

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12584]

Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation; Notice of Closed and Open Meetings for 2025**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation will meet, in open and closed sessions, to discuss matters concerning declassification and transfer of Department of State records to the National Archives and Records Administration and the status of the Foreign Relations series.

DATES: March 10–11, June 9–10, September 8–9, and December 8–9, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Open sessions for the meetings will take place from 10:00 a.m. until noon in SA–4D Conference Room 109, Department of State, 2300 E Street NW, Washington DC, 20372 (Potomac Navy Hill Annex), with a virtual option on March 10, June 9, September 8, and December 8. RSVP and requests for reasonable accommodation for each meeting should be sent as directed below:

- March 10, not later than March 3, 2025.
- June 9, not later than June 2, 2025.
- September 8, not later than September 1, 2025.
- December 8, not later than December 1, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Adam M. Howard, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, Department of State, Office of the Historian, Washington, DC, 20372, telephone: (202) 955–0214, email: history@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Closed Sessions. The following sessions will be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463):

- March 10 and 11—afternoon and morning;
- June 9 and 10—afternoon and morning;
- September 8 and 9—afternoon and morning; and
- December 8 and 9—afternoon and morning, respectively.

The agenda calls for discussions of agency declassification decisions concerning the Foreign Relations series and other declassification issues. These are matters properly classified and not subject to public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and the public interest

requires that such activities be withheld from disclosure.

RSVP Instructions. To attend a meeting virtually, please forward your name and email address to Julie Fort, Office of the Historian (FSIOHRSVP@state.gov), prior to the applicable date above.

If you intend to attend one of the meetings in person, please note that prior notification and a valid government-issued photo ID (such as driver's license, passport, U.S. Government or military ID) are required for entrance into any Department of State building. Members of the public planning to attend the open meetings in person should RSVP, by the dates indicated above, to Julie Fort, Office of the Historian (FSIOHRSVP@state.gov). When responding, please provide date of birth, valid government-issued photo identification number and type (such as driver's license number/state, passport number/country, or U.S. Government ID number/agency or military ID number/branch), and relevant telephone numbers. If you cannot provide one of the specified forms of ID, please consult with Julie Fort at FortJL@state.gov for acceptable alternative forms of picture identification.

Personal data is requested pursuant to Pub. L. 99–399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Pub. L. 107–56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS–D) database. Please see the Security Records System of Records Notice (State-36) at <https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Security-Records-STATE-36.pdf>, for additional information.

Note that requests for reasonable accommodation received after the dates indicated in this notice will be considered but might not be possible to fulfill.

Adam M. Howard,

Executive Secretary, Office of the Historian, Department of State.

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[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 417X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Mingo County, W. Va.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately 3.5-mile rail line (the Alma Branch) extending from milepost AL 0.0 +/- at or near Sprigg, W. Va., to milepost AL 3.5 +/- at or near Vimy, W. Va., in the vicinity of Matewan, Mingo County, W. Va. (the Line).¹ The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 25661 and 25678.

NSR has certified that: (1) no local freight traffic has moved over the Line during the past two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

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,² this exemption will be effective on December 20, 2024, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues must be filed by November 29,

¹ On November 13, 2024, NSR filed an errata to its verified notice of exemption to correct a discrepancy regarding the mileposts of the Line.

² 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).

2024.³ Formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2) and interim trail use/railbanking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by December 2, 2024.⁴ Petitions to reopen and requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by December 10, 2024.

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 417X), must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board either via e-filing on the Board's website or in writing addressed to 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on NSR's representative, William A. Mullins, Mullins Law Group PLLC, 2001 L St. NW, Suite 720, Washington, DC 20036.

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

NSR 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 November 25, 2024. The Draft EA will be available to interested persons on the Board's website, by writing to OEA, or by calling OEA at (202) 245-0294. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245. Comments on environmental or historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the Draft EA becomes available to the public.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), NSR 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 NSR's filing of a notice of consummation by November 20, 2025, 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.

Decided: November 14, 2024.

³ 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.

⁴ Filing fees for OFAs and trail use requests can be found at 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25) and (27), respectively.

By the Board, Valerie O. Quinn, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Aretha Laws-Byrum,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 290 (Sub-No. 412X)]

Norfolk Southern Railway Company— Abandonment Exemption—in the City of Baltimore, MD.

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon its freight rail easement over an approximately one-mile rail line extending from milepost ±UU 0.00 to milepost ±UU 1.00 in the City of Baltimore, Md. (the Line). The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 21201 and 21211.

According to the verified notice, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) owns the Line and currently operates passenger rail transit service over it.¹ NSR states that MTA's passenger services will continue after NSR abandons its easement. NSR therefore asserts that the corridor is not available for alternative public use(s). NSR also states that, based on these unique considerations, it does not intend to negotiate for trail use/railbanking.

NSR has certified that: (1) no local freight traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line is pending with either the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(b) and 1105.8(c) (notice of environmental and historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to government agencies) have been met.

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*

¹ The Board previously determined that MTA did not require authorization from the Board's predecessor when MTA acquired the Line in 1990 and that MTA had not become a common carrier on the Line. See *Md. Transit Admin.—Pet. for Declaratory Ord.*, FD 34975, slip op. at 7-8 (STB served Oct. 9, 2007).

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