



Environmental Impact Statement



CN EJ&E

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

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How Do I Submit Comments?

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Surface Transportation Board's website, www.stb.dot.gov, under the heading "E-Filing."

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

- 1) Trains are moving at only a few miles/hr crossing Washington St coming out of the railyard and climbing the hill out of the Des Plaines River valley. ~~Some~~ They not infrequently stop on Washington street. ~~An increase~~ Trains may take over 10 minutes to cross the street at those speeds. An increase to 28.3 trains/day could mean the road is blocked for 5 hours every day (or 20% of the day). Washington is ~~the~~ a main street serving ^{with} east Joliet neighborhoods and Ogale's Park and is the only crossing between I-80 and the Rock Island Line (Metra).
 - 2) The Forest Preserve District connection between the Old Plank Rd. Trail and Waapeasee Glacial Trail Bikepaths crosses the EJ&E tracks on Washington street. If a Washington Street Bridge was built over the tracks, the bike trail could be included in the bridge design, greatly increasing safety on this part of the bike trail. The District will have completed the Old Plank Rd. Trail to Washington Street within the next couple years.
 - 3) A Joliet Bus route goes out Washington St.
 - 4) Briggs street is a major, busy, busy road and will need a bridge over the EJ&E Line
 - 5) The EJ&E runs through the Forest Preserve, Lake Requin/Heron Parkery
 - 6) If State, Federal, Municipal & CR funds are pooled to improve infrastructure, this could be a boon to NE Illinois.
- What scoping meeting did you attend? (Please circle): Mundelein, Barrington, Joliet, Matteson, Gary, West Chicago, Chicago.
- 7) The Star Metra route needs to happen, even if it means adding double track along the route.

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YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.