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**TO:** South Dakota Railroad Board

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**SUBJECT:** Napa-Platte Line Salvage Project

The National Surface Transportation Board (STB) recently granted the State of South Dakota's request to issue a *Notice of Interim Trail Use* for the segment of the Napa-Platte rail line from Tyndall to Ravinia, SD. This makes a continuous segment of the line as railbank status from Tyndall to the west end of the line near Platte, SD.

The Department of Transportation (SDDOT) is requesting concurrence for issuing a Request for Proposal to salvage the rail materials on the railbanked segment. The project would include approximately 59.9 miles of 60-pound track and 9 sidings. The rail and other steel track material would be salvaged and the ties would be disposed of at certified landfills and/or salvaged. The proceeds of the salvaged contract would be deposited in the railroad account.

Approval by the South Dakota State Railroad Board is requested for SDDOT to enter into a contract for salvaging the materials on the railbanked section. Since the State of South Dakota is the owner of this railroad line as well as the trail sponsor of the railbanked section, approval is conditional upon the STB approving SDDOT's notice that it will comply with the requirements of *Notice of Interim Trail Use*.