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Damon Allen, P.E.
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Idaho Transportation Department
600 W Prairie Ave
Coeur d'Alene ID 83815

RE: STATE HIGHWAY 41 UPRR "FEELEY" SPUR REMOVAL

Dear Damon:

Please find attached two letters from 2018 and 2019, in which the District supports the removal of the UPRR tracks. The District's interest of this removal, it will affect our Prairie Avenue at Meyer Road allowing the District to proceed with plans for the Prairie Avenue final phase, bringing it to a 5-lane roadway up to SH-41 on the east side.

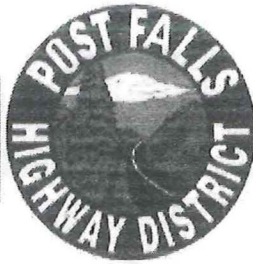
The District offers the support of this removal and we have our portion of the funding available for the completion of the acquisition.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

Respectfully,

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Michael C. Lenz, Director of Highways
Post Falls Highway District



July 17, 2019

Mr. Damon E. Allen P.E.
District Engineer
Idaho Transportation Department
600 W. Prairie Ave.
Coeur D'Alene, ID 83815

Re: State Highway 41 UPRR "Feeley" Spur Removal

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Post Falls Highway District supports eliminating the Union Pacific Railroad "Feeley" Spur during the State Highway 41 expansion project. These enhancements will improve safety, corridor functionality and reduce delay to commercial freight movements as well as local and commuter traffic.

The Highway District is in favor of the removal of the spur which would remove four at-grade public rail crossings. These include one that traverses the SH 41 corridor between Prairie Avenue to Lancaster Road (the project limits), as well as the at-grade crossings at Prairie Avenue, Meyer Road, one private crossing, and three future rail crossings upon build-out of the backage roads proposed by the City of Post Falls.

Abandonment of the "Feeley" Spur would also allow for further expansion of Prairie Avenue, which is currently on the National Highway System (NHS) register servicing east/west users between Post Falls and US 95 in Coeur D'Alene/Hayden. Abandonment and removal of the track would allow for continuation or expansion of the Prairie Trail System which starts in Coeur D'Alene and runs northwest four (4) miles across town linking parks, schools, neighborhoods and businesses ending at Huetter Road, along the same "Feeley" Spur railroad grade.

The Highway District is prepared to participate in the acquisition of the underlying Union Pacific Railroad Right-of-Way on the east side of SH 41. Based on the recent appraisals provided, it is our understanding that approximately 125,453 sq. ft. can be acquired for \$92,000.00. This endeavor with the Department in acquiring the UPRR Right-of-Way and ultimate abandonment of the spur will surely improve mobility for all modes of transportation. If I can be of further assistance in making this necessary improvement please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Brownsberger".

Kelvin Brownsberger
Road Supervisor, Post Falls Highway District



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October 10, 2018

Mr. Terrel Anderson
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Sr. Project Engineer Industry & Public Projects
1 So. Pyramid Way
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Re: State Highway 41 UPRR "Feeley" Spur Removal

Dear Mr. Anderson:

(The City of Post Falls) (The Post Falls Highway District) (Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization) (City of Coeur D'Alene) (City of Rathdrum) supports eliminating the Union Pacific Railroad "Feeley" Spur and grade separating the UPRR mainline during the State Highway 41 expansion project. These enhancements will improve safety, corridor functionality and reduce delay to commercial freight movements as well as local and commuter traffic.

In the spring of 2020, State Highway 41 will be expanded to a four lane with divided median facility. (The City of Post Falls) (The Post Falls Highway District) (Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization) (City of Coeur D'Alene) (City of Rathdrum) is in favor of the removal of the spur which would remove four at grade public rail crossings including one that traverses the SH 41 corridor in between Prairie Avenue to Lancaster Rd., the project limits, as well as the at-grade crossings at Prairie Avenue, Meyer Rd., one private crossing, and three future rail crossings upon build-out of the backage roads proposed by the City of Post Falls.

Abandonment of the "Feeley" Spur would also allow for further expansion of Prairie Avenue, which is currently on the National Highway System (NHS) register servicing east/west users between Post Falls and US 95 in Coeur D'Alene/Hayden. As well as continuation of the Prairie Trail System which starts in Coeur D'Alene and runs northwest 4 miles across town linking parks, schools, neighborhoods and businesses ending at Huetter Road, along the same "Feeley" Spur railroad grade we are in support of removing.

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(The City of Post Falls) (The Post Falls Highway District) (Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization) (City of Coeur D'Alene) (City of Rathdrum) is supportive also of the project to grade separate the UPRR mainline of the highway to improve corridor functionality and reduce delay to commercial freight movements as well as local and commuter traffic. This grade separation would also provide a safe measure for pedestrians to navigate over the railroad. If I can be of further assistance in making this necessary improvement please contact me.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Brownsberger
Road Supervisor
Post Falls Highway District



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have, on September 21, 2020, served copies of this Petition for Reconsideration on all parties of record in this proceeding.

William J. Roberson
Idaho Transportation Department
Program Manager