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1 Richard Haik, 3 N 771 Kenwood Avenue,
2 West Chicago.

3 I feel it is though they want to fix
4 the rail system, improve efficiency, all that kind
5 of good stuff; that's fine. I got no problem with
6 that.

7 My only issues are -- in order of
8 priority -- first, traffic. There needs to be
9 bridges. There is only one bridge in the area. I
10 live right here. The only one is Route 64. You
11 can't drive 64 every day.

12 West Chicago is horrible. Route 38 is
13 probably the worst road. It needs a bridge.
14 There needs to be a bridge. There needs to be a
15 bridge on Smith Road, Monger Road, Army Trail,
16 Sterns; all the east-west roads. I'm sure that
17 carries all the way up all through the other
18 communities. You can't get through here. It's
19 bad enough as it is now. Cars need to get
20 through.

21 Sound and the wildlife are my next
22 concern. It passes, at least here, I don't know
23 about other communities north, and I don't know
24 about Gary and Griffith, if you get wild life

1 there, but here it passes through a forest
2 preserve. I suppose the train is going to scare
3 most wildlife, but I've got to say something about
4 that, the noise and whistles.

5 Transportation is the key. You can't
6 get through here as it is. I got stopped just
7 this morning by a coal train, and there is only
8 four going through a day. I was almost late to
9 work.

10 There are many, many people that travel
11 just the little back roads around here to avoid
12 the main road, Route 64. There is only one
13 east/west route here that goes. It's horrible.
14 I'm not driving that. That's it. That's all.

15 (Brief pause.)

16 Can I add one more thing to that, as
17 far as the transportation needs to be addressed?

18 There needs to be bridges, and
19 taxpayers shouldn't pay for it. The rail line
20 should be paying for it. That's probably -- I
21 don't want to pay for it. That's great that they
22 want to expand, but I don't need to pay for it.

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