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David Halpin, Cultural Resources Manager
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Re: STB Docket No. AB 6 (Sub No. 486X) - BNSF Railway Company - Abandonment
Exemption - in Fulton County, Illinois
Milepost 52.2 in Farmington to Milepost 64.65 in Dunfermline
IHPA Log #009101512

Mr. Halpin,

Thank you for discussing the above referenced abandonment proceeding with me on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. In an October 26, 2012 letter, your office commented that the stone arch bridge at Milepost 52.86 was eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) and that the proposed abandonment would have no adverse effect on that bridge, providing certain stipulations were set forth in a preservation covenant. The Surface Transportation Board imposed a Section 106 condition over the entire line between Mileposts 52.2 in Farmington and Milepost 64.65 in Dunfermline. Do you concur that *only* the stone arch bridge located at Milepost 52.86 is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, and abandonment of the rest of the line would have no adverse effect on National Register eligible resources?

If you concur, we would like to ask the Surface Transportation Board to modify the Section 106 condition imposed in the March 21, 2016 decision to include only the stone arch bridge at Milepost 52.86 and remove the rest of the line proposed for abandonment.

Enclosed is a map of the line showing the stone arch bridge at Milepost 52.86 in relation to the rest of the line proposed for abandonment. BNSF and Canton Park District continue to negotiate an interim trail use (NITU) agreement to rail bank the line.

Sincerely,

Emily Thompson
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Enclosure as stated

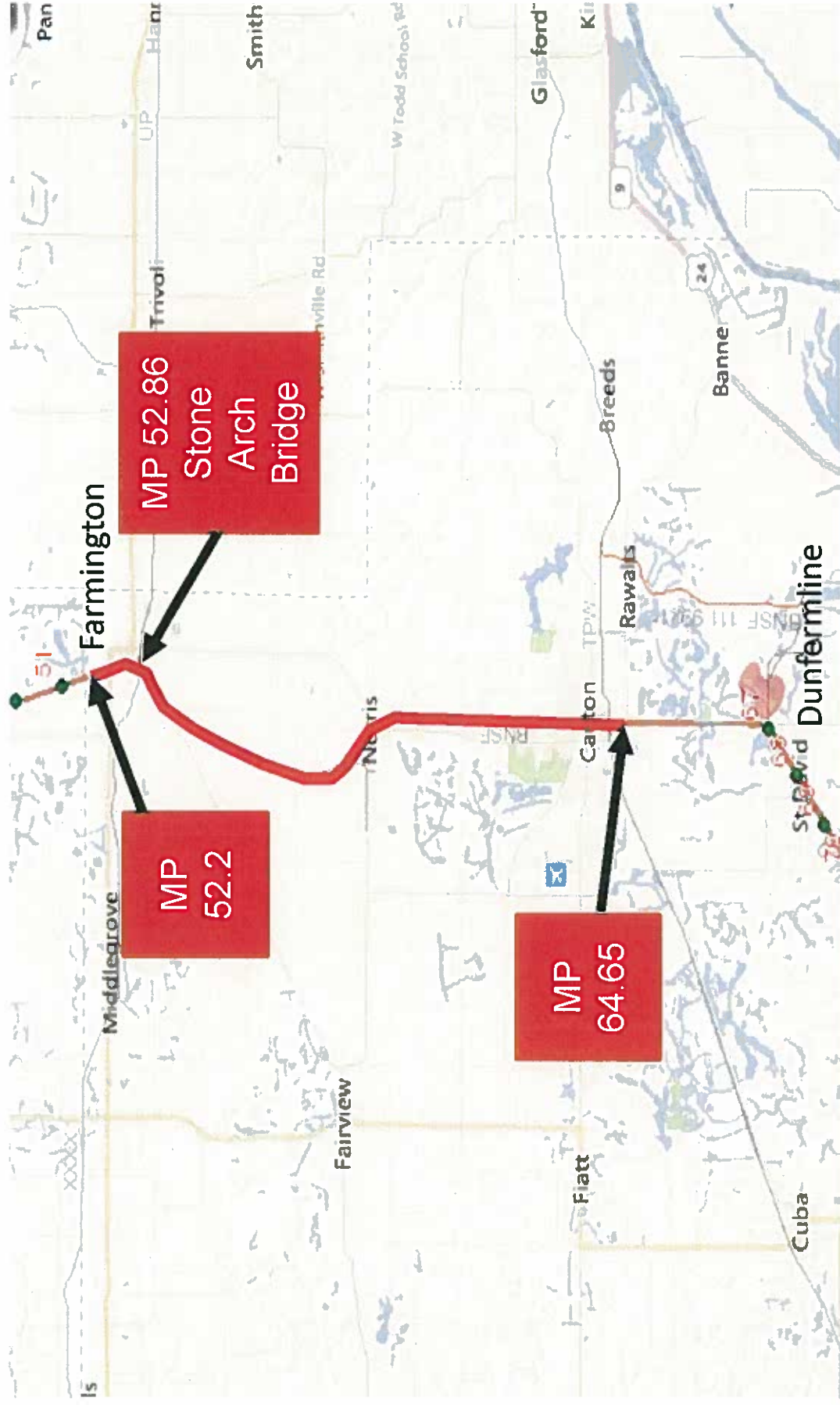
CONCUR

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Farmington to Dunfermline, IL Abandonment



GPS view of bridge

