



CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of McCook, a municipal corporation, Cook County, Illinois, and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files and am custodian of the seal of said municipality.

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY as follows:

1. That the foregoing or attached is a complete, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 08-R-5 entitled:

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCOOK SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY TO ACQUIRE THE ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY

2. That it was duly adopted by the governing body of said municipality at its regular meeting held on April 7, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and the corporate seal of said municipality on April 7, 2008.

Surface Transportation Board

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RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF MCCOOK SUPPORTING THE APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY TO ACQUIRE THE ELGIN, JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY

WHEREAS, one third of the nation's freight rail traffic moves to, from or through the Chicago area every year making it the transportation hub of North America, and

WHEREAS, rail congestion has significantly slowed freight traffic through the Chicago region to the point where it can now take a freight train 24 hours to travel the thirty miles through the City of Chicago, slowing rail transportation nationwide; and

WHEREAS, opening up capacity on urban rail lines means that all rail traffic will move more efficiently and smoothly through the city; and

WHEREAS, freight trains are three times more fuel-efficient and emit one-third less pollution than trucks carrying comparable loads, thereby lessening the drain on the nation's energy reserves; and

WHEREAS, a typical freight train carries the equivalent of 280 truck-trailer loads, thereby alleviating highway congestion by keeping time-sensitive freight on the rails rather than diverting to highways; and

WHEREAS, rail transportation is crucial to the region economically touching five million jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, if the problem of rail congestion in the region goes unchecked, it could cost the region \$2 billion in production with impacts on 17,000 jobs over the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program ("CREATE"), a model public-private partnership, initiated more than five years ago, developed a comprehensive long term plan that would revitalize the area's transportation network by reconfiguring rail traffic through the Chicago Metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, the CREATE comprehensive plan still hasn't received full government funding, even though it has had wide support from every level of government, the private sector and a broad cross-section of non-governmental groups and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Canadian National Railway Company, a founder and strong proponent of CREATE since its inception, has proposed rerouting its traffic from the congested urban rail lines to the under-utilized Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway at its own cost and expense, thereby opening up new capacity on those urban lines; and

WHEREAS, by rerouting its traffic, Canadian National Railway Company will relieve freight congestion on many of the Chicago's region rail lines, thereby reducing travel times, pollution from idling trains and costs resulting from shipping delays.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of McCook, Cook County, Illinois, that the Village of McCook urges the Surface Transportation Board of the United States Department Of Transportation to approve the application of the Canadian National Railway Company to acquire the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway as a valuable enhancement of the region's rail network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Acting Secretary of the Surface Transportation Board.

This resolution was adopted and deposited in the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of McCook this 7th day of April, 2008.



CHARLES SOBUS, SR., Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day
of April, 2008.



JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Acting Mayor