



Environmental Impact Statement

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

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I have three children. Two of them walk to and from the highschool (Barrington Highschool) and must cross the EJ&E tracks to get there. They are part of a very very large student body that is not bussed to school. There is a constant stream of hundreds of students who live East of the EJ&E and Highschool. When a train blocks their passage this large stream of moving students will become a thick mob. They will be a thick, rowdy mob of highschool students on a very thin strip of sidewalk with nowhere to go except the street or into the tracks. There is no way to know whether there will be a train or not, so most students will just leave at their normal time and will be anxious when they see a train coming - they will try to beat the train. (Large snowfalls compound the problem of adequate pedestrian space)

There is no doubt in my ~~reach~~ mind that an increase in freight traffic on the EJD E will result in students being hit by cars and by the CN trains.

New topic: The other day I waited for 11 minutes on Shoe Factory Road while one freight train crossed. Yes, 11 minutes. ~~when~~
~~a motor car was crossing the tracks at the same time as the freight train.~~ This
11 minute delay was caused by a freight train on Shoe Factory Road on
the E J & E tracks. Their estimates of length of wait are probably ~~way~~
too short. You need to look at what will really happen ... it's probably a lot
like what already happens only over and over. The report is too rosy,

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