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Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Director, Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

**Re: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 818X), CSX Transportation, Inc.—Abandonment
Exemption—in Marion County, IN**

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

CSX Transportation, Inc. (“CSXT”) advises the Office of Environmental Analysis that it intends to proceed with the abandonment of its approximately 1.8-mile rail line extending between Lat/Long (39.74752-86.18469) and Lat/Long (39.7294-86.20626), located on CSXT’s Northeast Great Lakes Division, Indianapolis Terminal Subdivision, Craven Industrial Track, in Marion County, Indiana (the “Line”). CSXT and the City of Indianapolis (the “City”) have discontinued negotiations pursuant to the Notice of Interim Trail Use (“NITU”) issued by the Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) on December 17, 2024, and the negotiating period has expired. The Board’s December 17, 2024, decision also imposed a Section 106 condition.

The Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer previously identified the two bridges over Big Eagle Creek as potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, while also indicating that, because CSXT’s submission did not contemplate salvage or alterations to the bridges, a finding of no adverse effect would likely be appropriate. At that time, CSXT anticipated conveying the Line to the City pursuant to the NITU and therefore did not intend to salvage or alter the bridges over Big Eagle Creek. In light of the City’s withdrawal from the trail-use negotiations, CSXT now intends to proceed with abandonment of the Line and removal of the two bridges. CSXT recognizes that the removal of the bridges may result in a new adverse-effect determination and the imposition of appropriate conditions. CSXT looks forward to working with your Office to address and mitigate any such determination.

CSXT is working on a bridge removal plan and expects to have it completed around September 18, 2026. CSXT will share the plan with your Office once it is complete. Please advise us of any additional information that is needed to prepare a revised Final Environmental Assessment addressing the removal of the bridges.

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This letter has been served by email on the parties of record to this proceeding: Mr. Richard Welsh, Ms. Megan Vukusich, and Mr. Richard Vonnegut.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call or email me.

Sincerely yours,



Louis E. Gitomer