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VIA FAX (202-565-9000)

Christa Dean
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Room 500
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 1188X)
Consolidated Rail Corporation -- Abandonment
Exemption -- in Wayne County, Michigan

Dear Ms. Dean:

Pursuant to your conversation today with my paralegal, Robert D'Zuro, attached is a June 8, 2006 letter from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), which was received after Conrail filed its Notice of Exemption (NOE) in the above-referenced proceeding. This letter states that "SEMCOG's staff has reviewed the Notice of Exemption materials which you submitted and finds that your project does not conflict with areawide plans." Additionally, SEMCOG attaches the June 1, 2006 comments of the Detroit Planning and Development Department, which states that the "proposed program aligns with goals and/or policies contained within the *Planning and Development Department's Revised City of Detroit Master Plan of Policies (2004)*, citing the elements of Transportation & Mobility, Intergovernmental Relations and Industrial Centers..." and that "[b]ased on alignment with the above-cited goals and policies, the Planning and Development Department supports the objectives of this program." Conrail notes that previous comments of the Detroit Planning and Development Department dated September 19, 2005 were included in the Environmental and Historic Report attached to the NOE.

Please call me if you have any questions. You may also call Mr. D'Zuro at 215-209-5014 for additional assistance.

Sincerely,

John K. Enright / rkd

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June 8, 2006

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RE: Notice of Exemption to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board No. AB 167 (Sub-No. 11881) for a project entitled "Consolidated Rail Corp-Abandoned Exemption in Wayne County, Michigan"
Regional Clearinghouse Code: TR 060154

Dear Mr. Enright:

SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has processed a review for the above Notice of Exemption according to intergovernmental review procedures established in Presidential Executive Order 12372 and assumed in the Michigan Federal Project Review System.

As the designated regional planning agency for southeast Michigan, we notified the following local government agencies of your project:

Wayne County Planning Division
Detroit Planning & Development Department
City of Highland Park

As of this date, the Detroit Planning & Development Department has submitted written comments, which are attached. We will forward additional comments, if any, for your information and attention.

SEMCOG's staff has reviewed the Notice of Exemption materials which you submitted and finds that your project does not conflict with areawide plans.

Sincerely,

William Parkus
Regional Review Office

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cc: Detroit Planning & Development Department

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June 1, 2006

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RE: Intergovernmental Review:
-Regional Clearinghouse Code **HS 060154**
-State Clearinghouse Code -----

Applicant/Sponsor: CONRAIL

Project/Program: Consolidated Rail Corp-Abandoned Exemption in Wayne County

Dear Mr. Parkus:

In accordance with State of Michigan Executive Order 12372, prompting coordinated review of projects potentially impacting surrounding communities. Including requests for Federal and/or State financial assistance, Notices of Intent, or Environmental Impact Statements, etc. the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department has reviewed the above referenced project.

The proposed program aligns with goals and/or policies contained within the *Planning and Development Department's Revised City of Detroit Master Plan of Policies (2004)*, citing the elements of Transportation & Mobility, Intergovernmental Relations and Industrial Centers as follows:

Transportation & Mobility

GOAL 4: Increase the environmental sustainability of transportation systems

Policy 4.2: Ensure all transportation plans are compatible with environmental goals, including noise reduction and water and air quality improvement.

GOAL 5: Enhance the safety of transportation systems

Policy 5.1: Ensure roadways and other transportation infrastructure safely accommodates multiple modes of transportation.

Intergovernmental Relations

GOAL 3: Encourage compatible and cohesive regional land use patterns

Policy 3.1: Participate in regional planning and other cross-district efforts, to promote compatible, equitable and synergistic land use patterns.

Industrial Centers

GOAL 2: Improve environmental conditions in and around industrial centers

Policy 2.1: Work with State and Federal agencies and local stakeholders to identify, prioritize and remediate environmental contamination on affected sites.

Based on alignment with the above-cited goals and policies, the Planning and Development Department supports the objective of this program. This letter contains original letter (TR 050280, P&DD A95-Case # 1.2-05) references to the *Planning and Development Department's Revised City of Detroit Master Plan of Policies (2004)* citations, and additional citations obtained upon further review.

Sincerely,



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