



City of Greenville, South Carolina

Docket # *E1-1665*  
*AB-490 1x* *BJW*



August 29, 2005

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K. St., NW  
Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

**Re: # 196 Abandonment of the Greenville & Northern Railroad**

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are in support of the reference abandonment regarding Greenville & Northern Railroad, it is our belief that conversion to an interim trail will spur positive economic development along the corridor while at the same time maintaining the asset for potential tram or light-rail use at some point in the future.

In addition, the City of Greenville is concerned with the negative effect that may result on property values and any plans you might have if industrial service is restored.

Also, the City of Greenville is currently working on a "Rails to Trails" project that would provide and support a hike and bike trail system along the rail corridor. This project has significant local and state support, and abandonment will have a positive impact on this project.

Sincerely,

*James M. Bourey*  
James M. Bourey  
City Manager

cc: John Castile, Assistant City Manager  
Mike Murphy, Public Works Director

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