

Community Unit School District No. 2

Serena, Illinois 60549

RESOLUTION 2016-A REGARDING GREAT LAKES BASIN TRANSPORTATION'S PROPOSED RAILROAD (*Federal Docket No. FD 35952*)

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WHEREAS, the Surface Transportation Board is considering a proposed railroad project submitted by Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (Federal Docket No. FD 35952); and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad project will have significant impacts on the current system of state, county, and township roads located within the boundaries of Community Unit School District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad project poses significant transportation and safety concerns for Community Unit School District No. 2's school buses and student drivers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad project will negatively impact response time for first responders to Community Unit School District No. 2 facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad project poses significant environmental concerns which could result from accidents involving the transport of hazardous materials near school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad project would negatively impact real estate property value, prime farmland value, crop production, and the local economy resulting in lost property tax revenue for Community Unit School District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the proposed railroad project includes potential routes that would cut across prime farmland located in Community Unit School District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, clear and detailed information explaining the need for the proposed railroad project, route selection, and economic impact to Community Unit School District No. 2 with supporting documentation and cost benefit analysis for each have not been provided to potentially impacted parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Community Unit School District No. 2 Board of Education, LaSalle County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The Community Unit School District No. 2 Board of Education opposes the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. Railroad Project.

Section 2. The Community Unit School District No. 2 Board of Education authorizes and directs its Superintendent of Schools to submit this Resolution to the Surface Transportation Board, Office of Environmental Analysis, 395 E. Street, SW, Washington D.C. 20423-0001 ATTN: Dave Navecky (Docket No. FD 35952).

Section 3. The Community Unit School District No. 2 Board of Education authorizes and directs its Superintendent of Schools to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the purposes outlined in this Resolution.

ADOPTED this 26th day of May, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NAYES: 0
ABSENT: 3

**Board of Education of
Community Unit Schools District No. 2,
LaSalle County, Illinois**

By: Neal Rosengren
Neal Rosengren, Board President

Attest: Renee Thompson
Renee Thompson, Board Secretary