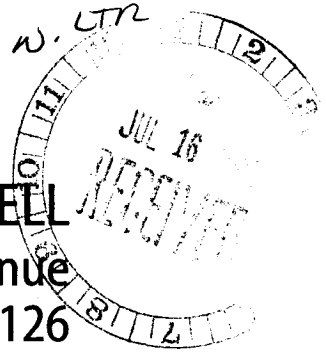


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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has developed a practical approach to reducing the amount of freight trains that travel in and around Elmhurst. This plan includes CN purchasing a major section of the EJ&E rail line and rerouting many of their freight trains to this underused portion of track on the outskirts of the Chicago area. This plan will produce residual benefits that will relieve the railway congestion, significantly improving traffic and the efficiency of freight trains in the process.

Fortunately, I am not affected by slow moving or idle trains at crossings because I know of an overpass that helps me avoid these delays and get to my destinations more quickly. However, rail congestion can prove to be problematic for those who are not familiar with the area. New residents or even new drivers would greatly benefit from this proposal as they will be able to drive with fewer delays at crossings and focus on getting to their intended destinations rather than trying to find their way through an area that they are unfamiliar with.

More important however, this proposal will also allow the freight trains to move goods much more efficiently. Trains will be able to travel with less stop-and-go traffic, reducing the amount of time and fuel that is wasted due to the frequent idling. This could prove to be advantageous for the businesses that utilize freight trains for moving goods. Furthermore, less fuel being burned by the trains can equate to a smaller amount of needless toxins in our air.

This proposal is a positive step towards reducing the traffic in Chicago and its surrounding areas. I encourage you to throw your support behind this proposal and ensure that its approval is executed with verve and veracity.

Sincerely,

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