



**RESOLUTION 08-07
FOR RAIL TRAFFIC RELIEF**

WHEREAS, one third of the nation's freight rail traffic moves to, from or through the Chicago area every year making it the transportation hub of North America; and

WHEREAS, rail congestion has significantly slowed freight traffic through the Chicago region to the point where it can now take a freight train 24 hours to travel the 30 miles through the City of Chicago, slowing rail transportation nationwide; and

WHEREAS, rail transportation is crucial to the region economically touching 5 million jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) a model public-private partnership, initiated more than five years ago, developed a comprehensive long term plan that would revitalize the area's transportation network by reconfiguring rail traffic through the Chicago Metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, Canadian National Railway Company, a founder and strong proponent of CREATE since its inception, has proposed rerouting its traffic from the congested urban rail lines to the under-utilized Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway at its own cost and expense, thereby opening up new capacity on those urban lines; and

WHEREAS, by rerouting its traffic, Canadian National Railway Company will relieve freight congestion on many of the Chicago's region rail lines; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Hillside urges the Surface Transportation Board of the U.S. Department of Transportation to approve the application of the Canadian National Railway Company to acquire the Eglon, Joliet & Eastern Railway Company as a valuable enhancement of the region's rail network; and

PASSED: This 28th day of April, 2008.

AYES: Tyler Anderson, Polgar, Kramer,
Bibby, Martin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trusta Loneli

APPROVED: This 28th day of April, 2008.

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Village President

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Filed in my office this 29th,

Day of April, 2008.

ATTEST:

Patrick F. O'Sullivan
Village Clerk