

cases. This system, called START, will perform the same overall functions as the WRAPS system. The Department began deployment of START in late 2020 and expects full deployment to all locations worldwide by late 2021. The Department has designed this data collection to make most efficient use of digital data capture. While this does not represent a complete end-to-end electronic process, it equates to paperwork reduction by incorporation of the electronic entry of intake responses.

**Lawrence E. Bartlett,**

*Director, Office of Admissions, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 803X)]

### **CSX Transportation, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Boone County, W. Va.**

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT), has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 9.9-mile rail line between milepost CLN 0.3 and milepost CLN 10.2, in Boone County, W. Va. (the Line).<sup>1</sup> The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Code 25181 and there is one station on the Line, Prenter, at milepost CLN 10 (FSAC 82243/OPSL 64790).<sup>2</sup>

CSXT has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) because the Line is not a through route, there is no overhead traffic on the Line and, therefore, none needs to be rerouted; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 and 1105.8 (notice of environmental and historic report), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

<sup>1</sup> CSXT was granted authority in 2017 to discontinue service over the Line. *CSX Transp., Inc.—Discontinuance of Serv. Exemption—in Boone Cnty., W. Va.*, AB 55 (Sub No. 769X) (STB served Jan. 6, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> According to CSXT, the station can be closed.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received,<sup>3</sup> the exemption will be effective on April 16, 2021, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by March 26, 2021.<sup>4</sup> Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2), and interim trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by March 29, 2021.<sup>5</sup> Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by April 6, 2021.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 55 (Sub-No. 803X), should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on CSXT's representative, Louis E. Gitomer, Law Offices of Louis E. Gitomer, LLC, 600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 301, Towson, MD 21204.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio.

CSXT has filed a combined environmental and historic report that addresses the potential effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. OEA will issue a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) by March 22, 2021. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0305. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

<sup>3</sup> Persons interested in submitting an OFA must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer, indicating the type of financial assistance they wish to provide (*i.e.*, subsidy or purchase) and demonstrating that they are preliminarily financially responsible. See 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2)(i).

<sup>4</sup> The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Serv. Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

<sup>5</sup> Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the Draft EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or interim trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), CSXT shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the Line. If consummation has not been effected by the CSXT's filing of a notice of consummation by March 17, 2022, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov).

Decided: March 11, 2021.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Tammy Lowery,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **Notice of Intent To Rule on a Land Release Request at Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF), Council Bluffs, Iowa**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of request to release and sell airport land.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the request to release and sell a 14.1 acre parcel of federally obligated airport property at the Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF), Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Amy J. Walter, Airports Land Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-620G, 901 Locust, Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to: Andy Biller, Executive Director, Council Bluffs Municipal Airport, 101 McCandless Lane, Council Bluffs, IA 51503, (712) 322-2284.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy J. Walter, Airports Land Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-620G, 901 Locust, Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816) 329-2603, [amy.walter@faa.gov](mailto:amy.walter@faa.gov). The request to release property may be reviewed, by appointment, in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to release a 14.1 acre parcel of airport property at the Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF) under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 47107(h)(2). The Council Bluffs Airport Authority requested a release from the FAA to sell the parcel to Pottawattamie County to construct a new Roads Department Office and Vehicle Maintenance Shop. The FAA determined this request to release and sell property at the Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF) submitted by the Sponsor meets the procedural requirements of the FAA and the release and sale of the property does not and will not impact future aviation needs at the airport. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no sooner than thirty days after the publication of this notice.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF) is proposing the release and sale of a parcel of airport property containing 14.1 acres. The release of land is necessary to comply with Federal Aviation Administration Grant Assurances that do not allow federally acquired airport property to be used for non-aviation purposes. The sale of the subject property will result in the land at the Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF) being changed from aeronautical to non-aeronautical use and release the lands from the conditions of the Airport Improvement Program Grant Agreement Grant Assurances in order to sell the land. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 47107(c)(2)(B)(i) and (iii), the airport will receive fair market value for the property, which will be subsequently reinvested in another eligible airport improvement project for general aviation use.

Any person may inspect, by appointment, the request in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. In addition, any person may request an appointment to inspect the application, notice and other documents determined by the FAA to be related to the application in person at the Council Bluffs Municipal Airport.

Issued in Kansas City, MO, on March 11, 2021.

**James A. Johnson,**

*Director, FAA Central Region, Airports Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Waiver of Aeronautical Land Use Assurance: Independence Municipal Airport (IDP), Independence, KS**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent of waiver with respect to land use change from aeronautical to non-aeronautical.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is considering a proposal from the City of Independence, KS, to release a 10.675 acre parcel of land from the federal obligation dedicating it to aeronautical use and to authorize this parcel to be used for revenue-producing, non-aeronautical purposes.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before April 16, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Amy J. Walter, Airports Land Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-620G, 901 Locust Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to: Kelly Paussauer, City Manager, City of Independence, 811 W Laurel Street, Independence, KS 67301, (620) 332-2506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy J. Walter, Airports Land Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Airports Division, ACE-620G, 901 Locust Room 364, Kansas City, MO 64106, Telephone number (816) 329-2603, Fax number (816) 329-2611, email address: [amy.walter@faa.gov](mailto:amy.walter@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA invites public comment on the request to change a 10.675 acre parcel of airport property at the Independence Municipal Airport (IDP) from aeronautical use to non-aeronautical for revenue producing use. This parcel will be leased to a local gun club.

No airport landside or airside facilities are presently located on this parcel, nor are airport developments

contemplated in the future. There is no current use of the surface of the parcel. The parcel will serve as a revenue producing lot with the proposed change from aeronautical to non-aeronautical. The request submitted by the Sponsor meets the procedural requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration and the change to non-aeronautical status of the property does not and will not impact future aviation needs at the airport. The FAA may approve the request, in whole or in part, no sooner than thirty days after the publication of this Notice.

*The following is a brief overview of the request:*

The Independence Municipal Airport (IDP) is proposing the use release of a 10.675 acre parcel of land from aeronautical to non-aeronautical. The use release of land is necessary to comply with Federal Aviation Administration Grant Assurances that do not allow federally acquired airport property to be used for non-aviation purposes. The rental of the subject property will result in the land at the Independence Municipal Airport (IDP) being changed from aeronautical to non-aeronautical use and release the lands from the conditions of the Airport Improvement Program Grant Agreement Grant Assurances. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 47107(c)(2)(B)(i) and (iii), the airport will receive fair market rental value for the property. The annual income from rent payments will generate a long-term, revenue-producing stream that will further the Sponsor's obligation under FAA Grant Assurance number 24, to make the Independence Municipal Airport as financially self-sufficient as possible. Following is a legal description of the subject airport property at the Independence Municipal Airport (IDP):

A tract of land located in a portion of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 33 South Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Montgomery County, Kansas, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 28; thence S 88°15'13" W, a distance of 425.67 feet; thence S 01°22'04" E, a distance of 289.89 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing S 01°22'04" E, a distance of 620.00 feet; thence S 88°37'56" W, a distance of 750.00 feet; thence N 01°22'04" W, a distance of 620.00 feet; thence N 88°37'56" E, a distance of 750.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 10.675 acres.

Any person may inspect, by appointment, the request in person at the FAA office listed above. In addition, any person may upon request, inspect the application, notice and other