

Comment Form for the Surface Transportation Board

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

There is no doubt that increased traffic by CN or EJ&E or any other railroad on this line will have initially a negative impact on most residents.

However one should ask why we already have a woefully inadequate road system, and almost no separation of road and rail crossings. That railroads are many times more efficient than roads in moving people and freight is indisputable and for our communities to continue to operate at all planning should have begun years ago. Separation of rail and road crossings needs to be undertaken on a local, regional and national perspective. To deny the residents the benefits of efficient rail transportation on the basis of initial inconvenience is wrong.

Our local and federal representatives have the power, and now the opportunity to improve the overall transportation systems, and should work to obtain funding for projects - road/rail interfaces, main / local road

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The presentations made at Lake Zurich on 2/11/08 were extremely short sighted and ignored the overall problem for immediate political gain.

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

It would impact my ability to drive in an
already very congested area. The roads are totally
inadequate for current traffic and this matter needs
to be addressed, regardless of extra trains. But more
trains would mean a complete rush hour meltdown.

However, to know that one train would take
280 trucks off the roads is very important to me.
The overall benefits of extra trains nationally,
ecologically, environmentally, safety aspects,
(trucks cause more accidents than trains). But
studies need to be done to separate road & rail
with over/under passes, etc. before the trains come.
I regret that at the Lake Zurich meeting, there was
no CN information available along side the various
villages info. to help residents form a broader
opinion of how the trains would impact us all,
positively as well as negatively.

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