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RE: AB 55 - 818X

Chairman Fuchs:

I am writing to inform the STB that in AB55-818X the not-for-profit Indiana Trails Fund, Inc. is interested in negotiating with CSXT both to invoke public use condition and to engage Interim Trail Use (Railbanking) via 16 U.S. Code paragraph 1247d

Originally, back in 2024, when CSXT filed for abandonment, the Indiana Trails Fund (“Fund”) filed in November 21st for both Public Use Condition and for Interim Trails Use (“PUC”, “ITU”). Thereafter, the City of Indianapolis
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(“City”) filed for ITU only. The STB found for the City on the question of ITU, and for Fund on the question of PUC.

Whatever has happened with regard to the City is not the concern of Fund in that CSXT has contacted Fund about the fate of this line and action.

Hence, the Indiana Trails Fund hereby expresses interest to both CSXT and the SB in preserving this line both for PUC, and for ITU, both in the long run for future rail use and in the short run for hike and bike connections into and out of neighborhoods and connections serving other trails in the west side of the City.

Should you or any others in the STB or in CSXT have questions or comments, feel free to contact either Derek Zollinger or myself, Richard Vonnegut, below.

We, the undersigned, certify that all parties of record in this proceeding have been served with copies of this document.

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