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I understand the public resistance, though it would benefit my area by diverting traffic to the proposed line. We must eliminate as much grade-crossing as possible. The U.S. is approaching a 3rd World transit system, not because we can't solve our problems, but because we have a leadership problem. Here the question isn't how can we avoid grade crossing, but who will pay for it. Somewhat related to this, Chicago pursues the 2016 Olympics, while the RR are driven to bypass the city and build exurban terminals because of horrendous grade crossing delays. Thank you for this opportunity.