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January 25, 2008

Anne K. Quinlan, Esquire
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Office of the Secretary
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re Canadian National Railway Corporation and Grand
Trunk Corporation – Control EJ&E West Company
(STB Finance Docket No. 35087)

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Enclosed is a resolution approved by the City Council of the City of Champaign in an 8-0 vote expressing concern over the potential acquisition of the EJ&E railroad by Canadian National Railroad and its negative impact on existing Amtrak service and the economic health of the community. The Council respectfully requests that this resolution be considered as part of the official filings in this case.

Sincerely,

Gerald Schweighart
Mayor

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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2008 – 002

A RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO POTENTIAL CHANGES IN AMTRAK SERVICE ON THE
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN AND
THE CITY OF CHICAGO.**

**WHEREAS, Canadian National Railroad has submitted a request to the Surface
Transportation Board to purchase the EJ&E railroad which may impact travel times to Chicago's
Union Station; and**

**WHEREAS, ensuring a strong transportation link between the City of Champaign and the
City of Chicago is vital to the continued economic health of the City and University of Illinois;
and**

**WHEREAS, passenger ridership in Champaign currently ranks fifth in the Illinois system
and ridership has experienced recent increases; and**

**WHEREAS, the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District and the City of Champaign
have made significant investments in the Illinois Terminal Multi-modal center to support the
connection between rail and mass transit; and**

**WHEREAS, current City policies in our University District and Downtown area
emphasize a compact urban environment with connection to transit and rail service which rely on
residents having commuting options to Downtown Chicago; and**

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

Section 1. That the City of Champaign opposes any changes to the existing Amtrak service between the City of Champaign and the City of Chicago along the CN railway line which increases route times and delays.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to:

Hon. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary

Surface Transportation Board

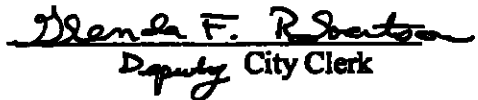
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PASSED January 15, 2008

APPROVED:  Mayor

ATTEST:  Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

6. Author: City Clerk's Office Resolution No. 2008-002