



Environmental Impact Statement



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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed
Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the
Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company
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My comment is that it would appear the purchase by Canadian National of the railway does not have proper impact remediation. By that I mean there seems to be a large amount of interference with other forms of ground transportation, mainly motorized vehicle traffic throughout the affected area. Specifically, I'm concerned about the affects on transportation throughout Naperville and especially School District 204, which covers the Naperville-Aurora area. I believe that to allow this to go through without the creation of a significant number of overpasses or underpasses to allow surface traffic to not be interrupted would be to a great detriment to my community. Additionally, this could also, this could not only impact the transportation of students for a specific brief period of time, morning and afternoon, but I also believe would greatly impact the free movement of emergency vehicles, police responders, that could at some point in time cause severe injury or possibly even the loss of life due to the inability for fire departments and police departments to respond in appropriate time, so therefore I believe that any agreement to allow the purchase by Canadian National Railway should mandate bypasses, or overpasses, underpasses, some way that transportation can continue moving freely amongst the communities. Additionally, I have experienced how Canadian National Railway treats people movement on the railways that they own. While traveling from Calgary to Alberta, Canada we were on a train, passenger train that was shunted to the side for over 45 minutes while other railcars were allowed to move through and this could have been, according to the station manager, upwards of 2 hours to allow the movement of freight. Freight will have a priority, passengers will be shuttled to the side. This could also greatly impact the economics of the area, considering the need to move large numbers of people, currently eastward into Chicago, but in the very near future, northward, north-eastward toward O'Hare airport. Thank you