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October 5, 2011

Mark J. Epstein
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RE: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In Lucas County, OH*, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 290X)

Notice of Compliance with Memorandum of Agreement - Stipulation I

[Corrected to reflect proper STB docket number]

Dear Mr. Epstein:

As you are aware, the Surface Transportation Board (“STB”), Norfolk Southern Railway Company (“NSR”), and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (“OHPO”) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) in connection with the above-referenced railroad abandonment proceeding. That MOA sets forth certain mitigation that NSR must complete before it may remove three railroad bridges located, respectively, at mileposts TW 0.54, TW 0.62, and TW 0.99 along the rail line to be abandoned. The MOA was fully executed as of September 13, 2011, and you should have received a fully-executed copy of it recently. In essence, MOA Stipulations I through IIII outline the prerequisite actions that NSR must take before it may commence salvage of the three bridges. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that NSR has fully satisfied the requirements of MOA Stipulation I, and that it will proceed accordingly with the steps required of it in MOA Stipulation II.

MOA Stipulation I sets forth NSR’s obligation to advertise the three bridges as available for acquisition through posting on the “Reusable Bridges webpage of the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Division of Transportation Development – Office of Environmental Services (DTD-OES) for a period of not less than sixty (60) days.” MOA Stipulation I.A. The MOA properly reflects that NSR already had made arrangements for such posting.

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NSR hereby advises OHPO that the three bridges were listed on the DTD-OES website as available for acquisition for well beyond the minimum 60-day requirement set forth in MOA Stipulation I.A. As proof of NSR's satisfaction of the Stipulation I.A. requirements, NSR attaches hereto a copy of a letter from DTD-OES Administrator Timothy M. Hill confirming that the subject railroad bridges were posted on the "Ohio Department of Transportation's Reusable Bridges Website . . . from February 11, 2011 to July 14, 2011," again well beyond the MOA's 60-day requirement. Mr. Hill included with his letter (and we are including with our attachment) visual proof of the posting.

The undersigned counsel for NSR was designated as the point of contact for any inquiries concerning possible acquisition and/or redeployment of any or all of the three bridges listed on the DTD-OES website. The undersigned hereby attests that he has received no expressions of interest in any of the three bridges at any time before, during or after the bridges' posting on the DTD-OES website.

NSR has complied fully with the posting provisions of MOA Stipulation I, no interested party has emerged expressing an interest in any of the three bridges, and, accordingly, NSR hereby notifies OHPO that it will proceed with the preparation of the recordation package specified in MOA Stipulation II.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions concerning this letter or NSR's compliance with the aforementioned provisions of the subject MOA. As provided in the MOA, NSR will apprise OHPO and the STB concerning further developments in the historic mitigation process at appropriate junctures.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Wimbish

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Attachments

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July 15, 2011

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Re: Advertisement of Three Historic Norfolk & Southern Railroad Bridges for Reuse on ODOT's Website

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for using the Ohio Department of Transportation's Reusable Bridges Website to market your structures. The three historic railroad bridges located in Lucas County, Ohio at Milepost 0.54 crossing Swan Creek; Milepost 0.62 crossing Newton Street/Collingwood; and Milepost 0.99 crossing Norfolk Southern Railway Chicago Line, were advertised for reuse on the web page from February 11, 2011 to July 14, 2011. We hope the online marketing was helpful in reaching out to prospective groups that might be interested in reusing any of the three structures.

Please contact Thomas P. Barrett, Environmental Specialist, at 614-466-3932 or tom.barrett@dot.state.oh.us if you have any further questions regarding ODOT's Reusable Bridges Website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Timothy M. Hill".

Timothy M. Hill
Administrator
Office of Environmental Services

TMH: tpb

cc: Mark Epstein, SHPO; OES Bridge PA File

ODOT Home > Divisions > Planning > Environmental Services > Cultural Resources > Bridge Status > REUSABLE BRIDGES

Division of Transportation System Development Office of Environmental Services



Cultural Resources

Historic Bridges Available for Reuse

Delaware County

Brown Road Bridge over Bokes Creek (Scioto Township) built in 1915 is 125 feet in span and 19.3 feet wide. It is one of five remaining examples in Ohio that was built by the Bellefontaine Bridge & Steel Co. And it is one of the eight oldest surviving examples in the state of Pratt riveted through trusses. The bridge's 2009 inspection report rated the truss and deck both at a 5 and in good condition.



Looking east at the existing bridge



Looking north at the existing bridge

Contact Information

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Crawford County

Crawford County has three bridges available for relocation/reuse. They are permanently closed to traffic and will be posted for availability until July 2008.

Bridge 1

SFN: 173820

Pratt through truss with pin connections



3 Views of the Caldwell Road Bridge in Crawford County

Built in 1890 by Variety Iron Works.
114 feet long and 16 feet wide.
Located in Dallas Township, Township Route 33 (Caldwell Rd.) over the Sandusky River.

Bridge 2

SFN: 1743910

Pratt pony truss with pin connections



3 Views of the Woodside Road Bridge over Sycamore Creek in Crawford County

Built circa 1900. Builder is unknown.
52 feet long and 16 feet wide.
Located in Texas Township, Township Route 193 (Woodside Rd.) over Sycamore Creek.

Bridge 3

SFN: 1743961

Warren polygonal chord pony truss



3 Views of the Benton Road Bridge over Sycamore Creek in Crawford County

Built in 1925 by Brookville Bridge Company, Brookville Ohio.
92 feet long and 17 feet wide.
Located in Texas Township, Township Route 104 (Benton Rd.) over Sycamore Creek. This bridge is a **Select** structure. (It has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by ODOT, FHWA and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office as a representative example of Warren pony trusses).

Contact Information

Crawford County Engineers Office
815 Whetstone Street
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820
419-562-7731

Huron County

SFN: 3946304

Pratt Pinned Through Truss



The 1 span 70'-long, pin-connected, half-hip Pratt pony truss bridge has built-up upper chords and verticals, and eyebar diagonals and lower chord. It is supported on one concrete abutment (1991) and one stone abutment.

Built in 1881 by the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company, an early and significant example of its type/design in the state context. The abutment replacement in 1991 did not have a significant effect on integrity. It is one of 12 remaining structures in Ohio built by the Mt. Vernon Bridge Company, which was incorporated in 1880.

Contact Information

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 ODOT Office of Environmental Services
 Historian
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 614-466-3932

Lucas County

Bridge 1 - Milepost TW 0.54

Norfolk Southern Railway Company
 Milepost TW-0.54
 Built date: 1889
 171 total feet in length; 25 feet high
 Single-track bridge crossing of Swan Creek
 7 total spans - 1 deck plate girder (103 feet); 6 frame trestle (68 feet combined)



Bridge 1 - Milepost TW 0.54



Bridge 1 - Milepost TW 0.54

Bridge 2 - Milepost TW 0.62

Norfolk Southern Railway Company
 Milepost TW-0.62
 Built date: 1889
 107 total feet in length; 18.5 feet high
 Single-track bridge crossing Newton Street/Collingwood
 3 total spans - 1 through truss (85 feet); 2 frame trestle (22 feet combined)



Bridge 2 - Milepost TW 0.62



Bridge 2 - Milepost TW 0.62

Bridge 3 - Milepost TW 0.99

Norfolk Southern Railway Company
Milepost TW-0.99
Built date: 1887
121 total feet in length; 27 feet high
Single-track bridge crossing Norfolk Southern Railway's Chicago Line
1 total span - through truss



Bridge 3 - Milepost TW 0.99



Bridge 3 - Milepost TW 0.99

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Scioto County

Scioto County, Porter Township, County Route 257 crossing Pine Creek. The award date for this project is 7-01-2009.

SFN: 7331584

Pratt Pinned Through Truss



2 views of Route 257 Bridge crossing Pine Creek in Scioto County

Built circa 1900, likely moved to this location in the 1940's.
The overall length is 108 feet and it is 18 feet wide.
ODOT Project PID: 78360.

Contact Information

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Miami County

Preserved!

Miami County, Fairview-Snodgrass (Township Route 19) over Spring Creek. This bridge was scheduled for replacement in 2010. It is now being relocated to the City of Piqua for reuse on a bikeway. Thanks to Doug Christian P.E., P.S., the Miami County Engineer and the City of Piqua for their efforts in finding a way to preserve this structure.

SFN: 5531055

Pratt pinned pony steel truss



Fairview-Snodgrass Bridge over Spring Creek

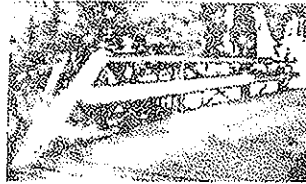
Built in 1913.
Overall length is 66 feet (15.9 feet wide).

Vinton County

Only part of Truss still available, and in storage.

SFN 8233209

Pratt Pony Truss



Length = 60 feet

Contact Information

Brain Reedy
Vinton County Engineer's Office
740-596-5144

Stark County

Available for parts only.

SFN 7601778
Modified Parker Pony Truss



Stark County Bridge

Length=72 feet.

Contact Information

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