



ATTACHMENT 14

Public Involvement



Bob Sullivan
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February 19, 2010

RE: Open House Public Involvement Meeting, National Gateway, Pennsylvania

Dear Public Official / Business-Property Owner / Interested Citizen:

CSX Transportation (CSXT) will host two public open houses to discuss the National Gateway rail infrastructure enhancements. The initiative involves bridge replacements, tunnel work, and track lowerings along CSXT's railroad between Coraopolis and Hyndman, Pennsylvania to obtain necessary vertical clearance required to allow more efficient and environmentally beneficial double-stack trains to pass. The meetings will be held:

Somerset

March 9, 2010
Quality Inn Conference Center
215 Ramada Road
Somerset PA 15501

Pittsburgh

March 4, 2010
University Club at Pitt
123 University Place
Pittsburgh PA 15260

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open House Format

Parking: The Somerset Quality Inn has ample parking. For the Pittsburgh meeting, parking receipts/tickets from the Soldiers and Sailors Parking Garage, across the street will be validated.

The following clearance projects are planned to occur in the following counties and require the following work:

Allegheny County:

Coraopolis

- Remove the walkway over the CSXT railroad line.

McKees Rocks

- Lower tracks at Ohio Central Railroad Bridge.

Pittsburgh

- Modify portions of the bridge over Chartiers Creek.
- Lower tracks at the Smithfield Street Bridge.
- Remove and rebuild portions of the J&L Tunnel.

McKeesport

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- Lower tracks at Walnut Street (SR 0048) Bridge.

Somerset County:

Confluence

- Open cut Benford and Shoofly Railroad Tunnels, CSXT owned property in Confluence will be used to place material removed from tunnels.
- Modify Brook Railroad Tunnel.

Pinkerton

- Modify Pinkerton Railroad Tunnel. CSXT owned property in Rockwood (Black Township) will be used to place material removed from tunnel.

Garrett

- Replace bridge at Church Street.

Sand Patch

- Raise portions of the Blue Lick Truss/ Keystone Viaduct bike and hike path bridge.
- Modify Sand Patch and Falls Cut Railroad Tunnels, CSXT owned property in Sand Patch will be used to place material removed from tunnels.

Bedford County:

Hyndman

- Modify portions of the bridge over Wills Creek.

The purpose of these meetings is to present and discuss the proposed improvement project with the general public, residents, business and property owners and public officials and to solicit public comments. The Somerset meeting will discuss the Somerset and Bedford County projects. The Pittsburgh meeting will discuss the Allegheny County sites as well as those located in Confluence, Somerset County.

Representatives from CSXT and consulting engineers will be present to discuss the proposed project, right-of-way acquisition process, environmental considerations as well as address any questions and concerns regarding this proposed transportation improvement project. The projects are scheduled for construction in 2010 and 2011. Detailed closure and detour information for affected public roads will be available at the public meeting for projects that have impacts to public travelled roads.

The public meeting will be rescheduled if the county in which the meeting is located has a "Snow Emergency Plan" in effect on the day of the meeting or if the county's public schools have been closed and evening activities canceled.

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This public involvement is an opportunity to provide your comments. Therefore, your attendance at this meeting is greatly encouraged. Written comments may also be submitted by March 8, 2010, to the attention of:

Hadley Stamm
ARCADIS
284 Cramer Creek Court
Dublin, Ohio 43017

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Randy Cheetham at 304-522-5146 or by electronic mail at Randy_Cheetham@CSX.com. We sincerely appreciate your assistance.

Respectfully,

Bob Sullivan

Bob Sullivan
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CSX Transportation, Inc.

National Gateway Clearance Projects

Public Meetings for National Gateway Clearance Projects in Allegheny, Bedford, and Somerset Counties

CSX Transportation (CSXT) has scheduled two **Open Houses** to discuss the National Gateway clearance improvements along CSXT's railroad between Coraopolis and Hyndman, Pennsylvania.

Date: March 4, 2010

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Quality Inn
215 Ramada Road
Somerset, PA 15501

Date: February 25, 2010

Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: The University Club
123 University Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

About the Project

The National Gateway project will allow for the use of more efficient and environmentally beneficial double-stack trains on the railway. The initiative involves bridge replacements, tunnel work, and track lowerings along CSXT's railroad between Coraopolis and Hyndman, Pennsylvania to obtain necessary vertical clearance

required to allow more efficient and environmentally beneficial double-stack trains to pass.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, CSXT is preparing a Categorical Exclusion document.

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (codified as 36 CFR 800), information regarding the presence of any known cultural resources in the vicinity of the project is also requested. Cultural resources include prehistoric and historic archaeological sites, historic bridges, historic buildings, sites and districts. CSXT requests that information about cultural resources in the area be submitted by the comment submission deadline. CSXT is also coordinating with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission regarding historic resources in the vicinity of the proposed project.

Why Attend the Open Houses?

By attending either Open House, you will be able to learn more about the project and proposed alternatives, discuss the project with the study team, and provide written and/or verbal comments.

We encourage your participation and welcome your comments on the proposed National Gateway clearance improvements.

Snow Policy

The public meetings will be rescheduled if the county in which the meetings are located has a "Snow Emergency Plan" in effect on the day of the meetings, or if the county's public schools have been closed and evening activities canceled.

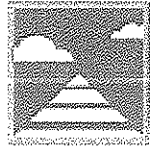
Public Comments

If you are unable to attend the public meetings please submit your comments by March 8, 2010 to:

Hadley Stamm
ARCADIS
284 Cramer Creek Court
Dublin, OH 43017

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Outlet	City	State/Province	First Name	Last Name	Contact Title	Phone Number	Email
<u>Pittsburgh - 25 mile radius</u>							
Community Press	Bentleyville	Pennsylvania	Julie	Fox	Publisher & Editor	(724) 942-1300	communitypress@verizon.net
The Herald	Aspinwall	Pennsylvania	Jim	McNamara	Editor	(412) 782-2194	theherald@gatewaynewspapers.com
Observer-Reporter	Washington	Pennsylvania	Amanda	Gillooy	Community News Reporter	(724) 222-2200	agillooy@observer-reporter.com
Pittsburgh City Paper	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	Adam	Fleming	News Reporter	(412) 316-3342	afleming@steelcitymedia.com
Pittsburgh Post Gazette	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	Ed	Blazina	Local News Editor	(412) 263-1470	eblazina@post-gazette.com
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The South Pittsburgh Reporter	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	William	Smith	Publisher & Editor	(412) 481-0266	tsmith@sopghreporter.com
Suburban Gazette	McKees Rocks	Pennsylvania	James	Di Nardo	Editor	(412) 331-2645	gazette1892@verizon.net
Tribune-Review	Greensburg	Pennsylvania	Paul	Pierce	City Reporter	(724) 853-1158	ppierce@tribweb.com
Union-Finley Messenger	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	Krista	Ramsey	Editor	(412) 249-8177	kramsey@unionfinley.com
The Valley Mirror	Munhall	Pennsylvania	Marilyn	Schiavoni	Editor	(412) 462-0626	woodpub@aol.com
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Bedford Inquirer	Bedford	Pennsylvania	Sharon	Maust	Editor	(814) 623-1151	gazetteeditor@embarqmail.com
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Garrett County Weekender	Cumberland	Maryland	Bob	Likens	Editor	(301) 722-4600	advertising@times-news.com
The New Republic	Meyersdale	Pennsylvania	Angie	Brant	Editor	(814) 634-8321	tnrnewspaper@aol.com
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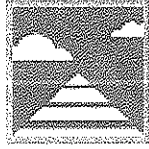


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Comment Sheet

National Gateway Initiative Clearance Project
Public Open House Pittsburgh March 4, 2010

Name	Address	Email	Phone Number
RODRIGUEZ	REI	RRODRIG	412 488-9410
Comments:		@REI, COM	
The URA NEEDS TO INSTALL AN			
AUTOMATED PARKING SYSTEM IN			
THE LOT @ TUNNEL between 26 th			
+ 27 th . This would provide			
additional customer parking for			
the Restaurants & Retailers in the			
area during construction.			

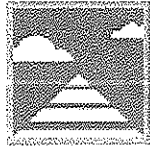


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National Gateway Initiative Clearance Project
Public Open House Somerset March 9, 2010

Name	Address	Email	Phone Number
Linda M. Boxx	15650 P.O. Box 501 Latrobe, PA	Lboxx2@aol.com	724-537-6908
Comments:			
1. During design, please attempt to maintain aesthetics of the viaduct			
2. Adjust schedule (move up) so that closing the trail (Great Allegheny Passage) is during a period of low trail usage (April would be fine). Resurfs New concrete work should have quality of product for the long term in mind over temporary inconvenience of trail closure. Adequate detours exist.			
3. Ramp should not exceed 5% - longer ^{ramp} would be less noticeable.			



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National Gateway Initiative Clearance Project
Public Open House Somerset March 9, 2010

Name	Address	Email	Phone Number
Jeff O'Brien	522 Hadal Rd Middletown, PA 15551	jobrien@directv.net	814-926-4577

Comments:

Your sensitivity to the critical concerns along
the Great Allegheny Passage is greatly appreciated.
By that cooperative approach continue.
Thanks!



June 28, 2010

Linda M. Boxx
PO Box 501
Latrobe, Pennsylvania 15650

RE: National Gateway, Rail Infrastructure Enhancements

Dear Ms. Boxx

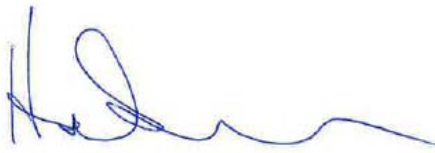
This letter is in response to your March 9, 2010, public meeting for the National Gateway Clearance Initiative. Your comment was in regard to the Blue Lick Truss project, along the Great Allegheny Passage. We appreciate your feedback. CSX has been working with the Somerset County Rails to Trails Path who owns the bike path in this area (Allegheny Highland Trail, Keystone Viaduct). The bike path will not be shut down permanently during construction. Temporary closures will be completed, likely at night when the bike path is not in use. The temporary closure is necessary when the bridge is physically being raised. A Memorandum of Understanding between CSX and Somerset County is being completed that will detail the construction agreement, temporary closure, and final restoration of the bike path.

The bridge raising will create an imperceptible change to the aesthetics of the historic bridge. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is aware of the project, and through coordination with their office agrees the work will not create an adverse effect to the historic bridge.

All materials used in the project, including the concrete, will be in accordance with State requirements. The final design of the project, including the finished grade of the entry to the bridge will follow State accessibility requirements and not exceed 5%.

Thank you for your involvement in the review of these projects and input into the appropriate steps to take to ensure a positive outcome for the community.

Respectfully,



/for

J. Randolph Cheetham
Regional Vice President State Government Affairs

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"Environmentally on Track"



June 28, 2010

Ron Rodriguez
REI
RRODRIG@REI.com

RE: National Gateway, Rail Infrastructure Enhancements

Dear Mr. Rodriguez

This letter is in response to your March 4, 2010, public meeting for the National Gateway Clearance Initiative. Your comment was in regard to the J&L Tunnel location. We appreciate your feedback. However, the project does not create nor remove parking in the area. The project is to improve public access for the site, as well as, allow double stack intermodal railcars to pass through the tunnel. As you state in your comment the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) controls the parking lot between 26th and 27th Streets. Any discussion regarding an automated parking system in this area should be continued through the URA and not CSX.

Thank you for your involvement in the review of these projects and input into the appropriate steps to take to ensure a positive outcome for the community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Randolph Cheetham", followed by a horizontal line and the text "/for".

/for

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