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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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RE: Docket No. EP 749 (Sub-No. 1)

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept the attached spreadsheet containing more than 14,000 comments by individual Rails-to-Trails Conservancy supporters urging the Surface Transportation Board to reject a proposal to restrict the length of negotiations for railbanking.

Many of these comments are based on the following text, but some have personalized their comments:

As a supporter of Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, I am opposed to the restrictions to railbanking negotiations proposed by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) (Docket ID: EP-749-1).

Railbanking can be a long process. Negotiations can take years to complete and many successful negotiations have taken longer than the maximum time period now proposed by the STB.

Placing arbitrary restrictions on these negotiations will only impede local groups from preserving rail corridors and creating rail-trails that boost local economies and create healthier, more vibrant communities.

Thank you for accepting these comments as part of the public record for the proposal to limit the number of extensions of trail use negotiating periods under the railbanking law (Docket No. EP 749 [Sub-No. 1]).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eli Griffen".

Eli Griffen
Manager of Trail Development Resources
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy