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10 THOMAS MAKOWSKI

11 JANUARY 15, 2008

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14 MATTESON, ILLINOIS
Surface Transportation Board

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1 MR. MAKOWSKI: Thomas Makowski,
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3 Illinois 60423.

4 Okay. We live right in back of the
5 tracks on -- off of Harlem on Aberdeen Road. And
6 the first thing is that with an increase of
7 traffic, we're having cracks in the wall and have
8 had cracks in the foundation. And I can imagine
9 it's gotten worse in the last few years because I
10 think the tracks are in disrepair. I don't think
11 they have been taking care of them.

12 The smell. We figured if there's
13 going to be five times as many trains coming
14 through, the engine smell, everything else. More
15 vibrations.

16 If they're going to take out trees to
17 do this is what we heard from the village that
18 they were going to take some of the trees out
19 there. That's going to make more noise. And
20 environmentally it's not going to be -- and the
21 traffic patterns. I mean with Harlem being
22 widened to four lanes, it's going to be more
23 difficult to get in and out of Aberdeen road
24 if -- you know, the trains -- if there's that

1 many trains and all times of day, they're going
2 to be coming through.

3 Yeah. We've got a stop sign there
4 now. And that's -- I don't see any proposals of
5 red lights or anything from what the village was
6 saying. And there isn't -- there isn't an
7 overpass -- there's an overpass at LaGrange Road
8 and there's an overpass at Governors Highway.
9 And that's a long, long way to not have access
10 other than, you know, surface access with gates
11 going down. So that's about it.

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