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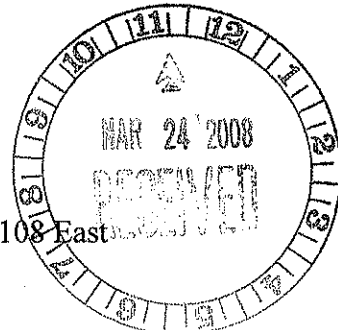
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FD 35087

**CITY OF CARLYLE  
SPECIAL RESOLUTION**



**WHEREAS**, the City of Centralia is home to an Amtrak train station, located at 108 East Broadway; and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak maintains three train routes that pass through Centralia: the Illini, the Saluki, and the City of New Orleans which transport passengers to destinations including New Orleans, Memphis, Carbondale, Centralia, Champaign, and Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Amtrak station at Centralia, Carlyle residents have access to convenient and, given current prices of gasoline, increasingly economical travel to the destinations mentioned above, including Chicago Union Station, which requires only a five hour train ride between Centralia and Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, train travel to Chicago Union Station from Centralia may become much less convenient for Carlyle travelers should the Canadian National Railroad be permitted to complete its plan to purchase and close a majority of the railroad owned by the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railway Co. (the EJ&E), a railroad that connects Waukegan, Illinois with northwestern Indiana, and which is used by Amtrak to transport passengers through Centralia to Chicago Union Station.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2008 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARLYLE, ILLINOIS**, that the Carlyle City Council does not oppose the acquisition or the closure of the EJ&E rail except that its closure would add significant travel time between Centralia and Chicago Union Station.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Carlyle City Council asks that an alternative, but equally convenient, route into Chicago Union Station be devised prior to the closure of the EJ&E so as to ensure that Carlyle residents still have access to convenient and economical travel to Chicago.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary of the Surface Transportation Board, and that an additional suitable copy be forwarded to Mayor Becky Ault of the City of Centralia.

Surface Transportation Board  
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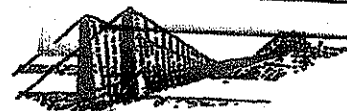
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