

Comment Form for the Surface Transportation Board

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How will CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E impact you?

I live directly across the
street from Lake Zurich High School.
We live on natural wetlands.
I'm very concerned about the impact
to this protected area. The noise, pollution,
and increased traffic will have devastating
impact to the environment and wildlife.

I'm also concerned about the
impact to the youth (K-12th) at May Whitney
Elementary and Lake Zurich High Schools.
They will have a diminished learning
environment due to pollution, noise,
and traffic delays. Students will be at
risk crossing the rail tracks on school buses,
private vehicles, on bicycles, and on foot.
Young drivers will take chances trying to
beat the train, increasing the likelihood
of an accident.

Mary Ishikawa
Signed

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The community of Lake Zurich as well as the other communities along the ETE line were not built with regular rail traffic in mind. Homes, schools, and businesses have sprung up around these rail lines. The lines have no room for expansion or increase in traffic without significant negative consequences to these communities. Traffic is halted in all directions in our communities due to surface street crossings. Residential homes nearby prevent the building of over crossings. Our infrastructure is not capable of supporting additional rail traffic.

Finally, our property values will be negatively impacted. The decrease in values will impact our tax base. Lower home values mean lower taxes which will not be available to fund regular services in addition to increased traffic services.