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Southwest Transportation Board  
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Negative impacts of this railroad acquisition taking place

Currently there are 4 trains a day on this line, this will increase to 24. This is only a three year projection, which means it will probably be much higher after three years.

More noise

Blocked traffic on Army Trail, Smith Road and Stearns— trains up to 2 miles long

Negatively affect Police, Fire and EMS response times

Heavier traffic will degrade the crossings and we will have to pay for the repairs

Increase in gross freight tonnage increases vibrations which can impact human and wild life.

Decreased property values!

Increase in Hazardous Materials

One spill can affect our air (Wayne school is close by) and devastate our wells!

Stearns Road bridge project will be negatively affected by the traffic delays the trains will cause.

Increased risk of vehicular and pedestrian accidents

Negative affect of air quality from the train emissions

Cost of Quiet Zones – we will definitely want a quiet zone, yet the Village will be responsible for the very expensive safety equipment to make this happen.

Will jeopardize the “suburban” commuter rail line that is currently planned for the same rail line.

The Forest Preserve has many objections to the impact this will have on the Pratt's Wayne Wood wildlife and personal enjoyment that the woods currently provides for us.

Due to their desire to move some trains to an east/west line, they may also need to purchase the tracks on the west side of town (next to the General Store) to make that happen.

No one locally is for this acquisition. No town sees anything positive about this.

This is a foreign company, with foreign freight. They have no concern for the citizens who will be affected by this.

No jobs are being brought to our area.

Please do not let this take place.

I live in Wayne Illinois and have lived in DuPage County for forty years. We moved to the "country" for a better life. Don't take this away from us.

Sincerely

Shirley Billick.