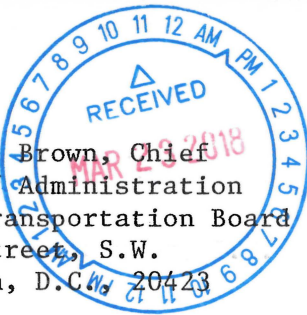


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Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
Section of Administration
Surface Transportation Board
395 "E" Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423



RE: AB55(sub-no.775X)

Clark, Floyd, Washington,
Orange, & Lawrence
Counties in Indiana

Save Taxes & Our Property
c/o Tug Beal
560 Murdock Station Road
Bedford, Indiana 47421
March 12, 2018

Dear Cynthia,

Per Dec. 29, 2017 trail request, this docket, said request states, "Bedford has already approved the line for bicycling through Lawrence County to Mitchell." In same paragraph, said statement is prefaced by abandonment description of, "stretching seventy miles". We believe said statement and preface incorrect. Stretching actual, from 62.3 miles, to 70 miles, would include Bedford. We have been involved in Bedford's plan development and have been provided final copies, of said plan, and have been told repeatedly and emphatically, by both plan commission and city council boards, said plan does not extend beyond city limits. We can produce news articles of such. They said they could not approve said plan, out of their jurisdiction and did not want said plan construed that way. Regardless, it is titled, "2016 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan connecting Bedford, Mitchell, and Oolitic". But, one would reasonably conclude Bedford absolutely does not have authority to approve trail use, through Lawrence County, for 7 miles, outside city limits, to Mitchell, and such authority would rest with Lawrence County Commissioners, which we believe precisely the case. Further, Lawrence County has failed multiple attempts, at similar plans, due to widespread opposition, in the populus, to any sort of trails plan or zoning, in this ultra conservative and agricultural county. It is interesting Mr. Vonnegut, author of said request, s-t-r-e-t-c-h-s trail length, in said one paragraph, to paint a rosy picture, where attempting, to persuade your board and parties of record, of said plan's utility and evidence of community desire, for trail implementation. He then states, he hopes, other counties do the same. However, he declines informing you, in his persuasion, being taken to court, by land owners, in this county, for not s-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g fence, along an existing rail trail, as prescribed by Indiana law: IC 8-4.5-6-6(1,2) and ordered by by special Judge Elizabeth A. Cure, to comply, Nov. 30, 2015, in Lawrence Circuit Court, in the Monroe County Court IV Cause No. 47C01 1411PL 001766, who stated defendant's argument would make nonsense of language, in said code. We call your attention, this abandonment traverses through all rural counties, except one. Yet, we see no county commissioners boards stepping forward, in support of trails, only trails promoters, unless we are unaware. We are a comparatively large reversionary land owners organization residing primarily in Lawrence, Monroe, and Jackson Counties, established since 1992. For Save Taxes & Our Property (S.T.O.P.), thank you, and,

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God Bless You,

Tug Beal
Tug Beal

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