

Surface Transportation Board

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Comments

From: David Navecky/STB
To: Laura Blaney <theblaneys@csinet.net>
Date: 03/31/2016 11:42 AM
Subject: Re: Rail Meetings

Dear Commissioner Blaney -

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the scoping meeting schedule for Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc's (GLBT) proposed rail line. I assure you that the Surface Transportation Board (STB) wants to hear from the residents of Porter County. Their concerns and issues are important to the STB and will assist us in developing the final scope of study for the environmental impact statement. However, considering the STB's limited travel budget and that the project area for the proposed rail line encompasses 278 miles in three states, we were unable to locate scoping meetings in each potentially affected community or each of the 11 counties through which the proposed rail line could be located. The scoping meeting locations were identified to ensure that the majority of individuals with homes, farms, and businesses along GLBT's proposed rail line route would need to travel no more than approximately 30 minutes to their closest meeting location.

Regarding your constituents, Porter County residents have three meeting locations from which to choose: April 12, 2016, Lowell VFW Large Hall, Lowell, IN (note this is a venue change from the Lowell Town Hall); April 13, 2016, American Legion Banquet Hall, Wanatah, IN; and April 14, 2016, Civic Auditorium Banquet Room, La Porte, IN (all meetings will run from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m). Considering these locations, it appears that Porter County residents living in proximity to GLBT's proposed rail line route could reach these meeting locations in approximately 5 to 30 minutes.

Additionally, for those persons unable to attend any of the public scoping meetings in person, the STB is also hosting an online public scoping meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Central Time). To register to attend this online public scoping meeting, please refer your constituents to the following web page on the STB-sponsored project website:

http://www.greatlakesbasinraileis.com/online_meet.html

Regards,

Dave

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From: Laura Blaney <theblaneys@csinet.net>
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Date: 03/28/2016 11:57 PM
Subject: Rail Meetings

To whom it may concern,
I am extremely disappointed that there are no public scoping meetings concerning the proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail project in Porter County, IN. A rail with 110 trains per day that cuts all the way across our county will have a huge and significant impact on our roads, our drainage, our farm industry, our emergency and safety services and the quality of life of our residents. It is grossly unfair that our residents have to travel out of county to make their voices heard. I hope you will reconsider and add a meeting in Porter County. Thank you.
Laura Blaney

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