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Please note the following concerns: My house is accross the street from the train line in question. Our subdivision is unique in that we only have have two ways out. One being Golf Rd. the other Shoe Factory Rd. The train line goes over Golf but crosses Shoe Factory. Aside from the increased noise levels from the added trains, air pollution and the dirt stirred up that envelops my home from the passing trains, I am very concerned about traffic congestion on the two roads mentioned above. With 7,000 - 10,000 ft. trains crossing almost consistently throughout the day people will be forced to use Golf rd exclusively for their travels. I for one would begin to anticipate a train crossing at shoe factory and would not use this road for travel. That leaves me with only one other option -- Golf Rd. This is a two lane rd that goes trough the forest preserve and is already over traveled. With shoe factory being blocked off by long passing trains more people will be forced to use Golf Rd. That road is already overused and congested without the added trains blocking off Shoe Factory. Also, these trains will pass by our local elementary shool (Timber Trails). The school is surrounded by a park that includes ball fields and soccer fields. It's already a questionably dangerous place with the few trains that go by now. Add twenty more trains/day and the risk goes up. Kids are notoriously curious and may find themselves in harms way should they wander onto those tracks. This area is a beautiful area surrounded by forest preserves and wildlife. We don't need trains running through here hourly destroying our peace and quiet and the naturalism of this area. Our homes have already taken a hit in value with the bad economy that we face. We don't need more personal hardship due to corporate greed. DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!