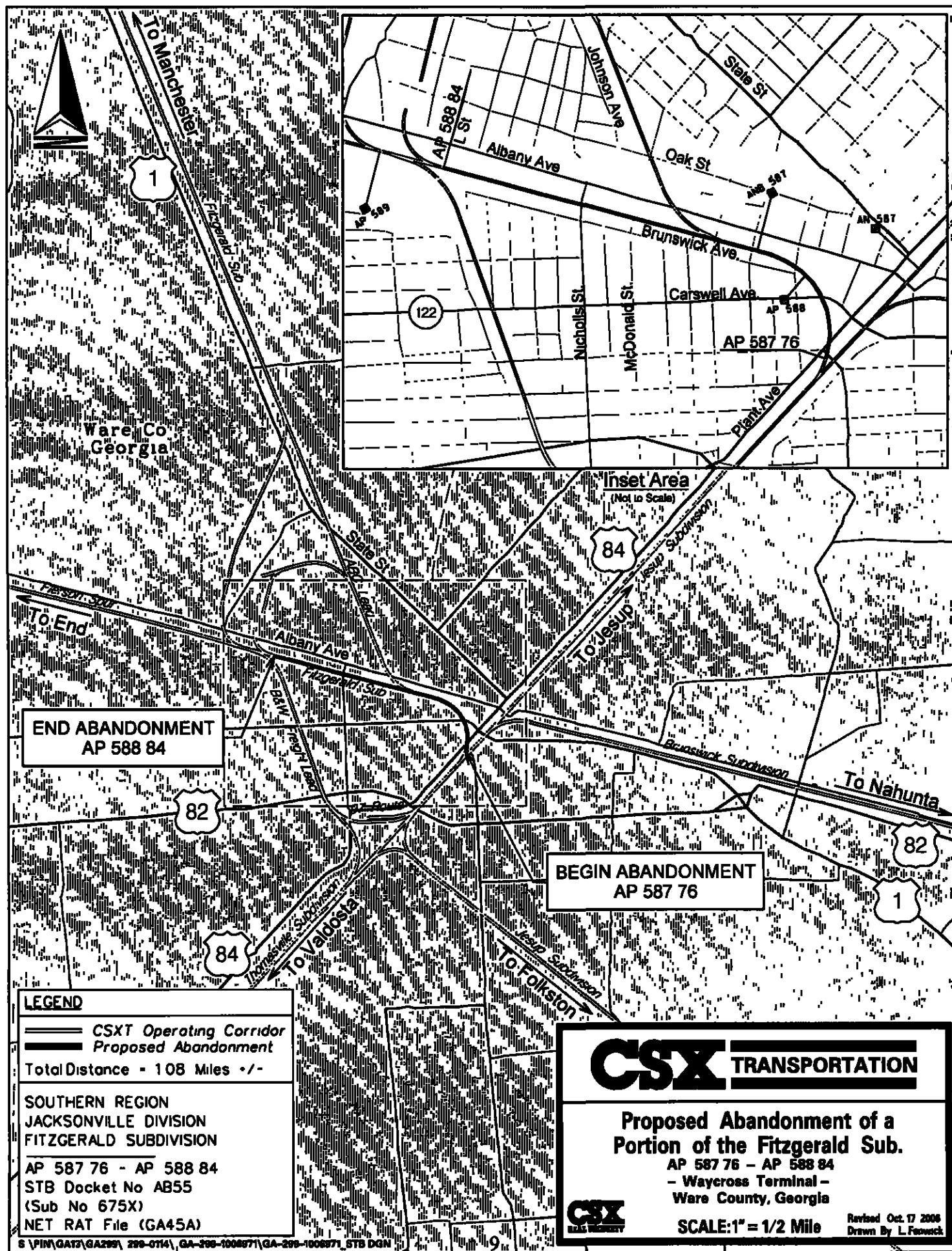
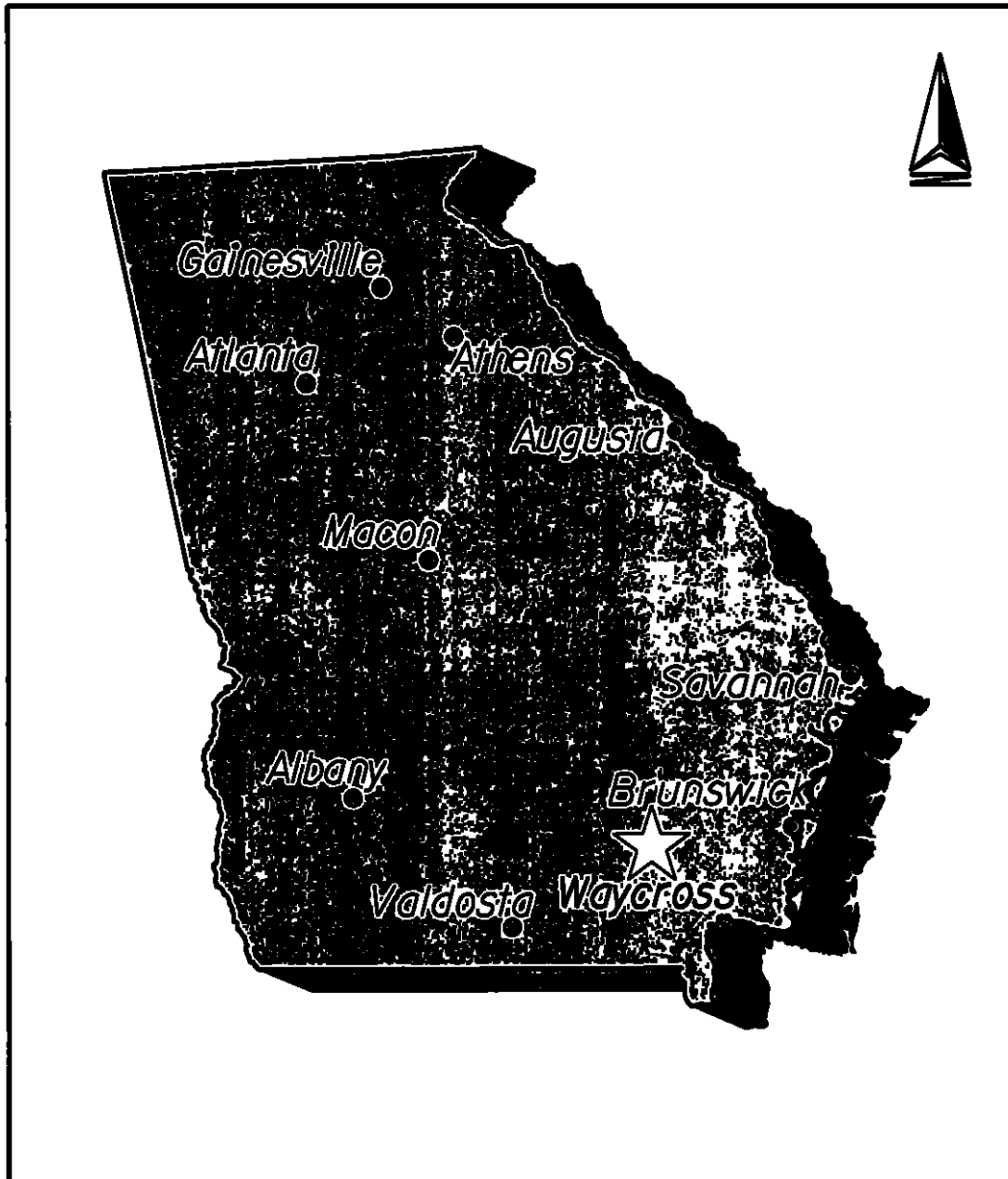


EXHIBIT B

MAP





AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of 1.08 Miles +/-

AP 588.84 - AP 587.76

STB Docket No. AB 55 - Sub. No. 675X

Ware County, Georgia

SOUTHERN REGION - JACKSONVILLE DIVISION - WAYCROSS TERMINAL SUBDIVISION

EXHIBIT C

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.50(d)(1), the undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 675X) was mailed via first class mail on December 3, 2007, to the following parties.

State Public Service Commission

Georgia Public Service Commission
244 Washington Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

Military Traffic Management Command

MTMC/TEA
ATTN: Railroads for National Defense
720 Thimble Shoals Blvd
Suite 130
Newport News, VA 23606-2574

National Park Service

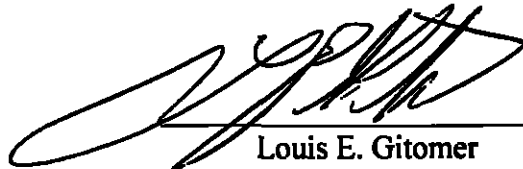
Ms. Cheri Espersen
National Recreation Trail Coordinator
Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW (Org Code 2240)
Washington, DC 20240-0001

National Park Service

U.S. Department of Interior
National Park Service
Land Resources Division
800 North Capitol St., N.E.
Room 540
Washington, DC 20002

U S Department of Agriculture

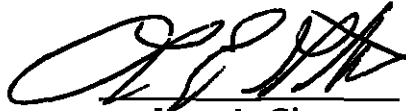
U.S Department of Agriculture
Chief of the Forest Service
4th Floor N W , Auditors' Building
14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W
Washington, DC 20250



Louis E. Gitomer
December 14, 2007

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that notice of the proposed abandonment in Docket No AB-55 (Sub-No 675X) was advertised on December 13, 2007 in the Waycross Journal-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in Ware County, GA, as required by 49 C F R § 1105.12

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis E. Gitomer', written over a horizontal line.

Louis E. Gitomer
December 14, 2007

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") gives notice that on or about December 14, 2007, it intends to file with the Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F— *Exempt Abandonments* permitting the abandonment of a 1.08-mile line of railroad between railroad milepost AP 588 84, near Waycross, GA, and railroad milepost AP 587 76, near Waycross, GA, which traverses through United States Postal Service ZIP Codes 31501 and 31503 in Ware County, GA. The proceeding will be docketed as No AB-55 (Sub-No. 675 X).

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will generally prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will normally be available 25 days after the filing of the notice of exemption. Comments on environmental and energy matters should be filed no later than 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public and will be addressed in a Board decision. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA or make inquiries regarding environmental matters by writing to the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423 or by calling that office at 202-245-0295

Appropriate offers of financial assistance to continue rail service can be filed with the Board. Requests for environmental conditions, public use conditions, or rail banking/trails use also can be filed with the Board. An original and 10 copies of any pleading that raises matters other than environmental issues (such as trails use, public use, and offers of financial assistance) must be filed directly with the Board's Office of the Secretary, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423 [See 49 CFR 1104.1(a) and 1104.3(a)], and one copy must be served on applicants' representative [See 49 CFR 1104.12(a)]. Questions regarding offers of financial assistance, public use or trails use may be directed to the Board's Office of Congressional and Public Services at 202-245-0233. Copies of any comments or requests for conditions should be served on the applicant's representative Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204, (202) 466-6532, Lou_Gitomer@verizon.net

EXHIBIT D

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C F R. § 1105.7, the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Environmental Report in Docket No AB-55 (Sub-No 675X) was mailed via first class mail on November 16, 2007 to the following parties

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Ware County Planning Commission
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Mr Pcte Pyrzenski
Waycross City Manager
City of Waycross Planning Commission
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U.S Department of the Interior
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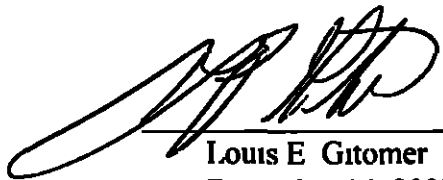
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DOC/NOAA
National Geodetic Survey N/NGS23
(Via Email)



Louis E Gitomer
December 14, 2007

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
WAYCROSS, WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 675X)**

The following information is provided in accordance with 49 C F R Section 1105.7

(1) PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable, detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation (CSXT) proposes to abandon 1.08 miles of rail line from Railroad Milepost AP 587.75 and Milepost AP 588.84 in Waycross, Ware County, Georgia.

The above referenced 1.08-mile line has served as an overhead route in the Waycross area. However, this abandonment, in coordination with the City of Waycross and Ware County, has no adverse effect on any rail served customers or overhead trains. This line segment is no longer necessary for rail operations as agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Waycross, Ware County and CSX dated November 16, 2006. The overall scope included: 1) Capacity improvement projects, including double-tracking the CSX mainline around Waycross, 2) Construction of a new connection track which will result in improved service to the customers, 3) Elimination of these 9 road crossings and 4) The City of Waycross filing a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) on the line segment and CSX working with the City to preserve the corridor as a trail.

No new rail oriented business is expected to develop and the line is no longer required for operating purposes. Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail and crossties; subsequently, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the operating loss and capital costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

Two maps, which delineate the proposed project, are attached (See Attachments 1 and 2)

Further attached is a distribution list of all parties who have received a copy of this report (See Attachment 3)

(2) TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Describe the effects of the proposed action on regional or local transportation systems and patterns. Estimate the amount of traffic (passenger or freight) that will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed action.

There is no passenger traffic on this line. The average overhead traffic on this line was approximately 1,600 cars per day. Since Applicant has added infrastructure to the existing adjacent lines, there will be no negative effect on existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns. It is anticipated that traffic patterns will be significantly improved throughout the congested Waycross area (See Attachment 4).

(3) LAND USE

(i) Based on consultation with local and/or regional planning agencies and/or a review of the official planning documents prepared by such agencies, state whether the proposed action is consistent with existing land use plans. Describe any inconsistencies.

Applicant received a response dated November 20, 2007 from Ms. Mary Jane Cardwell, Waycross City Attorney stating *"The City supports the proposed action and intends to file a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) on the line segment. Further, it is understood that CSX will accept and work with the City to preserve the corridor as a trail"* (Attachment 5)

Applicant received a CSXT Environmental Report Response Form dated November 27, 2007 from Mr. Pete Pyrzewski, Waycross City Manager checking No Environmental Impact (See Attachment 6)

Applicant received a support letter from Mr. Bobby Hopkins, General Manager of Dixie Red-Mix stating *"We do not oppose the action as, due to new construction, the abandonment will have no negative impact on our rail service"* (See Attachment 6A)

Applicant received a support letter from Mr. Warren Britt, Vice President of Dixie Roadbuilders stating *"We do not oppose the action as, due to new construction, the abandonment will have no negative impact on our rail service."* (See Attachment 6B)

(II) Based on consultation with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, state the effect of the proposed action on any prime agricultural land.

Applicant submitted a copy of this Environmental Report on November 16, 2007 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service for Ware County seeking information regarding this statement (See Attachment 7)

Since the proposed action is the simple removal of rail, crossties and possibly the upper layer of ballast, Applicant believes that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on any prime agricultural land.

(III) If the action affects land or water uses within a designated coastal zone, include the coastal zone information required by 1105.9.

Applicant submitted a copy of this Environmental Report on November 16, 2007 to the Coastal Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources in Brunswick, Georgia seeking information regarding this statement. (See Attachment 8)

Since the proposed action is the simple removal of rail, crossties and possibly the upper layer of ballast, Applicant believes that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on land or water uses within any designated coastal zone.

(IV) If the proposed action is an abandonment, state whether or not the right of way is suitable for alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. 10906 and explain why.

The properties proposed to be abandoned may be suitable for other public purposes, but may be subject to reversionary interests that may affect transfer of title for other than rail purposes. However, CSX is anticipating negotiations with the City of Waycross for a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU).

(4) ENERGY

- (i) Describe the effect of the proposed action on transportation of energy resources.**

Removal of this redundant line will have no adverse impact on the current or future transportation of energy resources. Applicant anticipates that the additional infrastructure improvements to the adjacent line will increase operational efficiency even with the removal of this line segment (See Attachment 4)

- (ii) Describe the effect of the proposed action on recyclable commodities.**

Removal of this redundant line will have no adverse impact on the current or future transportation of recyclable commodities. Applicant anticipates that the additional infrastructure improvements to the adjacent line will increase operational efficiency even with the removal of this line segment (See Attachment 4)

- (iii) State whether the proposed action will result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency and explain why.**

The proposed action may result in a slight increase in overall energy efficiency as the infrastructure improvements should allow the traffic to move over a more efficient line with increased speeds (See Attachment 4)

- (iv) If the proposed action will cause diversions from rail to motor carriage of more than: (A) 1,000 rail carloads a year; or (B) an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year for any part of the affected line, quantify the resulting net change in energy consumption and show the data and methodology used to arrive at the figure given.**

There will be no diversion of rail traffic to motor carriage

(5) AIR

- (i) If the proposed action will result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of at least 100% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least eight trains a day on any segment of rail line affected by the proposal, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on any affected road segment, quantify the anticipated effect on air emissions.**

The above thresholds will not be exceeded

- (ii) If the proposed action affects a class I or non-attainment area under the Clean Air Act; and will it result in either: (A) an increase in rail traffic of a least 50% (measured in gross ton miles annually) or an increase of at least three trains a day on any segment of rail line, or (B) an increase in rail yard activity of a least 20% (measured by carload activity), or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles a day on a given road segment, then state whether any expected increased emissions are within the parameters established by the State Implementation Plan.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded

- (iii) If transportation of ozone depleting materials (such as nitrogen oxide and freon) is contemplated, identify: the materials and quantity, the frequency of service; safety practices (including any speed restriction); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and spills; contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of ozone depleting materials in the event of a collision or derailment.

Not applicable

(6) NOISE

If any of the thresholds identified in item (5)(i) of this section are surpassed, state whether the proposed action will cause: (i) an incremental increase in noise levels of three decibels Ldn or more, or (ii) an increase to a noise level of 65 decibels Ldn or greater. If so, identify sensitive receptors (e.g., schools, libraries, hospitals, residences, retirement communities, and nursing homes) in the project area, and quantify the noise increase for these receptors if the thresholds are surpassed.

The above thresholds will not be exceeded.

(7) SAFETY

- (i) Describe any effects of the proposed action on public health and safety (including vehicle delay time at railroad grade crossings).

Applicant believes that the abandonment will result in improvement to public safety by the elimination of nine (9) public, at-grade road crossings

- (II) **If hazardous materials are expected to be transported, identify: the materials and quantity; the frequency of service; whether chemicals are being transported that, if mixed, could react to form more hazardous compounds; safety practices (including any speed restrictions); the applicant's safety record (to the extent available) on derailments, accidents and hazardous spills; the contingency plans to deal with accidental spills; and the likelihood of an accidental release of hazardous materials.**

The hazardous materials that are being transported over this line segment will be transferred over the adjacent line segment. The new routing will move hazardous materials more directly out of the Waycross area. (See Attachment 4)

- (III) **If there are any known hazardous waste sites or sites where there have been known hazardous material spills on the right of way, identify the location of those sites and the types of hazardous materials involved.**

Applicant's records do not indicate any hazardous waste sites on this line segment. However, a review of Applicant's records does indicate a release of two (2) gallons of lube oil from CSX locomotive 8086 on February 4, 2004 at Railroad Milepost AP 587.8 on the crossing. CSX conducted cleanup.

(8) BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (I) **Based on consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state whether the proposed action is likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species or areas designated as a critical habitat, and if so, describe the effects.**

Applicant received a response dated November 27, 2007 from Ms. Sandra Tucker, Field Supervisor of the U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service in Brunswick, Georgia stating: *"the proposed action is not expected to significantly impact fish and wildlife resources."* (See Attachment 9)

- (II) **State whether wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests will be affected, and describe any effects.**

Based upon Applicant's review of the area, the line is not within any wildlife sanctuaries or refuges, National or State parks or forests.

(9) WATER

- (I) Based on consultation with State water quality officials, state whether the proposed action is consistent with applicable Federal, State or local water quality standards. Describe any inconsistencies.**

Applicant submitted a copy of this Environmental Report on November 16, 2007 to the Georgia Department of Environmental Protection in Atlanta, Georgia, requesting information regarding this statement (See Attachment 10)

Applicant does not contemplate any action known to be inconsistent with federal, state and/or local water quality standards. Any necessary permits or applications will be obtained as well as compliance with conditions or procedures required by regulatory agencies.

- (II) Based on consultation with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, state whether permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) are required for the proposed action and whether any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains will be affected. Describe the effects.**

Applicant submitted a copy of this Environmental Report on November 16, 2007 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Savannah, Georgia, requesting information regarding this statement (See Attachment 11)

Applicant is not aware of any designated wetlands or 100-year flood plains within the proposed project.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, removal of material will be accomplished by use of the right of way for access, along with existing public and private crossings, and no new access roads are contemplated. Applicant does not intend to disturb any of the underlying roadbed or perform any activities that would cause sedimentation or erosion of the soil, and do not anticipate any dredging or use of fill in the removal of the track material. The crossties and/or other debris will be transported away from the rail line and will not be discarded along the right of way nor be placed or left in streams or wetlands, or along the banks of such waterways. Also, during track removal, appropriate measures will be implemented to prevent or control spills from fuels, lubricants or any other pollutant materials from entering any waterways. Based upon this course of action, Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act will be required.

- (III) **State whether permits under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) are required for the proposed action. (Applicants should contact the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency or the state environmental protection or equivalent agency if they are unsure whether such permits are required).**

Applicant submitted a copy of this Environmental Report on November 16, 2007 to the U S Environmental Protection Agency State Office Atlanta, Georgia, requesting information regarding this statement (See Attachment 12)

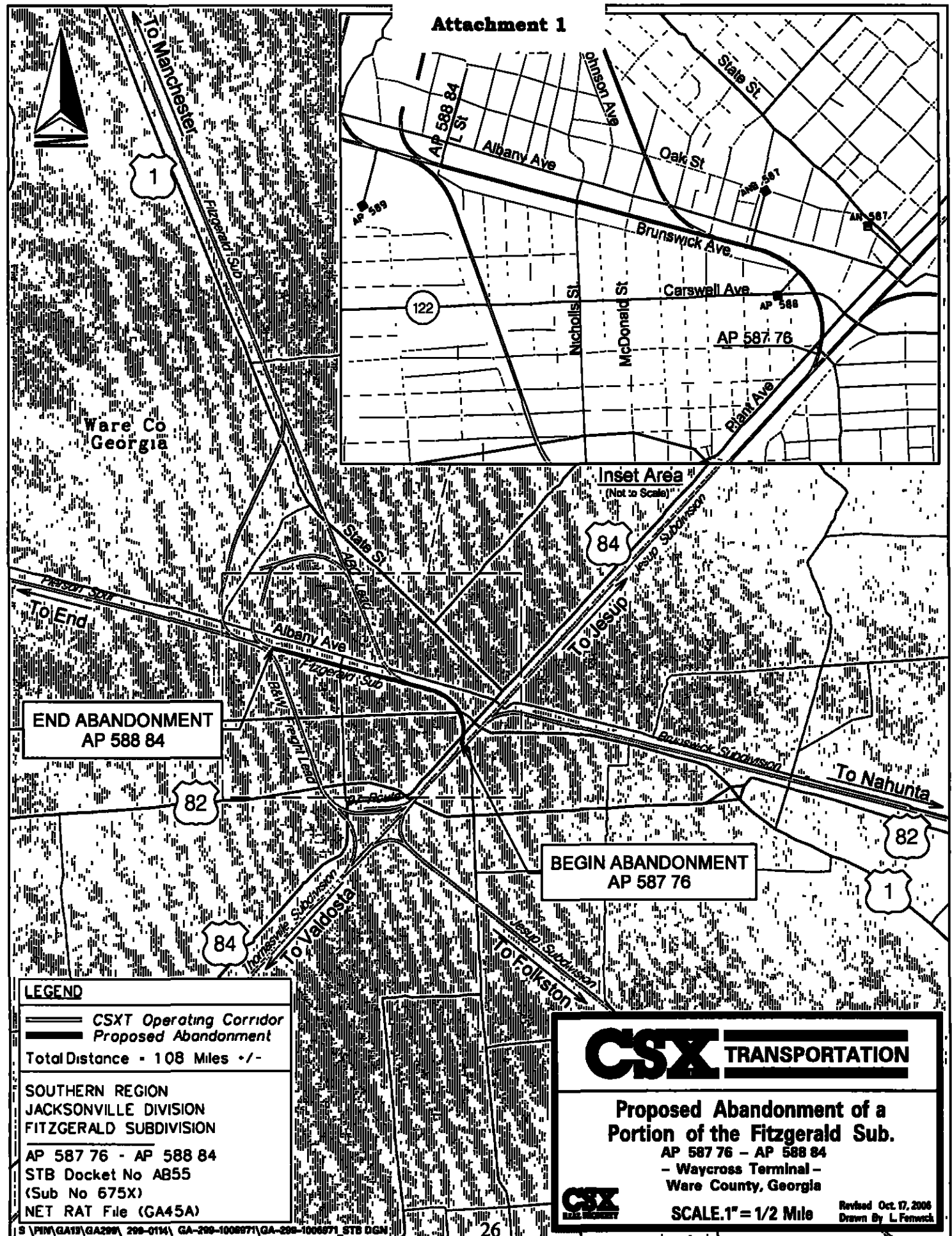
Based upon the course of action described in Section 9 (II), Applicant does not believe a permit under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act will be required

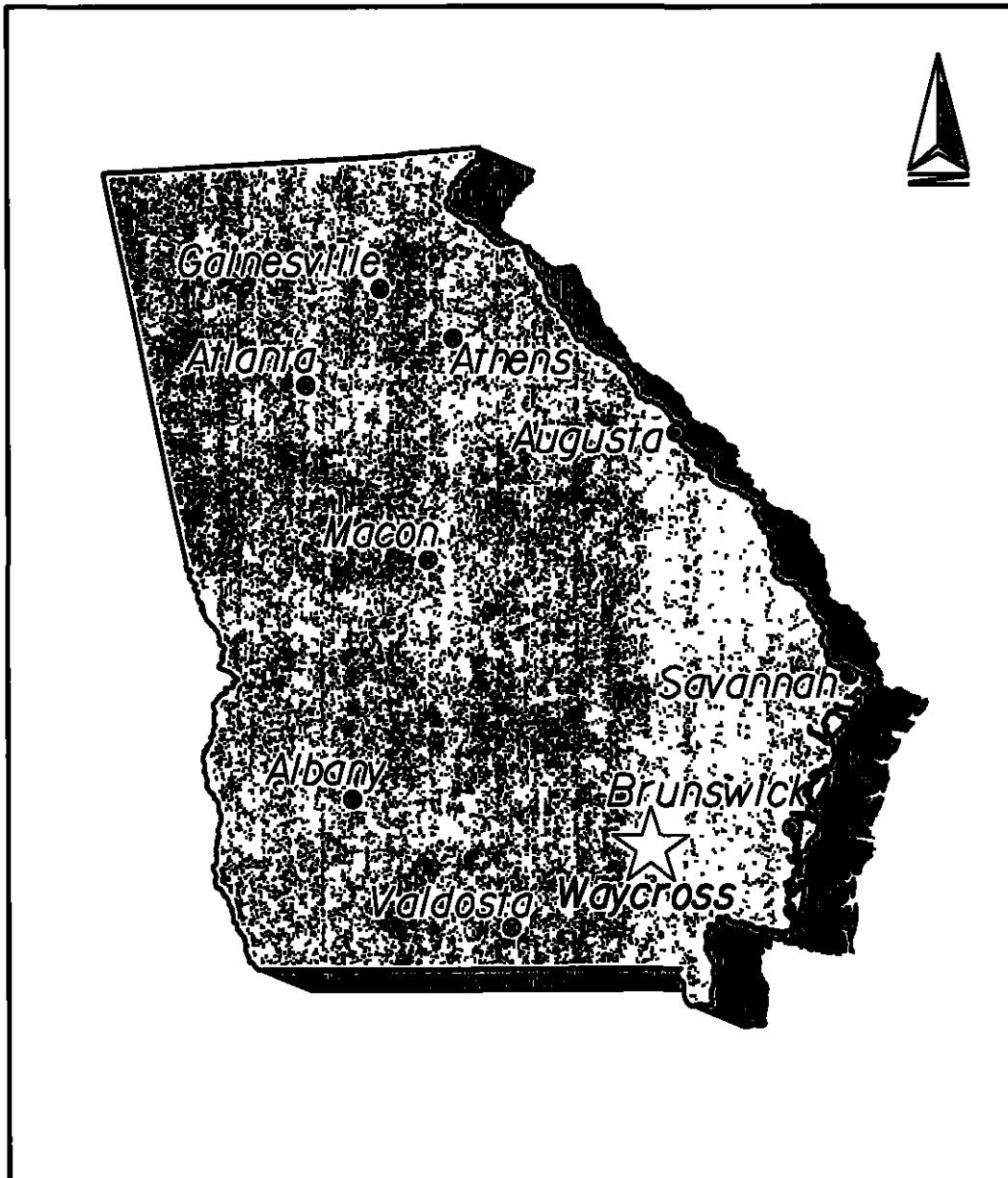
10. MITIGATION

Describe any actions that are proposed to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, indicating why the proposed mitigation is appropriate.

Applicant does not believe there will be any adverse environmental impacts in the project area as a result of this abandonment. However, Applicant will comply with reasonable State and Federal regulations and obtain any necessary permits required.

Attachment 1





AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of 1.08 Miles +/-
AP 588.84 - AP 587.76
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Ware County, Georgia

Attachment 3

**External Distribution List
AB 55 Sub No. 675X
Waycross, Ware County, Georgia**

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Waycross City Manager
City of Waycross Planning Commission
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National Geodetic Survey N/NGS23
(Via Email)**

CSX TRANSPORTATION

Current Rail Traffic vs. Future Rail Traffic

Resulting from Proposed Abandonment of
a Portion of the Fitzgerald Sub

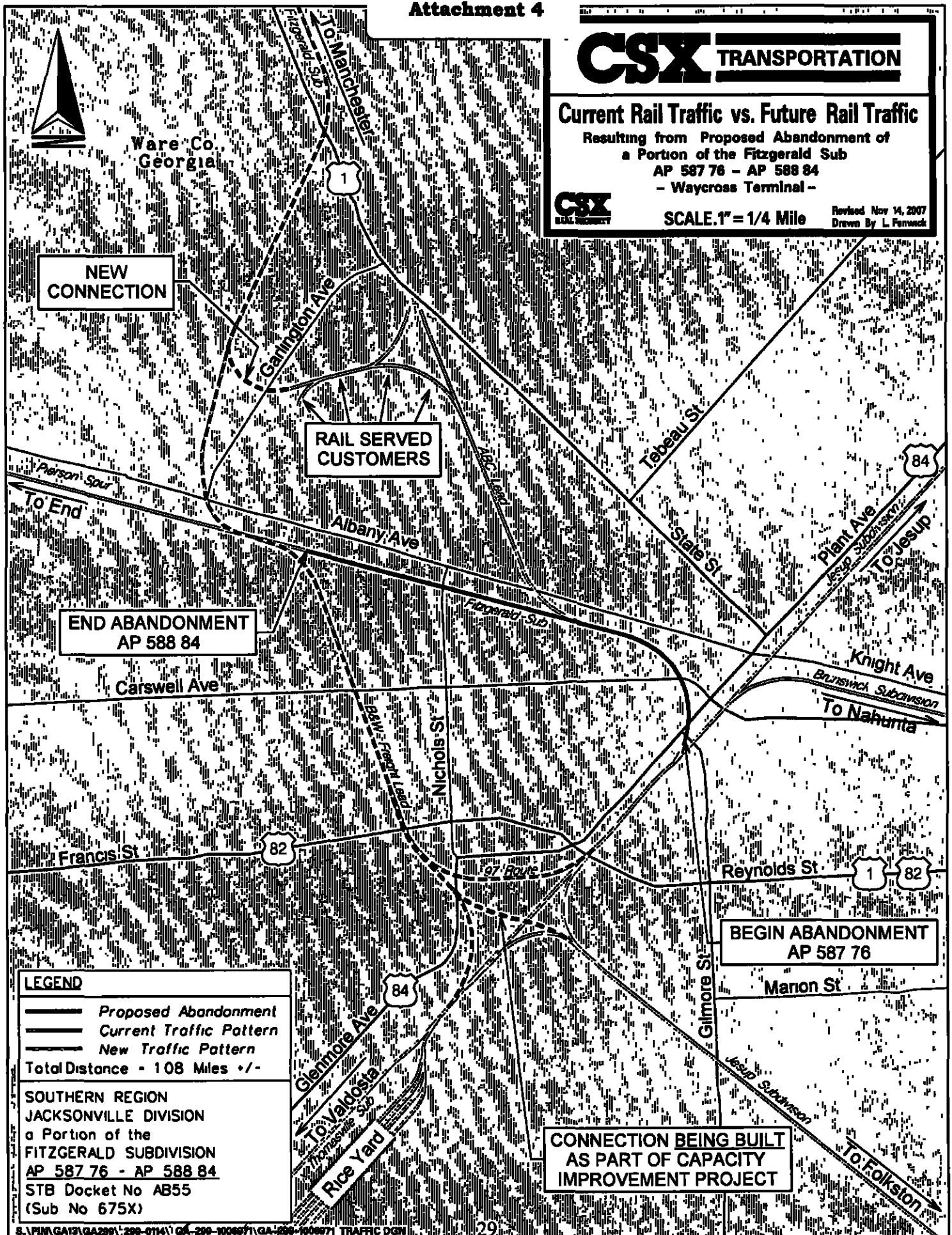
AP 587 76 - AP 588 84

- Waycross Terminal -



SCALE: 1" = 1/4 Mile

Revised Nov 14, 2007
Drawn By L. Fenwick



MARY JANE CARDWELL

**CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE
CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
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WAYCROSS, GA 31502-0756**

Attachment 5

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November 20, 2007

EMAIL mjontebeau@wayxcable.com

Mr. Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization
CSXT Transportation, Inc. - J200
500 Water Street, J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

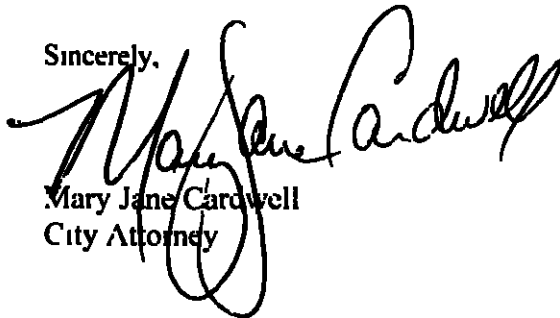
Dear Mr. Geraci:

The City of Waycross (City) and Ware County have been advised that CSX Transportation intends to seek approval from the Surface Transportation Board to abandon a portion of the railroad's operation from Railroad Milepost AP 587.76 to Railroad Milepost AP 588.84 Waycross, Ware County, Georgia.

The City supports the proposed action and intends to file a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) on the line segment. Further, it is understood that CSX will accept and work with the City to preserve the corridor as a trail.

We understand that you may submit this letter to the Surface Transportation Board as part of the proceedings on the proposed abandonment.

Sincerely,



Mary Jane Cardwell
City Attorney

CSXT Environmental Report Response Form

Attachment 6

STB Docket Number AB 55 Sub No. 675X

Petition for Exemption from Railroad Milepost AP 587.76 to Railroad Milepost AP 588.84 in Waycross, Ware County, Georgia

Agency response (check one):

☒ No Environmental Impact

☐ Environmental Impact as follows (or attached):

Date:

Signature:

Name:

Title:

11/27/07
Krzysztof
Krzysztof
City Manager

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Company Letterhead

Mr Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization
CSXT Transportation, Inc - J200
500 Water Street, J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mr Geraci

Insert Company Name has been advised that CSX Transportation intends to seek approval from the Surface Transportation Board to abandon a portion of the railroad's operation from Railroad Milepost AP 587 76 to Railroad Milepost AP 588 84, known as the B&W Freight Lead in Waycross, Ware County, Georgia

We do not oppose the action as, due to new construction, the abandonment will have no negative effect on our rail service

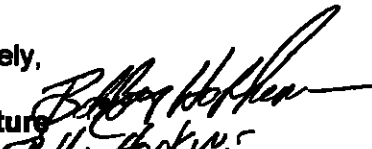
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Sincerely,

Signature

Name

Title


Bobby Hopkins
Gen Manager/Partner

cc Michael Harrison, CSXT
Scott Price, CSXT

DIXIE

Roadbuilders

Plant Mix Asphalt
Highway Construction
Utility Construction

GA Utility Contractors No
#UJ-300023

P O. Box 1588 ; 1107 M Street; Waycross, Georgia 31501; (912)283-6646; Fax (912)283-1287 .

November 20, 2007

**Mr Dave Geraci
Manager-Network Rationalization
CSXT Transportation, Inc. – J200
500 Water Street, J200
Jacksonville, FL 32202**

Dear Mr. Geraci:

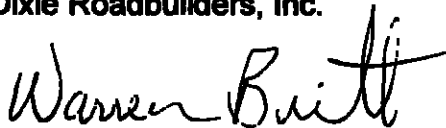
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Sincerely,

Dixie Roadbuilders, Inc.



**Warren Britt
Vice President**

**cc Michael Harrison, CSXT
Scott Price, CSXT**



Attachment 7

500 Water Street - J200
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Dave Geraci
Manager -Network Rationalization

November 16, 2007

USDA - NRCS
Waycross Service Center
601 Tebeau Street
Room 210
Waycross, GA 31501-4701

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 675X)

Dear NRCS:

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For your convenience, the attached form and self addressed stamped envelope will allow you to expedite the environmental review.

If your comments have not been received by September 28, 2007, CSXT will take the position before the Board that there are no environmental impacts for the proposed abandonment within your agency's jurisdiction.

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Sincerely,

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Attachments

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Attachment 8

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Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

November 16, 2007

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
1200 Glynn Avenue
Brunswick, GA 31523

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 675X)

Dear Georgia Department of Natural Resources:

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Dave Garaci
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November 16, 2007

U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish & Wildlife Service
105 West Park Drive
Suite D
Athens, GA 30606



U S Fish and Wildlife Service
Georgia Ecological Services
185 West Park Drive, Suite D, Athens, Georgia 30606
Phone: (706) 613-9493 Fax: (706) 613-6089

FWS Log No. 08-FA-0282

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 675X)

Based on the information provided, the proposed action is not expected to significantly impact fish and wildlife resources under the U S Fish and Wildlife Service jurisdiction

Sandra E. Tucker 11/29/07
Sandra E. Tucker, Fish Supervisor Date

Dear US Fish and Wildlife Service:

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08-FA-0282



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Dave Geraci
Manager -Network Rationalization

November 16, 2007

Georgia Environmental Protection Division
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Suite 1152 East Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 675X)

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Sincerely,

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Dave Geraci
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November 16, 2007

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Savannah District
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Savannah, GA 31402-0889

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 675X)

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Dave Geraci
Manager -Network Rationalization

November 16, 2007

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 675X)

Dear EPA Region 4:

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Geraci, Dave

From: Geraci, Dave
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2007 9 49 AM
To: 'Simon Monroe'
Cc: Surface Transportation Board, National Society of Professional Surveyors, Gilbert Mitchell, Armbrust, Steven, Geraci, Dave
Subject: RE [Fwd NGS Response, STB Docket AB-55 (SUB NO 675X)]

Simon,

Since CSX will be moving quickly to move forward with this abandonment (once we receive approval), please consider this the NGS 90-day notice to remove the below listed markers.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Dave

-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Monroe [mailto:Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 5:51 PM
To: Geraci, Dave
Cc: Surface Transportation Board; National Society of Professional Surveyors; Gilbert Mitchell
Subject: [Fwd: NGS Response, STB Docket AB-55 (SUB NO. 675X)]

Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for Waycross, Ware County, Georgia.

Approximately 05 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area described.

If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD] shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or destroy any geodetic station marks.

These marks are described on the attached file. Additional advice is provided at <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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EXHIBIT E

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**HISTORIC REPORT
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to the requirements of 49 C F R § 1105 8(c), the undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the Historic Report in Docket No AB-55 (Sub-No 675X) was mailed via first class mail on November 16, 2007, to the following parties

Mr Noel A Holcomb, SHPO
Historic Preservation Division/DNR
34 Peachtree Street NW
Suite 1600
Atlanta, GA 30303-2316



Louis E Gitomer
December 14, 2007



Dave Geraci
Manager - Network Rationalization

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November 16, 2007

Mr. Noel A. Holcomb, SHPO
Historic Preservation Division/DNR
34 Peachtree Street NW
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RE: CSXT Proposed Line Abandonment
Waycross, Ware County, Georgia
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 675X)

Dear Mr. Holcomb:

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In connection with rail lines that are to become the subject of applications for authority to abandon, Federal Regulations at 49 CFR 1105.8(d), require that a Historic Report be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer prior to filing with the Surface Transportation Board. In accordance with those Regulations, I am attaching a Historic Report covering the above-proposed abandonment.

Since there are no structures on the subject line that are 50 years old or older, I would appreciate receiving a letter from your office confirming that this project will have no impact upon cultural resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Attachment

Copy: STB - SEA, STB - SEA, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423
Mr. Steve Armbrust, CSXT, 500 Water St. - J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202

HISTORIC REPORT

**CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Waycross, Ware County, Georgia
DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO. 675X)**

1105.7(e)(1)

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES. Describe the proposed action, including commodities transported, the planned disposition (if any) of any rail line and other structures that may be involved, and any possible changes in current operations or maintenance practices. Also describe any reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Include a readable detailed map and drawings clearly delineating the project.

CSX Transportation (CSXT) proposes to abandon 1.08 miles of rail line from Railroad Milepost AP 587.75 and Milepost AP 588.84 in Waycross, Ware County, Georgia.

The above referenced 1.08-mile line has served as an overhead route in the Waycross area. However, this abandonment, in coordination with the City of Waycross and Ware County, has no adverse effect on any rail served customers or overhead trains. This line segment is no longer necessary for rail operations as agreed in a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Waycross, Ware County and CSX dated November 16, 2006. The overall scope included: 1) Capacity improvement projects, including double-tracking the CSX mainline around Waycross, 2) Construction of a new connection track which will result in improved service to the customers, 3) Elimination of these 9 road crossings and 4) The City of Waycross filing a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) on the line segment and CSX working with the City to preserve the corridor as a trail.

No new rail oriented business is expected to develop and the line is no longer required for operating purposes. Abandonment of this line will result in the removal of the rail and crossties; subsequently, the operations and maintenance of this line will cease.

The only alternative would be not to abandon and to pass the operating loss and capital costs of retaining the line to all other CSXT customers. This would not be a prudent utilization of carrier resources.

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Two maps, which delineate the proposed project, are attached. (See Attachments 1 and 2)

Further attached is a map which delineates the new traffic pattern eliminating rail traffic through the middle of town. (See Attachment 3)

1105.8(d)

- (1) A U.S.G.S. topographic map (or an alternate map drawn to scale and sufficiently detailed to show buildings and other structures in the vicinity of the proposed action) showing the location of the proposed action, and the locations and approximate dimensions of railroad structures that are 50 years old or older and are part of the proposed action.**

Attached is a copy of the Waycross East quadrangle topographic map prepared by the U. S. Department of Interior Geological Survey prepared. The line to be abandoned has been identified by a heavy black diagonal line. (See Attachment 4)

There are no CSXT-owned structures that are 50 years old or older, which may be eligible for listing in the National Register as a part of the proposed action.

- (2) A written description of the right of way (including approximate widths, to the extent known), and the topography and urban and/or rural characteristic of the surrounding area:**

The right of way widths along this line is estimated at 100 feet from the center-line of track. The rail line traverses the urban community of Waycross, Georgia

- (3) Good quality photographs (actual photographic prints, not photocopies) of railroad structures on the property that are 50 years old or older and of the immediately surrounding area:**

Not Applicable.

- (4) The date(s) of construction of the structure(s), and the date(s) and extent of any major alterations, to the extent such information is known:**

Not Applicable.

- (5) A brief narrative history of carrier operations in the area, and an explanation of what, if any, changes are contemplated as a result of the proposed action:**

The line proposed for abandonment was originally constructed between 1889 and 1892 by the Brunswick & Western Railroad Company (B&W). Although the B&W was purchased in 1888 by the Savannah, Florida and Western Railroad (SF&W), the integration was not complete until 1901. The SF&W was acquired shortly thereafter by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company (ACL).

The ACL was incorporated on March 14, 1836, as the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company, and on April 23, 1900, the name was changed to Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

From 1902 through 1912, the ACL merged with a number of small railroads extending from Virginia to Florida. Four more mergers occurred during and immediately after World War II, and two in the 1950's. At the time of the ACL's merger with the Charleston and Western Carolina in 1959, the railroad owned 5,325 miles of line and leased additional lines, for a system total of 5,742 miles. On July 1, 1967, the Seaboard Air Line (SAL) and ACL merged to form the Seaboard Coast Line (SCL). In 1972 The Family Lines was adopted to identify the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and the SCL. On November 1, 1980, Seaboard Coast Line Industries Inc. (which was formed in May 1969) and Chessie System Inc. merged and became CSX Corporation. On January 1, 1983, the merger of The

Family Lines' affiliates formed the Seaboard System Railroad Inc., which name was changed on July 1, 1986 to CSX Transportation Inc.

Upon receiving abandonment authority, Applicant's operations and maintenance over this line will cease.

- (6) **A brief summary of documents in the carrier's possession, such as engineering drawings, that might be useful in documenting a structure that is found to be historic:**

Not Applicable.

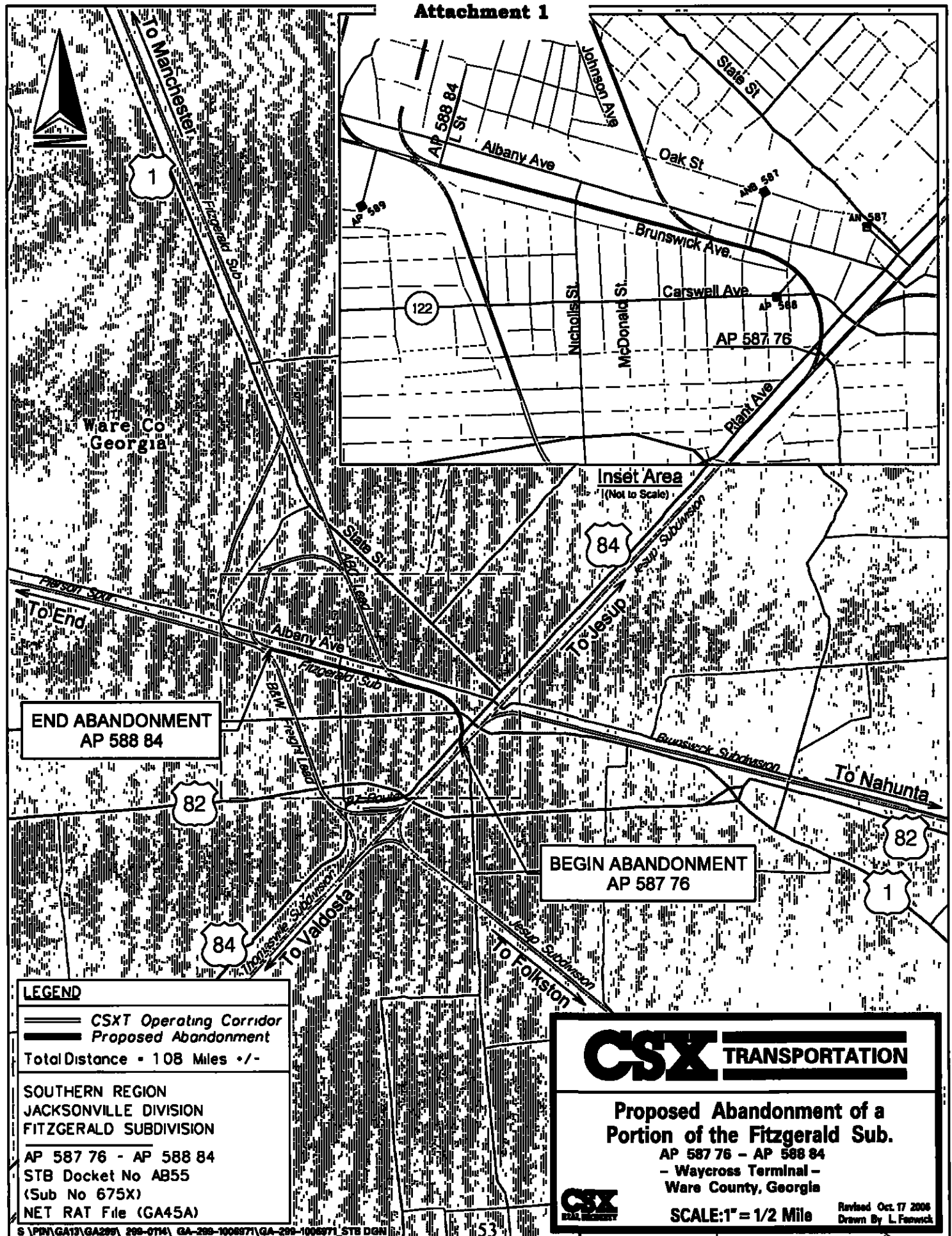
- (7) **An opinion (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) as to whether the site and/or structures meet the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (36 C.F.R. 60.4), and whether there is a likelihood of archeological resources or any other previously unknown historic properties in the project area, and the basis for these opinions (including any consultations with the State Historic Preservation Office, local historical societies or universities):**

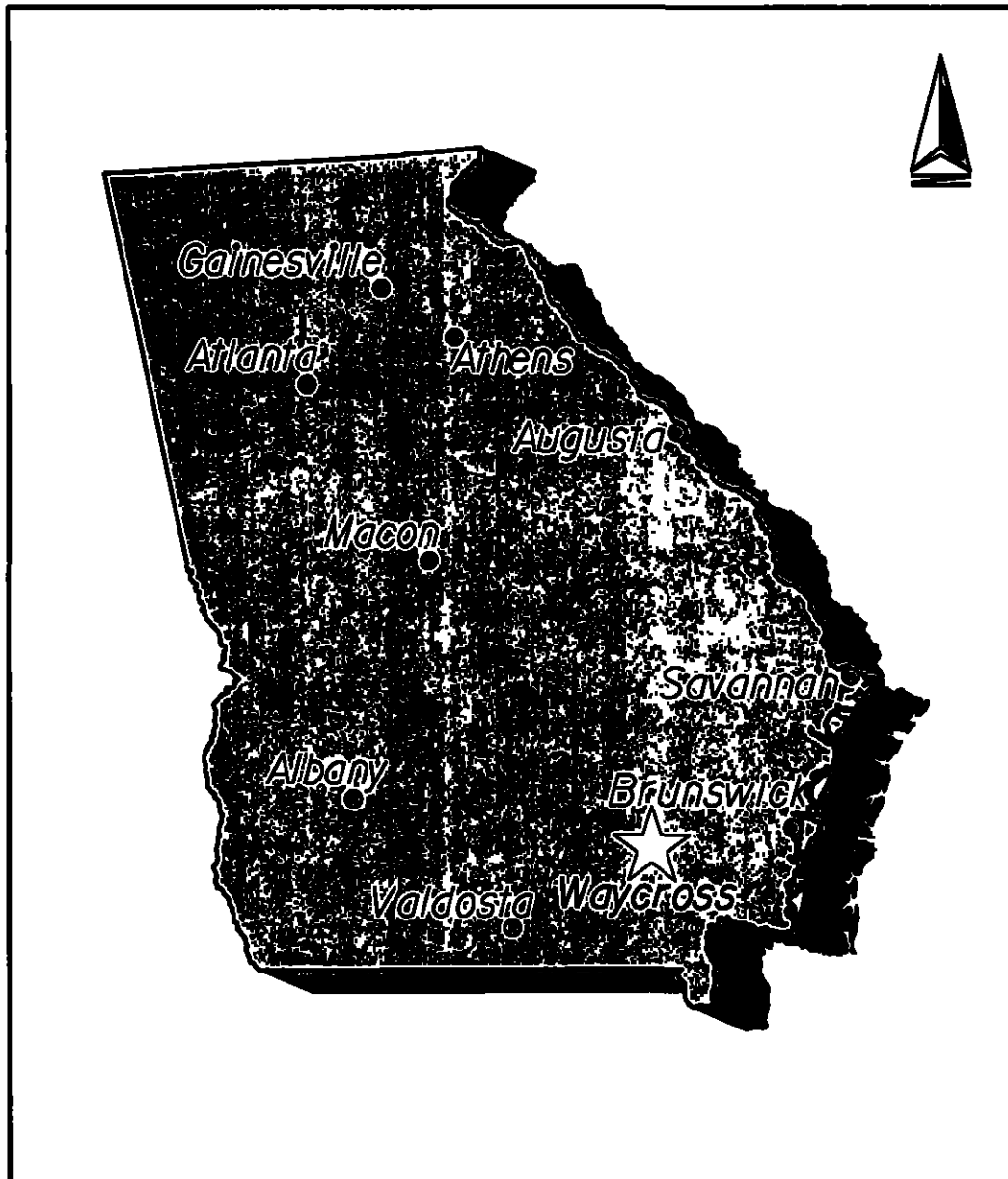
A review of our records indicates there are no CSXT-owned structures over 50 years old on this line segment that may be eligible for listing in the National Register.

- (8) **A description (based on readily available information in the railroad's possession) of any known prior subsurface ground disturbance or fill, environmental conditions (naturally occurring or man-made) that might affect the archeological recovery of resources (such as swampy conditions or the presence of toxic wastes), and the surrounding terrain.**

The line was disturbed during construction by cuts and fill and any archeological resources that may have been located in the proposed project area would have been affected at that time versus during the proposed salvage operations associated with rail removal. Our records do not indicate that any swampy conditions exist, or that any hazardous material spills have occurred within the project area.

Attachment 1





AREA MAP

Proposed Abandonment of 1.08 Miles +/-

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Current Rail Traffic vs. Future Rail Traffic

Resulting from Proposed Abandonment of
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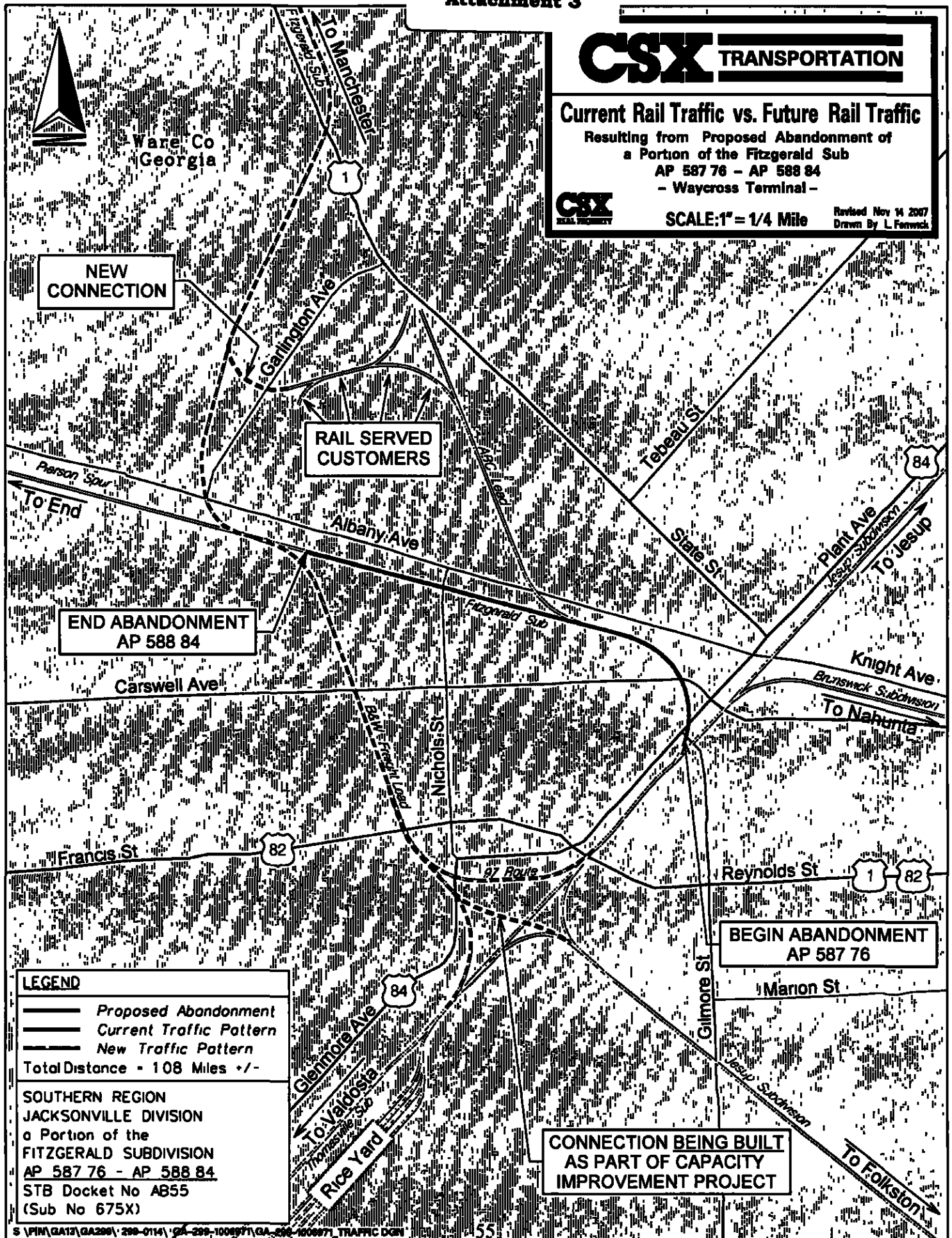
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SCALE: 1" = 1/4 Mile

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UTM 17 370150E 3453987N (NAD27)
USGS Waycross East (GA) Quadrangle
 Projection is UTM Zone 17 NAD83 Datum

M=-5.155
G=-0.706