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Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 290X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment – in Toledo, Lucas County, OH –
Notice of Exemption

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) does not consent to the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments' (TMACOG) request for an Interim Trail Use condition in their letter dated July 24, 2008.

NSR's is opposed to trail use as their Real Estate department is in the process of negotiating a sale of all of most of the line segment's right-of-way.

NSR's engineering department proposes removing the bridge at milepost TW-0.99, which crosses over NSR's Chicago Line at milepost CD-289.08, to alleviate clearance problems. In addition, the bridges at milepost TW 0.54 over Swan Creek and at milepost TW 0.62 over Newton Street have become attractive nuisances for trespassers and vandals and should be removed. The removal of the three bridges would leave no continuity of the right-of-way to be used for a trail.

Additionally, NSR does not support the TMACOG's request for a public use condition for the same reasons.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Anthony L. Reams, President
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)