



CERTIFIED MAIL

December 18, 2019

Mayor Miro Weinberger
Burlington City Hall
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05602

Dear Mayor Weinberger:

For years we have been working with the City of Burlington and VTrans to plan track and facility upgrades needed for the return of passenger service to Burlington. We have continued to refine our engineering plans with input from the City and VTrans, and are pleased to advise you that initial construction work adjacent to the passenger loading platform at Union Station will begin this Spring in order to be ready for Amtrak service to Burlington.

We know how important the bike path is to the City and, subject to VTrans' approval, we want to work with you to allow continuing interim public use and access over the railroad right of way where feasible, both during and after construction. We therefore propose that the Parties enter into a further amendment to the 1985 Lease Agreement to confirm access and clarify responsibilities for maintenance, indemnity, and insurance consistent with the current agreement. This approach should let all parties coordinate future construction activities, minimize public inconvenience, and will allow for continued public access to businesses located in the Wing Building. It is our understanding from Chapin Spencer that the City has been planning the relocation of the bike path to an improved location west of the tracks in any event, and we would be happy to coordinate planning and construction with the City to the extent feasible.

In order to meet our construction schedule and operational commitments, and consistent with Paragraph 5, Amendment No. 2 to the June 18, 1985 Lease Agreement between the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation and the City of Burlington, this letter therefore is to give notice that the City's lease of that portion of the State's lands and premises located between King Street and College Street is being terminated effective March 23, 2020. Our current plans also anticipate track reconstruction, realignment and signals work within the railroad right of way between Maple Street and King Street and accordingly this letter is also to give notice that the Railroad is terminating the Lease Agreement with the City as to that portion of Parcel No. 5 located between Maple Street and King Street, to be effective June 20, 2020. See Article IX, Lease Agreement dated June 18, 1985. We are providing similar notice to VTrans by copy of this letter to Secretary Flynn, and will keep you informed as we finalize our plans and move closer to the start of work.

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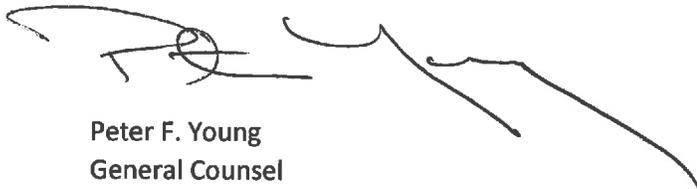
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Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. We would be glad to prepare a draft Agreement for discussion with the City and VTrans to provide for continued public access along the railroad right of way, and look forward to having it ready and in place well before initial site work needs to begin in the Spring.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter F. Young". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter F. Young
General Counsel

Cc: Secretary Flynn, Vermont Agency of Transportation

Steven Locke, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the Clerk/Treasurer