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Please do not approve the CN purchase of the EJ&E. The increase in daily trains as published will result in an unacceptable increase in traffic delays in this region. In a 10 mile stretch of area beginning at 188 and going south until 127th street in Plainfield, there are only 12 crossing streets on that track. Only 3 of those crossings have bridges, and only 4 of those crossing are 2 lane. That means 75% of the crossings in this area do not have bridges, and 67% are one lane roads. The crossing at Ogden avenue is the most potentially problematic. This road is the major East/West route that funnels traffic from the highest growth areas in the state - all of the growth from Plainfield, Oswego, Aurora etc needs to use this street. There are no alternatives. Increasing the number of delays due to train crossings will result in unacceptable delays and unbelievable congestion. The proposed acquisition may reduce freight delays for CN, but it will result in insurmountable delays for the residents and businesses in this large area. Furthermore, all of the recently published works on the need for traffic congestion solutions points to the need for radical solutions for this area, and this proposed purchase only worsens an already bad situation. I urge you to drive Ogden avenue some afternoon. Start in Naperville and it will take you 30 minutes to travel to Oswego. Please test it yourself. Thanks

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