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Mr. Stephen Lyon  
Senior Engineering Associate  
Department of Public Works  
Merced County  
345 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Merced, CA 95340

Dear Mr. Lyon;

I am in receipt of your December 4, 2003 letter to Mr. Dave Navecky of the STB regarding The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway's ("BNSF") proposed rail build-in to Quebecor World, Inc. in Merced, California. This is an important project not only for Quebecor World, Inc. and BNSF, but also for the citizens of Merced County in providing economic benefits. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

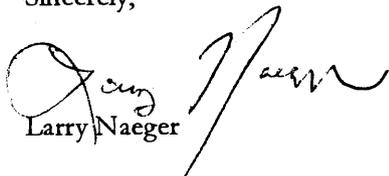
At this time, we do not anticipate that we will need to perform any work within Merced County right-of-way. However, if we need to make any changes that will require BNSF to work in Merced County right-of-way, we will consult with Merced County and apply for an Encroachment Permit from your department.

We are also pleased to hear of your interest in the possibility of closing Santa Fe Road. We understand that this idea may have benefit both to the City of Merced and to Merced County. We will keep you informed of any further developments on this topic.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact me. I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Naeger

Cc: Dave Navecky, STB