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Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087 Comment Form

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- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
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Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Surface Transportation Board. Comments must be submitted by February 1, 2008.

1. U.S. 30 IS THE ONLY EAST-WEST BYPASS FOR THE BORMAN EXPRESSWAY. THAT ROAD IS CLOSED SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR DUE TO ACCIDENTS, CHEMICAL SPILLS, ETC. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TRAINS TO 28 A DAY WOULD GRIDLOCK THIS ROAD.

2. CN ~~CAN'T~~ CAN'T SEEM TO TAKE CARE OF THE CROSSINGS IT ALREADY OWNS. SEE ENCLOSED STORY.

3. I'M ALREADY SEEING CN TRAINS RUNNING ON E.J.+E. TRACKS. WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

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Town wants railroad crossings repaired

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MERRILLVILLE | The condition of many railroad crossings in town has caused rough rides for motorists and prompted complaints, town officials said.

But fixing the problem hasn't been an easy task for the town.

Town Manager Tim Brown said Canadian National Railroad is responsible for making repairs to the crossings because the company owns the tracks that cross Taft, Hendricks and Harrison streets and Broadway.

Brown said the town has made several calls to Canadian National seeking improvements to the crossings.

"We haven't had any luck," Brown said. "It's been interesting."

Canadian National Railroad spokesman Jim Kvedaras said late last week he wasn't certain if repairs were scheduled for the crossings in Merrillville and was looking into the situation.

He said it is common for crossings to become damaged -- especially during the winter months.

The crossing at Taft Street south of 61st Avenue is in the worst condition of all the crossings in Merrillville, Town Councilman Richard Hardaway said.

Traffic is often creeping near the crossing because drivers have to slow down to avoid causing damage to their vehicles.

"I wish they (the railroad) would be a little more sensitive to our problem," Hardaway said.

Brown said Canadian National repaired the crossing on Broadway several months ago in conjunction with road work being completed by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

He said the company also performed some patch work to the other crossings in Merrillville a few years ago but claimed major improvements are needed.

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