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Via electronic mail

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Public Record

RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC-Abandonment Exemption in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Brown,

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request an additional 365-day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the 1.4-mile portion of line that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.80. Pursuant to the November 4, 2014 decision (the "Decision") of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking was extended to December 1, 2017 ("Negotiating Deadline").

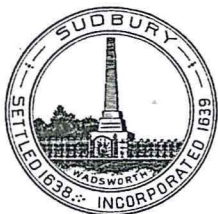
CSXT and the Town wish to continue to seek agreement on the acquisition price regarding the NITU and to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement. Most recently, an appraisal of the corridor was conducted in April of 2016. The Towns of Sudbury and Framingham continue to coordinate to move forward in a collaborative manner and advance towards acquisition of the corridor. The ultimate goal is the extension of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) along the CSXT corridor. The Trust for Public Lands has assisted the Towns in this process.

In Sudbury, rail trail proposals at Town Meeting have been supported overwhelmingly time and time again. The design of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail section in Sudbury and north of the CSXT corridor has advanced to 25%. The Project (MassDOT #608164) was placed on the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program in spring of 2017 for construction funding in FFY2022.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline for one-year to December 1, 2018. CSXT has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

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The Town is e-filing this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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