



PRESERVATION NORTH CAROLINA*

*The Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.

September 3, 1996

Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Public Assistance
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 2229
Washington, DC 20423



RE: Ninety Day Extension of Docket NO AB-290 (Sub-No. 172 X) Norfolk Southern 13.0 miles of rail line located from O & H Junction to Henderson, NC between milepost 1-10 and milepost 1-40.

Dear Secretary Williams,

Preservation North Carolina filed a request for a public use condition for an interim trail and a statement of willingness to assume financial responsibility for the above referenced corridor which was favorably ruled upon on March 1, 1996. Our negotiations with Norfolk Southern continue but have yet to be completed. We have been negotiating with Steve McCurdy, the North Carolina real estate manager for Norfolk Southern, and anticipate completion of our negotiations in the very near future but would request a ninety day extension to complete the negotiations.

Preservation North Carolina is confident that this corridor, held by Norfolk Southern entirely by easement, can be successfully railbanked and have forwarded letters of support from adjacent property owners and local political leaders to Norfolk Southern. As this corridor is the only rail link between Oxford, Henderson, and the Raleigh/Durham area and we are assuming liability for the corridor including the bridge and trestle on the line we believe that this corridor will be railbanked and that railbanking is in the best interests of all involved. If you would grant a ninety day extension of time, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wishy

Barbara Wishy
Director of the Revolving Fund
Preservation North Carolina

to/cc: Mr. Steve McCurdy, Norfolk Southern RR
Mr. David Coats, Board Counsel
cc: Ms. Rosalyn Farley-Hill, Norfolk Southern RR
Mr. H.B. Wychie, Jr., Norfolk Southern RR

