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Anne Quinlan, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St., SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re Union Pacific abandonment in Shelby County, TN, STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub No 258X)

Dear Secretary

This request is filed on behalf of Greater Memphis Greenline, which is a public interest 501c3 organization interested in developing an integrated trail system throughout Memphis and Shelby County, TN, hereinafter referred to as "proponent."

Proponent requests issuance of a Public Use Condition as well as an Interim Trail Use Condition rather than an outright abandonment authorization between milepost 387.0 to milepost 389 61 in Shelby County, TN.

A. Request for Public Use Condition

Proponent asks the STB to find that this property is suitable for other public use, specifically trail use, and to place the following conditions on the abandonment:

1. An order prohibiting the carrier from disposing of the corridor, other than the tracks, ties, and signal equipment, except for public use on reasonable terms. Justification for this condition is: the rail section in question would make an excellent trail, and would be a stimulus towards economic development in a presently depressed section of Memphis. The time period sought is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization. Proponent needs this much time to review title information, to complete a trail plan, and to raise monies to purchase the property.
2. An order barring removal or destruction of potential trail-related structures such as bridges, trestles, culverts, and tunnels. The justification of this condition is that these structures have considerable value for recreational trail purposes. The time period requested is 180 days from the effective date of the abandonment authorization for the same reason as indicated above.

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B. Request for Interim Trail Use

The railroad right-of-way in this proceeding is suitable for railbanking. In addition to the public use condition sought above, proponent also makes the following request:

STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In order to establish interim trail use and railbanking under section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C.

§1247(d), and 49 CFR §1152.29, is willing to assume full responsibility for management of, for any legal liability arising out of transfer or use of (unless the user is immune from liability, in which case it need only indemnify the railroad against any potential liability), and for the payment of any and all taxes that may be levied or assessed against the right-of-way owned by and operated by Union Pacific Railroad.

The property extends from railroad milepost 387.0 to railroad milepost 389.61, a distance of 2.61 miles in Shelby County, TN. The right-of-way is part of a line of Union Pacific Railroad proposed for abandonment in STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 258X).

A map depicting the right-of-way is attached.

Greater Memphis Greenline acknowledges that use of the right-of-way is subject to the user's continuing to meet its responsibilities described above and subject to possible future reconstruction and reactivation of the right-of-way for rail service.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Union Pacific Railroad Company, 101 North Wacker Drive, Rm. 1920, Chicago, IL 60606-1718, by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, first class, this day of August 29, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert A. Schreiber
Chairman, Board of Directors

On behalf of: Greater Memphis Greenline, 5635 Sycamore Grove Lane, Memphis, TN 38120



NOTE THERE ARE NO 50+ YEAR OLD STRUCTURES IN THE ABANDONMENT SEGMENT

MEMPHIS SUBDIVISION

MP 387.0 TO MP 389.61
TOTAL OF 2.61 MILES
2.61 MILES IN SHELBY COUNTY

**UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD CO
MEMPHIS SUBDIVISION
TENNESSEE**

INCLUDING 50+ YEAR OLD STRUCTURES

- LEGEND**
- UPRR LINES TO BE ABANDONED
 - OTHER UPRR LINES
 - OTHER RAILROADS
 - RAILROADS (abandoned)
 - PRINCIPAL HIGHWAYS
 - OTHER ROADS

SCALE MILES

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