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**THE CITY OF DES PLAINES SUPPORTS THE SALE OF
THE EJ&E RAIL SYSTEM AND WHY NOT --- FOR
THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE AGAINST THE SALE I
ASK THAT YOU PUT YOURSELF IN THE POSITION
OF A MAYOR WHOSE CITY HAS A TOTAL OF 32
AT GRADE CROSSINGS OF WHICH THE CANADIAN
NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY UTILIZES A
TOTAL OF 15 WHICH TRANSLATES INTO 22
COMMUTER AND 19 FREIGHT TRAINS THAT PASS
THROUGH THE CITY OF DES PLAINES EVERYDAY!**

**HOWEVER CANADIAN NATIONAL IS NOT THE
ONLY COMPANY THAT UTILIZES THE RAIL
SYSTEMS THAT PASS THROUGH OUR CITY.**

FOR INSTANCE:

**THT UNION PACFIC MILWAKEE LINE AND THE
UNION PACFIC NORTHWEST LINE UTILIZE THE
OTHER 17 CROSSINGS WHICH TRANSLATES
INTO AN ADDITIONAL 63 COMMUTER AND 36
FREIGHT TRAINS THAT PASS THROUGH THE CITY
OF DES PLAINES EVERY DAY!**

**IN SUMMARY THE CITY OF DES PLAINES HAS A
TOTAL OF 32 AT GRADE CROSSING THAT
EXPERIENCE A TOTAL OF 140 TRAINS PER DAY.**

**AS A MATTER OF FACT MOST OF YOU PRESENT
THIS EVENING PROBLEY UTILIZE THE METRA
LINE ON YOUR WAY TO CHICAGO OR PURCHASE**

**GOODS AT STORES THAT DEPEND ON THE RAIL
TRAFFIC THAT PASSES THROUGH DES PLAINES.**

**WITH THAT SAID AND WITH THE PROMISE OF
REDUCING RAIL TRAFFIC BY 17 PASSING PER DAY
.... YOU MIGHT UNDERSTAND WHY I AM
SUPPORTIVE OF EJ&E SALE.**

HOWEVER I HAVE CONCERNS !!

**SEVERAL YEARS AGO WE WERE INFORMED BY
THE RAILROADS THAT RAIL TRAFFIC OVER
THE NEXT 10 YEARS COULD INCREASE BY AS
MUCH AS 30%!**

**SINCE 5 YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THAT
WARNING WILL THE PROMISE TO REDUCE RAIL**

TRAFFIC BE SHORT LIVED !

**I AM CONCERNED OVER THE LACK OF A PLAN
TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT AND FUTURE LEVELS
OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION THAT CURRENTLY
CAUSE HAVOC AMONG OUR POLICE FIRE
AND AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

**I AM ALSO A LITTLE CONCERNED OVER WHAT
SOME HAVE REPORTED AS A NEGATIVE IMPACT
.... ON THE STAR LINE AS WELL AS THEIR
PROMISE TO ADDRESS AND FINANCE AT
GRADE SEPERATION IMPROVEMENTS WHEN THE
CITY OF DES PLAINES HAS BEEN ASKING FOR
SIMILAR ATTENTION FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS**

AND GETTING NOWHERE!

**I AM ASKING THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY
COMPANY TO AUTHOR A LETTER THAT
SUPPORTS MY AFOREMETIONED CONCERNS
.... BEFORE ANY PURCHASE IS FINALIZED.**