

CURRENT IOWA RAILROAD ABANDONMENT STATUS

Iowa Department of Transportation, Office of Rail Transportation

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This status report indicates the abandonment actions before the Surface Transportation Board (STB) as of the date indicated above. Updates included in this status are obtained from the Surface Transportation Board website: <http://www.stb.dot.gov>

All actions before the STB for a specific abandonment (or more recent actions) can be found by clicking on the STB Docket listed below OR entering the docket number in the Enhanced Search on the STB website: <https://www.stb.gov/home.nsf/enhancedsearch?OpenForm>

Highway authorities: Once the rail is removed from the crossing and the surface restored, highway authorities are responsible for removing any advance warning signs, pavement markings and any other signage related to the highway-railroad crossing at or near the location of the following crossings. Once the crossing is restored and signage removed, highway authorities are asked to advise the Iowa DOT rail abandonment coordinator (listed below) so that the state-wide highway-railroad crossing inventory database can be updated.

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This abandonment report affects crossings in the following jurisdictions:

Council Bluffs, Des Moines, Franklin County, & Mason City

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*The effective date can be stayed for any number of possible reasons. This date represents the earliest possible date the abandonment can be effective. The most common reason for a stay is for trails use negotiation.

** A railroad has one year after a successful abandonment action to consummate or complete the abandonment. Most often, removal of rail & signals, restoration of any crossing surfaces, etc. occurs within that one year period, but is not required to occur in a specific time frame. When purchased for trails use, removal of rail, signals, restoration of any crossing surfaces, etc. may occur during the negotiation period or is negotiated between the railroad and trail owner after a sale.

STB Docket Number:	AB-314-7-X	Railroad:	Chicago Central and Pacific Railroad (CN)	
Co Bluffs across Missouri River into Omaha, NE		County or Counties:	Pottawattamie	
Including MP 510.62 to 514.80 (2.12 miles -- MP equation where MP 511.35 = MP 513.41). Also, the south leg of its wye track extending from MP 511.17 for .44 miles.		Initial Effective Date*:	7/26/2015	
		Trail Use Status:	No negotiations	
		Consummation or Sale Date**:		
	Date	Action	Filed by	Comments
Initial Abandonment Filing:	1/22/2015	Petition for Exemption	Chicago Central & Pacific	
Latest Action:	7/14/2015	Decision	STB	Latest Action: Due date for OBT to file an OFA is July 16, 2015. No OFA filed. If no OFA filed, abandonment effective July 26, 2015

At-Grade Crossings affected by the abandonment (Note responsibilities of highway authorities indicated in header above) :

Railroad	FRA #	RR Milepost	State Hwy # (if applicable)	City/County Street	City/County
CN	308413A	510.88		NORTH 15TH ST	COUNCIL BLUFFS
CN	308414G	510.96	IA192	NORTH 16TH ST	COUNCIL BLUFFS
CN	911787R	513		NASH BLVD	COUNCIL BLUFFS
CN	308415N	513.56	I-29	NR AVE Q - RR under	COUNCIL BLUFFS
CN	308416V	513.67		N 25TH ST	COUNCIL BLUFFS
POSSIBLY ADDITIONAL CROSSINGS					

STB Docket Number:	AB-290-341-X		Railroad:	Norfolk Southern Railway Company	
In the City of Des Moines, SE 26th Ct. 0.3 miles to Scott Avenue (eastern segment) & approx. 0.3 mi. from E 6th St. to near E. 1st St. & the Des Moines River (western segment). Segments separated by about 2 mi long connecting line (middle segment) that will remain in place & not abandoned. Middle segment connects with other rail lines so it won't become isolated from the interstate rail network it isn't MP 336.8 to MP 337.1 (.3 miles) & MP 339.3 to MP 339.6 (.3 miles)			County or Counties:	Polk	
			Initial Effective Date*:	October 19,2013	
			Trail Use Status:	No negotiations	
			Consummation or Sale Date**:		
	Date	Action	Filed by	Comments	
Initial Abandonment Filing:	8/30/2013	Notice of Exemption	Norfolk Southern Railway		
Latest Action:	9/13/2018	Request for Extension	Norfolk Southern Railway	Request by NS for a deadline extension to give NS time to consummate the abandonment.	
At-Grade Crossings affected by the abandonment (Note responsibilities of highway authorities indicated in header above) :					
Railroad	FRA #	RR Milepost	State Hwy (if applicable)	City/County Street	City/County
NS		Crossing inventory is unclear - cannot with confidence identify affected crossings			
STB Docket Number:	AB-33-316-X		Railroad:	Union Pacific Railroad Company	
Bristow Subdivision, near Hampton, Franklin County (Olive Ave. N of 10th St NW)			County or Counties:	Franklin	
MP 318.07 to Milepost 318.66 (0.59 mile)			Initial Effective Date*:	12/11/2013	
			Trail Use Status:	In negotiations	
			Consummation or Sale Date**:		
	Date	Action	Filed by	Comments	
Initial Abandonment Filing:	10/22/2013	Notice of Exemption	Iowa National Heritage Foundation		
Latest Action:	3/6/2019	Comment	Union Pacific	Last Action: INHF & Union Pacific completed negotiations and property transfer between UP and INHF / public agencies for Trail Use / Rail Banking.	
At-Grade Crossings affected by the abandonment (Note responsibilities of highway authorities indicated in header above) :					
Railroad	FRA #	RR Milepost	State Hwy (if applicable)	City/County Street	City/County
No crossings on inventory from MP 318.07 to 318.66					

STB Docket Number:	AB-33-327-X		Railroad:	Union Pacific Railroad Company	
Rockwell Industrial Lead - Near Elm Street to near 19th Street in Mason City			County or Counties:	Cerro Gordo	
MP 155.5 to MP 157.5 (2.0 miles)			Initial Effective Date*:		
			Trail Use Status:		
			Consummation or Sale Date**:		
	Date	Action	Filed by	Comments	
Initial Abandonment Filing:					
Latest Action:	3/6/2019	Trail Use Agreement reached	Iowa National Heritage Foundation	Last Action: INHF & Union Pacific completed negotiations and property transfer between UP and INHF / public agencies for Trail Use / Rail Banking.	
At-Grade Crossings affected by the abandonment (Note responsibilities of highway authorities indicated in header above) :					
Railroad	FRA #	RR Milepost	State Hwy (if applicable)	City/County Street	City/County
UP	201853R	155.2		13th St. NE	Mason City
UP	201852J	155.4		Elm Dr.	Mason City
UP	201851C	155.7		4th St. NE	Mason City
UP	201850V	155.9		3rd St. NE	Mason City
UP	201849B	156.1		E. State St.	Mason City
UP	201848U	156.2		1st St. SE	Mason City
UP	201847M	156.4		5th St. SE	Mason City
UP	201846F	156.7		8th St. SE	Mason City
UP	201845Y	157.2		15th St. SE	Mason City
UP	201844S	157.47		19th St. SE	Mason City

STB Docket Number:	AB-6-496-X		Railroad:	BNSF Railway	
Line segment 81: SE 7th St. to end of line in Des Moines. IA			County or Counties:	Polk	
MP 67.38 to MP 66.93 (0.45 miles)			Initial Effective Date*:		
			Trail Use Status:		
			Consummation or Sale Date**:		
	Date	Action	Filed by	Comments	
Initial Abandonment Filing:					
Latest Action:	5/16/2018	Amend/Modify/Supplement Prior Filing Or The Record	BNSF Railway	Last Action: BNSF provided supplemental certificate of service for the environmental and historic reports.	
At-Grade Crossings affected by the abandonment (Note responsibilities of highway authorities indicated in header above) :					
Railroad	FRA #	RR Milepost	State Hwy (if applicable)	City/County Street	City/County
BNSF	063382W	66.93		SE 7th St.	Des Moines
BNSF	063381P	67.01		SE 6th St.	Des Moines
BNSF	063380H	67.09		SE 5th St.	Des Moines
BNSF	063379N	67.16		SE 4th St.	Des Moines

STB Docket Number:	AB-1269-X		Railroad:	Iowa Traction Railway Company	
Mason City			County or Counties:	Cerro Gordo	
Including MP 155.5, approximately 100 yards south of Elm Dr. to MP 152.5, approximately 600 yards north of County HWY B-20.			Initial Effective Date*:		
			Trail Use Status:	Open	
			Consummation or Sale Date**:		
	Date	Action	Filed by	Comments	
Initial Abandonment Filing:	1/14/2019	Petition for Exemption	Iowa Traction Railway Company		
Latest Action:	3/1/2019	Letter	Iowa Traction Railway Company	Notification to the STB that Iowa Traction Railway Company is willing to negotiate for railbanking and interim trail use.	
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Railroad	FRA #	RR Milepost	State Hwy # (if applicable)	City/County Street	City/County
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