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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
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Re: Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 56X)

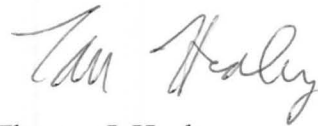
**Wisconsin Central Ltd. — Abandonment Exemption — In
Outagamie County, Wis.**

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached for filing please find a letter regarding this docket from the Village of Little Chute, Wisconsin.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Healey

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Enclosure



Little Chute

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Re: **Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 56X)**
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Dear Ms. Brown:

The Village of Little Chute fully supports this abandonment. The City of Kaukauna intends to acquire this portion of right of way under the rails to trails act. The Village of Little Chute, in partnership with the bridge project, intends to provide 50% of the funding to acquire the property in support of the bridge. This bridge is part of a larger county and state funded initiative that will connect over 13 miles of dedicated trail in the region. This will allow all residents to walk and bike to work in a safe way. It will also provide recreational access to the Fox River, one of the state's longest rivers.

We also understand that WCL may seek the Board's approval in shortening some of its standard abandonment timelines. We wholly support any shortening of the abandonment process. Construction season in Wisconsin generally ends in November, so all work we can accomplish before winter sets in will help to advance the project. Additionally, a large portion of the bridge was funded through grant money that includes grant funds from the National Park Service and Federal Recreational Trails Program. We may jeopardize some of the grant money if the project is not complete by the end of June 2021. The more work we can get in before the snow flies this year, the less work we will need to accomplish next Spring.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties of record have received a copy of this letter