



February 6, 2018

Ms. Victoria Rutson  
Chief, Office of Environmental Assessment  
Surface Transportation Board  
385 E St. S.W.  
Washington, DC 20423

RE: *Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 777X), CSX Transportation, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption  
– In Fulton County, GA*

Dear Ms. Rutson:

CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has provided Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. ("ABI") with copies of (a) a letter dated January 24, 2018, from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Historic Preservation Division ("HPD") to CSXT regarding the above-captioned matter, and (b) CSXT's letter to you of the same date commenting on HPD's letter. CSXT has advised ABI that it submitted these materials to your office. ABI has submitted a trail use request in this proceeding and respectfully provides this letter in support of CSXT.

ABI concurs with CSXT's position that the conditions of 36 CFR Part 800.5 will not be triggered in this instance because the subject line will remain under the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") through the institution of interim trail use under 49 C.F.R. 1152.29. Furthermore, ABI has consulted with HPD in connection with its current and planned development of public use trails and modern streetcar facilities in this corridor and others it has acquired as part of the Atlanta BeltLine project, and will continue to consult with HPD before any ground-disturbing activities occur.

ABI believes no conditions are necessary or appropriate at this juncture because the subject property will remain under STB jurisdiction, no effects to the corridor will result from the proposed abandonment, and ABI is separately obligated to consult with HPD in connection with its planned development activities. Accordingly, ABI concurs with CSXT that if the Board conditions the proposed abandonment to any extent, such condition should simply require CSXT to notify HPD if it intends to consummate the abandonment of the subject line.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our STB counsel, Allison I. Fultz of Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell LLP, [afultz@kaplankirsch.com](mailto:afultz@kaplankirsch.com), (202) 955-5600, with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian P. McGowan", written over a faint blue circular stamp.

Brian P. McGowan  
President & CEO, Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.