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Message:

I live off Spencer Rd in New Lenox about 0.5 mile south of the EJ&E tracks, and my greatest concern about the CN purchase is safety and traffic congestion. If the CN is going to significantly increase train traffic, then the CN should contribute a majority of the cost to upgrade safety equipment at all crossings and mitigate delay with grade separations at main roads. Our Federal, State and Local Governments are not in a position to fund this in the foreseeable future. If the CN is allowed to take this action with little financial contribution, it could take decades for our community to upgrade these crossings, at the expense of safety and quality of life for my family and all my neighbors.

I cross the EJ&E tracks 10 to 20 times per day to work, my children's school and sports activities, grocery shopping and other activities. The EJ&E tracks split New Lenox in half. I can plan my route around the railroad crossings if there are a few main north/south roads with grade separations, such as Cedar Rd, Schoolhouse Rd, and Gougar Rd.