

**215 Amherst Drive
Bartlett, IL 60103
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**Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423**

**Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Finance Docket No. 35087**

Everything to date in the press has been on the negative side from the towns and villages involved.

I would like to place the following positive items in file:

- a. Who was there first ? The Railroad or the Sub-Division ? People knew when they bought the home the railroad was there.**
- b. Rail locomotives are more fuel efficient than trucks.**
- c. Rail locomotives are more environmentally friendly.**
- d. Rail moves more tons per gallon of fuel than trucks.**
- e. Each rail car removes 4 trucks from the highways.**
- f. Rail crossings are safe-it is the auto drivers that are not.**
- g. The new truck engines are not as fuel efficient as the old ones.**
- h. There are organizations attempting to increase trucks weights.**
- i. Highways and bridges are deteriorating rapidly and no funds to repair.**
- j. More trucks – more congestion – more fuel consumption.**
- k. I seriously doubt this merger will effect the proposed STAR Line.**
- l. A Time Line is needed to show that this merger and the infrastructure improvements will take a number of years to complete.**

I am a 18 year resident of Bartlett, IL, and support this merger as it is the best environmental and economic approach for everyone.

Regards:


Bernard J. Thomas

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