

OF RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ABANDONMENT.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND APPRAISALS OF RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY PROPOSED FOR ABANDONMENT.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACQUIRE RAILROAD CORRIDORS PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEMS ACT 16 U.S.C. 1241 ET SEQ, AS AMENDED.

~~(3) WHEN A RAILROAD COMPANY FILES A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ABANDON A RAIL LINE WITH THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION, FEASIBILITY STUDIES PREPARED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE FORWARDED TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION WITH RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SUITABILITY FOR ACQUISITION AS RECREATIONAL TRAILS.~~

(4) (C) (1) IF, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 9, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACQUIRES RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR USE AS RECREATIONAL TRAILS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUEST INTERIM USE OF THE PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL USE.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY LEASE A CORRIDOR FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND SUBLEASE IT TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORIGINAL LEASE.

(3) ANY LEASE OF RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERIM USE FOR PUBLIC RECREATION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RESTORATION OR RECONSTRUCTION FOR RAILROAD PURPOSES, AND THE INTERIM USE MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AS AN ABANDONMENT OF THE USE OF THE RAILROAD CORRIDOR FOR RAILROAD PURPOSES.

(4) PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY FOR RECREATIONAL USE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE AFFECTED COUNTY. THE HEARING SHALL BE ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE AFFECTED COUNTY FOR 3 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

~~(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR OFFERING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THE USE OF ABANDONED RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO REQUEST USE OF ABANDONED RAILROAD CORRIDOR PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL USE.~~