

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

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POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB- 55-680X

September 4, 2008

ABANDONMENT TYPE

Notice of Exemption Petition for Exemption Regulated Abandonment

NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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By decision served on September 25, 2007, the Board imposed a condition requiring CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) to retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all sites and structures on the right-of-way that are 50 years old or older until completion of the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470 f (NHPA).

Comments on the EA

In correspondence dated July 9, 2008, CSXT forwarded to the Board information from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VA SHPO) indicating that the proposed project would not affect historic properties.

Pursuant to the Section 106 regulations of the National Historic Preservation Act at 36 CFR 800.5(b), and following consultation with the VA SHPO and the public, we have determined that the proposed abandonment would not affect historic properties listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The documentation for this finding, as specified at 36 CFR 800.11(e), consists of the railroad's historic report, all relevant correspondence, and the August 31, 2007 Environmental Assessment which have been provided to the VA SHPO and made available to the public through posting on the Board's website at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Accordingly, we recommend that the Section 106 condition imposed in the Board's September 27, 2008 decision be removed.

SEA CONTACT: Ken Blodgett (202-245-0305)

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9. Have any architectural or archaeological surveys of the area been conducted? YES X
NO

If yes, list author, title, and date of report here. Indicate if a copy is on file at DHR.
Dave Geraci - 2007 - CSXT Historic Report (attached)

10. Are any structures 50 years old or older within or adjacent to the project area? YES
NO X

If yes, give date(s) of construction and provide photographs.

11. Does the project involve the rehabilitation, alteration, removal, or demolition of any structure, building, designed site (e.g. park, cemetery), or district that is 50 years or older? If yes, this must be explained fully in the project description. YES
NO X

12. Does the project involve any ground disturbance (e.g. excavating for footings, installing sewer or water lines or utilities, grading roads, etc.)? If yes, this must be explained fully in the project description. Description of CSXT's salvage procedures attached YES
NO X

13. DESCRIPTION: Attach a complete description of the project. Refer to the instructions for the required information.

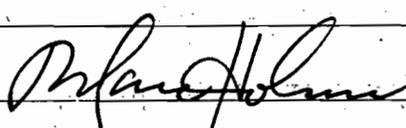
To the best of my knowledge, I have accurately described the proposed project and its likely impacts.


Signature of Applicant/Agent

07/09/08
Date

The following information must be attached to this form:

- Completed DHR Archives search
- USGS map with APE shown
- Complete project description
- Any required photographs and plans

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No historic properties affected	<input type="checkbox"/> No adverse effect
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional information is needed in order to complete our review.	
<input type="checkbox"/> We have previously reviewed this project. A copy of our correspondence is attached.	
Comments:	ABANDONMENT OF 0.5-mile of Rail Line, Portsmouth, VA DOCKET AB-55 (SUB-NO 680X)
Signature	
Date	16 July 08
Phone number	804 367-2323 ext 114
DHR File #	2007-0886
This Space For Department Of Historic Resources Use Only	

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND ATTACHMENTS TO:
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Attention: Project Review
2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221