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Rail trail

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RE: Docket EP 753 – Petition for Rulemaking

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown

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Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, SW

Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Brown,

These comments, filed on behalf of Bucks and Montgomery county Pa citizens 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.

For the health and wellness of the community and taking cars off the local road are why these trails are

so important to the communities they connect. The number of users is growing yearly, and our local Tammany trail

negotiations may have required extensions and one year would be a more practical initial negotiating period.

Based on our direct experience with railbanking negotiations before the STB, we urge the Board to

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adopt RTC's proposed rule in Docket No. EP 753.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael gross