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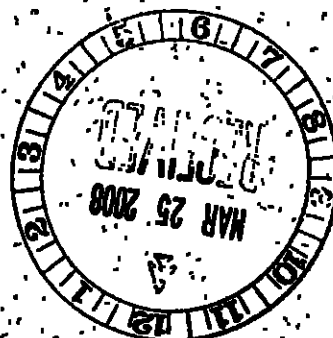
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March 24, 2008

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 711
Washington, DC 20423

Re STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No 613x)

Dear Mr. Williams:

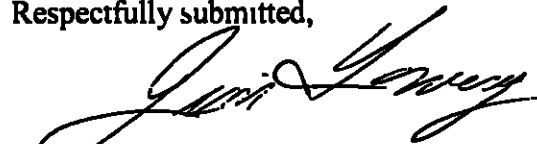
On September 17, 2007, the City of Fulton Dale, Alabama filed a request to replace Jefferson County, Alabama as the interim trail use proponent for the notice of interim trail use (NITU) for the subject line under the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1274(d) (Trails Act), in order to negotiate with CSXT for acquisition of the rights-of-way for use as a trail. In its decision of September 28, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) agreed to issue the replacement NITU and provided a 180 day period for the City and CSXT to negotiate an agreement. The prescribed deadline for reaching agreement was March 30, 2008.

The City and CSXT are currently negotiating a Memorandum of Agreement and Purchase Agreement. CSXT has provided documentation to allow the City and its consultants Right of Entry to perform their due diligence concerning Environmental Assessments and Property Appraisals. The City has engaged Appraisal and Engineering firms to examine the subject corridor property.

Both parties are continuing to work diligently to reach agreement, but we do not anticipate being able to complete our negotiations by the date specified. Therefore, we are writing to request a 180 day extension of the March 30, 2008, deadline.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting CSXT to notify you of CSXT's agreement with the requested extension

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Lowery", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Lowery, Mayor
City of Fultondale

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