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Subject: Fw: Follow-up from conference call (AB-290 Sub-No 408X)
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Hi Dave,

See below some updated info from the SHPO related to discussions between NSR and the SHPO related to the Boonton abandonment.

All My Best,

Crystal

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Follow-up from conference call (AB-290 Sub-No 408X)

Hello Laura,

I agree with you. However, it is suggested that you still check with STB to confirm that they do not consider your project an undertaking. Regards,

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Vincent,

I wanted to drop you a quick note to thank you for taking the time to speak with us yesterday concerning Norfolk Southern Railway Company's ("NSR") plans to abandon an approximately 8.6-mile-rail line extending from Milepost WD 2.9 in the City of Jersey City to Milepost WD 11.5 in the Township of Montclair, in Hudson and Essex Counties, New Jersey (the "Line"). As we discussed on the phone and as stated in the environmental and historic report ("E&HR") your office was provided, NSR filed for abandonment authority with the Surface Transportation Board to convey the Line's right-of-way, pursuant to an interim trail use/rail banking agreement, to Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. ("OSI") so that the Line may be used for a public redevelopment project ("Project"). OSI in partnership with Hudson and Essex Counties (the eventual Trail owners) plans to redevelop the Line, create greenways, and provide for alternative modal access to various sites located along the Line, which would promote economic growth in the region.

Recently, OSI filed its notice of interim trails use for the Project and all parties will be moving forward towards that objective once the Board issues its decision in the next couple of months. I hope you found our conversation about the project to be productive. Based on our conversation, it appears we are in agreement that the transaction as proposed (conversion of the rail line to a trail) should not be treated as a federal action for which a Section 106 would apply.

Please confirm via e-mail that my understanding is correct. If you feel differently or new additional information, please let me know.

Thanks again for your time and guidance yesterday.

Best Regards,
Laura

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