

City of Aurora

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Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
ATTENTION: Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 394X)

RE: Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 394X), Norfolk Southern
Railway Company-Abandonment Exemption-in Aurora,
Portage County, Ohio

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

Please let this letter serve as additional comments in Opposition to the Draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that is being proposed pursuant to your December 13, 2018 letter.

The City of Aurora restates all of its objections that it previously filed in this manner earlier. In addition, the city believes that the Board's failure to properly notify surrounding and adjoining property owners is a violation of due process, and that this has not been fully considered. The proposed abandonment of this property will have a long lasting and significant effect on the character of the entire city and region. Despite claims that proper and legal notice has been given to affected property owners, it is clear that the bare minimum was done such that a fair, open and transparent process has not been achieved.

In addition, the mitigation offered in the city's Historic Depot District fails to properly and fully protect the integrity and character of the area.

For these reasons and for those already in the record, the City of Aurora opposes the MOA in its current form.

Best regards,



Dean DePiero
Law Director
City of Aurora

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