

Comment Form for the Surface Transportation Board

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

I cross the EJ&E twice daily during my commute to work. The roads in Lake County, IL are already congested, ~~the~~ route sometimes taking twice as long as it should. Part of the delays are due to freight traffic already in place. The impact to me is a guaranteed increase in travel times to/from my office. This increase will have a direct impact on the quality of life for me and my family (wife, daughter 9, son 6). As I will be spending more time in my car, less time with them. One road example, Gilmer Road, backs up 1 to 2 miles from Midlothian Road. The EJ&E line crosses Gilmer in this area. I can only imagine what this will do to traffic delays on Gilmer. The most viable alternatives are also affected by the EJ&E (60/83 & Old McHenry), so I bet all 3 roads will be severely detrimented. All this detriment to benefit a foreign company with absolutely no benefit to the tax paying citizens of this state and country.

Signed

I am also concerned, based upon tonight's packet, that towns supporting this acquisition, like Buffalo Grove, are being misled by CNR, and these towns will not see the long term benefit of less freight and more commuter trains as they expect.