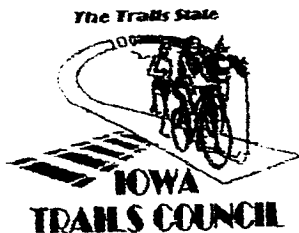


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Dear Secretary Williams:

In order to complete negotiations to acquire the Union Pacific Railroad corridor in Monroe County between milepost 315.1 and milepost 322.9, commonly referred to as the southern segment of the Oskaloosa Subdivision, we require what is hopefully the last extension of a negotiation period in order to complete the acquisition for the purpose of conversion to a trail.

The Union Pacific Railroad has not consummated abandonment of the line. An appraisal of this corridor's value should be finalized within 30 days, which will hopefully bring us to a final agreement as to our offer to purchase.

We do require an extension of time in which to finalize these negotiations and ask the Surface Transportation Board to grant an additional 180 days for this purpose.

We are furnishing ten copies of this letter to the Surface Transportation Board and are supplying a copy of this letter to the offices of the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha and Chicago. We understand the railroad agrees to this time extension.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan