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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: **Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 56X)**
Wisconsin Central Ltd. -- Abandonment
Exemption -- In Outagamie County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the City of Kaukauna's letter of support of Wisconsin Central's Request for Expedited Date of the proposed abandonment.

Respectfully,

Thomas J. Healey

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Attorney for Wisconsin Central Ltd.

TJH:dg
Attachment



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RE: Docket No. AB 303 (Sub-No. 56X)
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Outagamie County, Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Brown,

The City of Kaukauna appreciates the cooperation of the Wisconsin Central Ltd., in advancing our community's goal of obtaining additional rail right-of-way for Interim Trail Use. The right-of-way acquired will complete an added looped trail of 13.1 miles featuring a pedestrian/bicycle bridge crossing the Fox River. It is the City's intent to file a Statement of Willingness to Assure Financial Responsibility on this segment prior to October 8, 2020.

The City assumes that WCL may seek STB approval in reducing the standard abandonment timelines. The City and our trail partners support these efforts. Construction in northeast Wisconsin can be very restrictive in the fall and any work not completed prior to winter may delay the proposed completion time of trail and bridge improvements thus jeopardizing grant funds allocated in fiscal year ending June 2021.

On behalf of the City of Kaukauna and the 200,000 plus residents of the Fox Cities, I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Jakel, AICP
Director of Planning and Community Development