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Albemarle County
County Administrator's Office
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear County Administrator,

As you are aware Buckingham Branch Railroad leased 200 miles of track from CSX and commenced operations December 20, 2004. This operating lease was for track from Clifton Forge, VA to Richmond, VA, including 9.9 miles known as the Orange Branch.

We would like to ask the County of Albemarle for a resolution supporting the Buckingham Branch's request for funds from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Rail Preservation Fund. Buckingham Branch Railroad will provide the local matching funds if these grants are approved. Should the locality have the funds and desire to be involved, Buckingham Branch will welcome local participation.

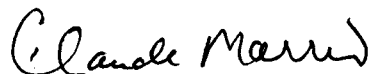
A description of the work that we are requesting funds for is attached with this letter. You will note that there may be more than one application that affects your city, town or county. This application may also be part of a project that affects more than one county or municipality. The total project amount may be distributed over one or more counties and municipalities.

You will also note that these projects may be multi-year projects and not single year projects. The amounts listed in the resolution, reflect funding for projects planned for fiscal year 2010. Although you may have approved a similar resolution last year, The Virginia Department of Rail has requested that we request new resolutions from each locality.

If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at our Dillwyn office.

A sample resolution is included and should be sent to Mr. Claude Morris at the address shown in the letterhead.

Thank you for your help in this matter,



Claude Morris
Project Specialist
Buckingham Branch Railroad

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County Executive's Office

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Buckingham Branch Railroad

Project Description:

Signal System Upgrade / Replacement

This is a six year project to replace the existing antiquated signal system from Orange to Clifton Forge. An engineering study and design will be done to determine the best layout and technology to use to expedite movements of Amtrak, CSX, and Buckingham Branch trains over this territory. Installation of a new system will improve the long term reliability of the system. Failure to replace the existing system and the pole line associated with it will eventually result in a system that can no longer be maintained. FY10 is the second year of funding for this project. The schedule of this project is designed to have the new signal system in place by 2015. This is the same time Positive Train Control will be required by the FRA.