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Thank you for the detailed (massive) information related to the STB EIS on the analysis of this proposed acquisition. In addition to the letters I have submitted to the STB, I wanted to raise these additional concerns:

- 1) The cost impact on traffic and safety should be borne by the company benefiting most by this acquisition, CN. They should fund the majority of the grade crossings deemed unacceptable, which would be nearly all locations based on 4 times the train traffic...NOT THE TAX PAYERS!!!
- 2) The STAR Line has to be implemented according to the current plans. This benefits so many more people and reduces congestion along with improving our environment (less gas used, less pollution). Having the SW suburbs linked to Ohare with a train service, along with jumper trains to connect with Metra will eliminate several existing traffic issues in this area that continues to develop. Allowing 4 times the number of freight trains can only prohibit from the STAR line from being implemented, or restricts how far reaching this excellent proposal can go.

Please take this information into consideration if the acquisition is allowed to happen, which I am completely opposed to. We have to stop the madness at some point.

Thanks for listening,
Timothy Hicks