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RE: Allegheny County, City of Pittsburgh Norfolk Southern Vertical Clearance Project
Public Open House Invitation

Dear Mr. Fatla, Esq.:

Norfolk Southern, in coordination with Michael Baker International are pleased to invite you to attend a Public Open House being conducted for nine (9) track and railbed maintenance and improvement projects. The projects are part of the Pittsburgh Vertical Clearance Project being conducted in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the City of Pittsburgh.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
Pittsburgh Vertical Clearance Projects
DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 2018
TIME: 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Open House
LOCATION: Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Theatre, 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

The Public Open House will provide review and comment for nine (9) projects to be accomplished by Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSRC), in cooperation with the City of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). The purpose of the projects includes provision of safe and reliable systems of transportation, integration of modes of transportation (intermodal), and improving clearance, safety, transportation optimization, and efficiency to meet modern interstate freight rail traffic requirements. NSRC, with funding through PennDOT, proposes to address nine obstructions that currently limit vertical clearance for double-stack rail traffic along NSRC's Pittsburgh Line and Fort Wayne Line in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The proposals and alternatives involve track and railbed maintenance and improvement projects within the existing right-of-way, as well as bridge rehabilitation, reconstruction, replacement, or new construction at certain locations along NSRC's existing Pittsburgh Line and Fort Wayne Line. The obstructions addressed by the project are in the boroughs of Braddock, North Braddock, Swissvale, and the City of Pittsburgh. Individual project locations consist of the Frazier Street Pedestrian Bridge and the Overland Street Bridge in the boroughs of Braddock and North Braddock; the Washington Avenue Bridge in the Borough of Swissvale; the Amtrak Station in downtown Pittsburgh; and the Merchant Street Bridge, the North Avenue Bridge, the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge, the Columbus Avenue Bridge, and the Ohio Connecting (OC) Bridge Flyovers, all located in the North Side of the City of Pittsburgh. No work is being done by NSRC in intervening track area between the nine individual project locations. A pedestrian bridge in Allegheny Commons Park has been preliminarily identified by stakeholders as a possible mitigation measure and will be included in the open house information.