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I AM A MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF TOWER LAKES. ON BEHALF OF MY 1300 CONSTITUENTS, I WOULD LIKE TO IMPLORE THE STB TO REQUIRE FULL FUNDING OF AT LEAST TWO GRADE SEPARATIONS IN DARRINGTON AS A MINIMUM PREREQUISITE TO APPROVING INCREASED TRAFFIC ON THE E+E RAIL TRACKS.

MOST OF THE CITIZENS OF MY TOWN COMMITTE TO WORK AND TRAVEL DAILY TO SHOP AT DESTINATIONS INVOLVING CROSSING THESE TRACKS. ALL OF MY TOWN'S CHILDREN OF MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL AGE HAVE TO CROSS THOSE TRACKS TWICE A DAY TO GET TO SCHOOL.

BEZIDES THE CONSTRUCTION, AND RELATED SAFETY AND PROPERTY
VALUE AND QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES, I PERSONALLY AM
CONVINCED THAT LIVES ARE AT GREATLY INCREASED RISK
DUE TO HIGHER RESPONSE TIMES FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE.

THE MAIN BARRINGTON FIRE AND AMBULANCE BASE ON RT 14
NEAR THE EJ+E CROSSING IS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE
TRACKS FROM THE HOSPITAL. A SINGLE GRADE SEPARATION
ON RT 59 IS NOT SUFFICIENT REMEDIATION FOR THE
EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME RISK.

ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE 3rd CROSSING IN DOWNTOWN BARRINGTON ON CARLETON RD (MAIN ST) IS USED BY HUNDRETS OF STUDENTS ON FOOT GOING TO & FROM THE H.S. 1 BLOCK FROM THERE, AND WE HAVE LOST 2 OF THOSE STUDENTS

TO DEATH BY TRAIN IN THE LAST 2 YEARS, AND ONE OF THE WORST TRAIN VS SCHOOLBUS
YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT! ACCIDENTS IN VS HISTORY HAPPENED IN THE TOWN NEXT DOOR.

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