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Brooklyn Centre Community in the National Heritage Corridor RE: Docket EP 753 –
Petition for Rulemaking Ms. Cynthia T. Brown Chief, Section of Administration Office of
Proceedings Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, SW Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Brown,

These comments are filed on behalf of the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood in Cleveland, OH, we are in support of a petition by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) for the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to establish a one-year period for any initial interim trail use negotiating period and codify the STB's authority to grant extensions of the negotiating period for good cause shown. Brooklyn Centre, also known as Old Brooklyn, is within the National Heritage Corridor and is accessible from points south by the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, made possible by acquisition of a former rail line. The economic development of the CVSRP continues to build tourism and resident enjoyment of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Based on our direct experience with railbanking negotiations before the STB, we urge the Board to adopt RTC's proposed rule in Docket No. EP 753. Thank you for your consideration