

September 19, 2008

Surface Transportation Board
395 E St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement

We are residents of Frankfort, Illinois and we would just like to comment on the proposal to increase train traffic through our village by 400%. We ask that you please consider the effect this is going to have on our village.

We live on the south side of town and we have concerns about how this will impact the quality of life in our village. We worry about emergency vehicles having access to our side of town. Sure, there is the LaGrange Road underpass as an alternative, but this worries us. Just last week we had a downpour of rain which flooded this underpass and the road was not passable. What if we had an emergency and there was no way to get to us quickly.

That is just one of the negative impacts this is going to have on us. Not to mention the noise and traffic jams and the fact that they want the taxpayers to pick up the bulk of the cost for overpasses and underpasses. We already pay high real estate taxes; it is not fair that we, as taxpayers, will be burdened with this cost.

We also worry about the re-sale of our home. We feel that people will not want to purchase homes in our village, if they have to deal with all the negatives this train congestion will have on our town.

Please, we ask that you consider how all this is going to affect the people in our village. Surely we shouldn't rush to judgement and put all these negatives on the people of Frankfort. There must be other options available.

Very concerned residents of Frankfort,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael & Debra Parise". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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