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EJ&E purchase by CN

I want to express my concern with this purchase. This purchase will further snarl traffic in a very densely populated area. I tend to be a 'free market' guy and if this purchase makes sense for CN, so be it. BUT CN's purchase should not be allowed to degrade the quality of life for those who live in the area. This spur frequently has slow moving, long trains which currently snarl traffic. Just yesterday Liberty was completely blocked by a stopped train. How long are they allowed to block these tracks? How many times a day? The increased traffic due to CN will only further degrade this situation.

Diehl Rd is a major artery to feed traffic onto I88. Ogden Avenue is a very heavily traveled East/West route in the area and neither of these have overpasses. If CN is to be permitted to buy th EJ&E, they ought to factor into their capital plan the funds to construct overpasses over Diehl and Ogden, as a minimum. If they can not make that business case work, then they shouldn't purchase the EJ&E. They need to be required to include these costs into their analysis and complete the projects within a year of acquisition.

Thank you,
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