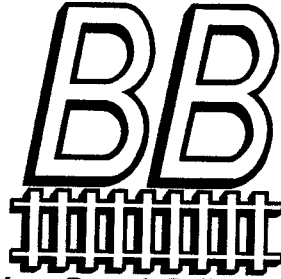


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September 26, 2008

Robert Tucker
Albermarle County
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Mr. Tucker,

I would like to thank Albermarle County for supporting Buckingham Branch Railroad's request for the previous resolution (January, 2008) supporting us in our infrastructure improvement program.

We have found it necessary to adjust the work that we are performing in Albermarle County due to priority issues. In light of this change, we are requesting that the **County of Albermarle** pass an updated resolution for us to submit to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for this change. The VDRPT has approved these changes in our program and supports our request for making these changes.

A description of the work that we are requesting funds for is attached with this letter. This application is part of a project that affects more than one county. Hence, the total project amount may be distributed over one or more counties. You will also note that these projects may be multi-year projects and not single year projects.

If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at our Staunton office or Mr. Steve Powell at our main office in Dillwyn, VA at 434-983-3300. Our main office address is:

Buckingham Branch Railroad
P O Box 336
1043 Main Street
Dillwyn, VA 23936

A sample resolution is included and should be sent to Mr. Steve Powell at the above address.

Thanks for your help in this matter,

Gale Wilson
General Manager
R & A Division
Buckingham Branch Railroad

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
RAIL PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

APPLICATION

Application Date: February 12, 2007
Applicant: Buckingham Branch Railroad Company
Contact Person: Steven C. Powell
Telephone Number: (434) 983-330

Richmond & Alleghany Division – Washington and North Mountain Subdivisions

Project Description: Tie Replacement CA160 to CA276

This is a six-year project to replace approximately 116,000 ties (1,000 ties/mile), add appropriate ballast (approximately 1,000 tons/mile) and surface over 116 miles of track. This project will help stabilize the roadbed and tie condition to allow this portion of track to continue to operate at Class III standards for both passenger and freight trains. The project will include main line ties, switch ties, OTM, ballast, surfacing, and disposal of old materials.

Note: All miles from CA160 to CA276 will be done. Priorities for which mileposts will be done first will be determined as the project progresses.

Localities: Gordonsville, Louisa, Albemarle, Charlottesville, Nelson, Augusta, Waynesboro, Staunton, Rockbridge, Bath, Alleghany

Estimated Cost:	2007:	\$2,200,000
	2008:	\$2,200,000
	2009:	\$2,200,000
	2010:	\$2,200,000
	2011:	\$2,200,000
	2012:	<u>\$2,200,000</u>
Total Project:		\$13,200,000

Estimated Annual Number of Carloads for 2007:

Amtrak's Cardinal – 312 trips/yr
CSXT's Revenue empties – 265,000
BB's local freight – 5,300 (only counting cars on these
Subdivisions)

Estimated Number of People Employed or Retained: 60

Expected Starting and Finishing Dates: July 2007 thru July 2013

Local Match: 35%

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING
RAIL PRESERVATION APPLICATION OF
BUCKINGHAM BRANCH RAILROAD COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the Buckingham Branch Railroad desires to file an application with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for funding assistance for the projects; and

WHEREAS, Buckingham Branch Railroad has identified projects that are estimated to cost \$13,200,000; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, through enactment of the Rail Preservation Program, provides for funding for certain improvements and procurement of railways in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Buckingham Branch Railroad is an important element of the **County of Albemarle** transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the Buckingham Branch Railroad is instrumental in the economic development of the area, and provides relief to the highway system by transporting freight, and provides an alternate means of transportation of commodities; and

WHEREAS, the **County of Albemarle** supports the project and the retention of the rail service; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board has established procedures for all allocation and distribution of the funds provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **County of Albemarle** Board of Supervisors does hereby request the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to give priority consideration to the projects proposed by the Buckingham Branch Railroad.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the _____ (date) meeting and sent to Buckingham Branch Railroad.

ADOPTED: _____ (date)

Chairman
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

Clerk