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Subject: Utah Department of Transportation Response to Docket No. FD 36284

Director Rutson,

Thank you for your letter dated April 10, 2019, regarding the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) intent to prepare an EIS for the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition's Uintah Basin Rail project. As you noted, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has worked on similar efforts in the past and is aware generally of the issues and challenges.

UDOT owns, operates and maintains several state highways in the vicinity of the three potential rail alignments. Accordingly, the project should be aware of the following general requirements. Encroachments of a state highway require a permit from UDOT, and a license agreement is necessary for the rail to be constructed, operated and maintained within UDOT right-of-way. UDOT design standards and specifications are applicable as well. Our Region Three office met for the first time with project representatives from HDR on May 1 and began the process of defining these requirements. Follow up meetings are planned.

UDOT's involvement in this project will be the responsibility of our UDOT Region Three office in Orem, Utah. Rob Clayton, Region Three Director, is the primary contact for UDOT (robertclayton@utah.gov). He may delegate day-to-day responsibility to a project manager. Region Three will be supported by UDOT central groups including Structures, Utilities Traffic & Safety, ROW, and others.

UDOT looks forward to working with the STB and the Coalition on this important project. Please don't hesitate to contact Rob Clayton, or me, with any questions.

Sincerely,
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