

CSXT's Outreach Efforts to Inform Affected Communities

Appendix A provides information on CSXT's outreach efforts and agency coordination activities that CSXT conducted in advance of its application to the OEA. These outreach activities were intended to inform potentially affected communities and organizations about the Proposed Transaction and understand their concerns.

Meetings with Local Representatives

CSXT conducted 27 outreach meetings at the dates identified in Table A - 1. CSXT met with mayors and aldermen as well as with state senators and representatives. At the meetings, CSXT distributed education materials on the Proposed Transaction and discussed the Board's environmental review process. These materials are included at the end of this appendix in Attachment 1.

Table A - 1. Outreach Meetings	
Date	Primary Contact
May 4, 2011	Mayor Norman Abbott
May 4, 2011	Mayor Don De Graff
May 4, 2011	Mayor Don Peloquin
May 4, 2011	Mayor Eric J. Kellogg
May 5, 2011	Alderman Ed Burke
May 5, 2011	Mayor Jim Sexton and Public Works, Bill Lorenz
May 5, 2011	Alderman Lona Lane
May 10, 2011	Alderman-elect Matt O'Shea
May 10, 2011	Reps. Will Davis, Andre Thepedi, Bob Rita, and Monique Davis
May 11, 2011	Reps. Kelly Burke and Bill Cunningham
May 11, 2011	Sen. Ed Maloney, Jacqueline Collins, and Emil Jones III
May 18, 2011	Mayor Norman Abbott
May 24, 2011	Mr. Rick Bryant and Washington staff (Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr.'s staff)
May 27, 2011	Mr. Rick Bryant (Rep. Jesse Jackson's Office)
June 13, 2011	Sen. Ed Maloney, Rep. Kelly Burke, and Rep. Bill Cunningham
June 17, 2011	Rep. Dan Lipinski
June 16, 2011	Reps. Thadeus Jones and Bob Rita
June 7, 2011	Ms. Clarisol Duque (Senator Durbin's staff)
June 2011	Mr. Jeffrey Sriver, Mr. Joe Alonzo, and Ms. Luanne Hamilton (City of Chicago Department of Transportation)
June 2011	Mr. Randy Blankenhorn, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
July 5, 2011	Luanner Peters (Rep. Bobby Rush's Office)
July 11, 2011	Commissioners Andrew Mooney and Gabe Klein, City of Chicago Department of Transportation, Department of Economic Development)
September 8, 2011	Evergreen Park High School District

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Source: CSXT 2011.

Agency Coordination

CSXT invited agencies with jurisdiction, expertise, or interest in the Proposed Transaction to participate in the environmental review process. CSXT asked the agencies identified in the following sections to help identify potential environmental issues and concerns within the study area.

Federal Agencies

Table A - 2 below identifies the key federal agencies which were contacted by the CSXT in advance of its application. CSXT invited the federal agencies to help identify potential environmental issues that CSXT should consider in the development of its application. Attachment 2 includes response letters received from federal agencies.

Table A - 2. Federal Agencies

Agency	Agency Jurisdiction or Area of Expertise
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chicago District	Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (33 C.F.R. § 1344), USACE has jurisdiction over activities that result in the discharge of dredge or fill material into U.S. waters, including lakes, rivers, streams, oxbows, ponds, and wetlands. Activities that affect these systems require a permit from USACE.
U.S. Coast Guard, Ninth District	Section 9 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401) requires approval of the location of, and plans for, bridges over navigable waters of the U.S. before construction begins. This requirement is administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.
U.S. Department of Agriculture- Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), New Lenox Field Office and Crown Point Service Center	USDA-NRCS oversees how activities would potentially affect prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance under 7 C.F.R. Part 657, "Prime and Unique Farmlands".
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 5	USEPA oversees and implements Federal environmental laws. USEPA also provides guidance on compliance with certain Executive Orders that involve environmental considerations. Under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7609), USEPA reviews and comments on the environmental impacts of major federal actions for which an EA is prepared under NEPA.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Chicago Field Office and the Northern Indiana Ecological Services Sub-	USFWS implements the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Under Section 7 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1536), USFWS reviews Federal agency actions and expected impacts to threatened or endangered species. USFWS can issue a determination, in the form of a biological opinion, which details the expected impacts to threatened or endangered species. The Board is responsible for initiating Section 7 consultation

Table A - 2. Federal Agencies	
Agency	Agency Jurisdiction or Area of Expertise
Office	with USFWS.

Other Agencies and Groups

CSXT also coordinated with state and local agencies as well as other groups.

Native American Groups

CSXT invited the following Native American groups to participate in the environmental review process:

- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Hannahville Indian Community Council
- Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation

State and Local Agencies

Table A - 3 lists the state and local agencies CSXT invited to provide input on potential effects as a result of the Proposed Transaction. Attachment 2 includes agency letters received.

Table A - 3. State and Local Agencies	
Agency	Agency Jurisdiction or Area of Expertise
Illinois State Agencies	
Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC), Transportation Bureau	ICC is the state agency with regulatory authority over Illinois railroads. Its rail safety staff responds to inquiries and complaints and conducts specialized inspections of railroad tracks, rail operations, hazardous material transportation, and grade crossing signal systems. The commission also monitors railroad ROW and grade crossing surface conditions, as well as visibility obstructions at rail crossings.
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)	IDOT's mission is to provide safe, cost-effective transportation for Illinois that enhances quality of life, promotes economic prosperity, and demonstrates respect for the environment.
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)	IEPA's mission is to safeguard environmental air and water quality and to protect human health and the environment by ensuring that hazardous and solid waste is managed in a sound manner.
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA)	IHPA is responsible for protecting historic, architectural, and archeological sites as part of the public planning process and administering federally and state-mandated legislation.
State of Illinois, Office of the Governor	Mr. Pat Quinn is the governor of the State of Illinois.

Table A - 3. State and Local Agencies	
Agency	Agency Jurisdiction or Area of Expertise
Illinois State Agencies	
Indiana State Agencies	
Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)	IDEM's mission is to implement federal and state environmental regulations. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs, and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting and improving Indiana's environment.
Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology	The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts; financial incentives, including several grant and tax credit programs; and the administration of federal and state legislation.
Indiana Department of Natural resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program	The purpose of the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to enhance the state's role in planning for and managing natural and cultural resources in the coastal region.
Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)	INDOT's mission is to plan, build, maintain, and operate a superior transportation system that enhances safety, mobility, and economic growth.
State of Indiana Government - Intergovernmental Affairs	The Director of Intergovernmental Affairs informs and provides advice to the Governor on initiatives from state, local, and tribal governments.
County Governments	
Cook County, Illinois	The county government is currently run by the Democratic Party. County seat is Chicago. Contains 32 Townships. Board President is Toni Preckwinkle
Lake County, Indiana	The county government is a constitutional body, and is granted powers by the Constitution of Indiana, and by the Indiana Code. County seat is Crown Point. Contains 11 Townships
Regional Governments	
Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District	Established in 1977 by an act of the Indiana General Assembly. It was created to maintain and preserve commuter rail service between South Bend and Chicago.
Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission	NIRPC is a regional council of local governments serving the three counties of northwestern Indiana.
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association	The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association is an intergovernmental agency providing technical assistance and joint services to 42 municipalities representing a population of more than 650,000 in Cook and Will counties.

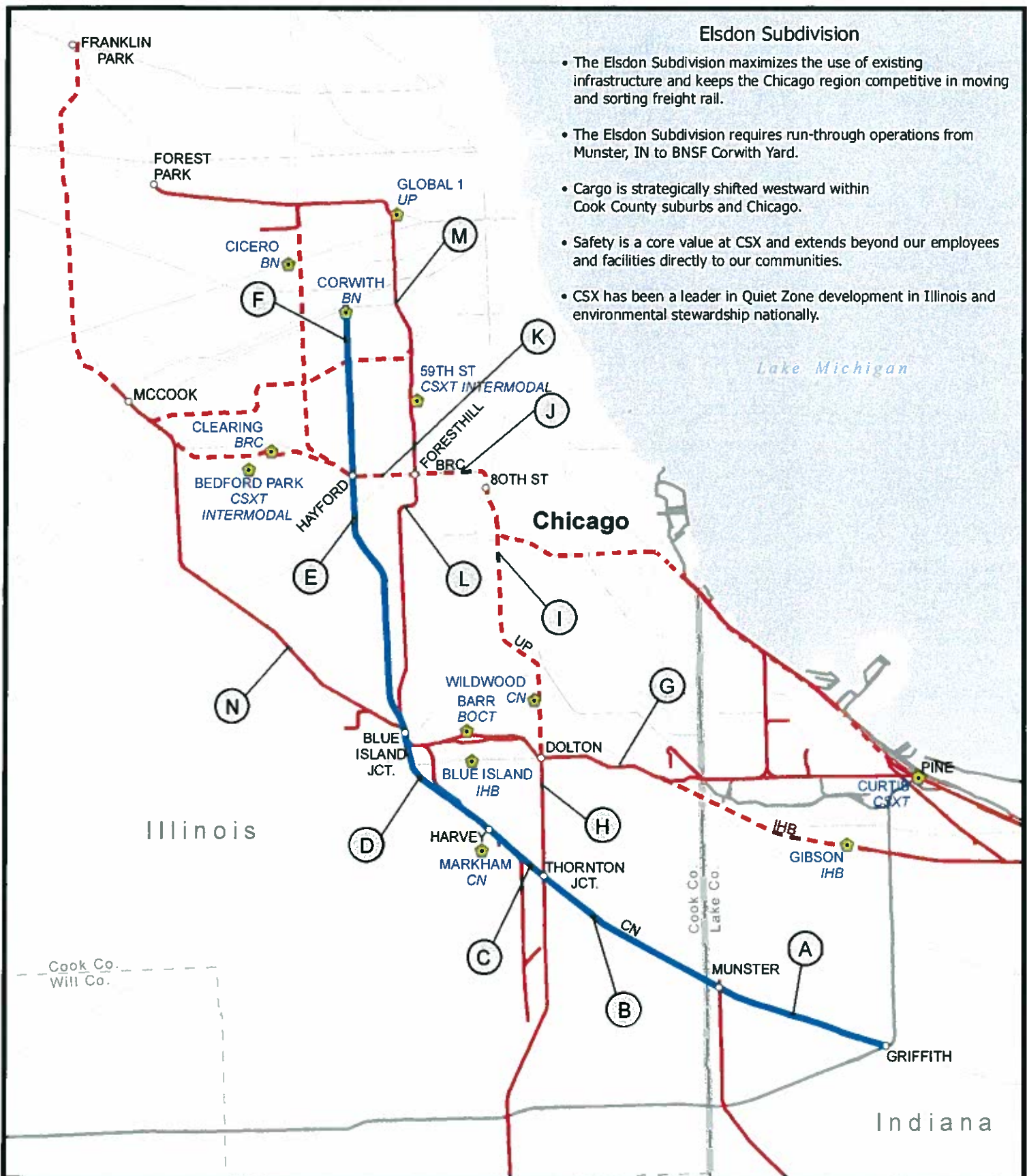
Table A - 3. State and Local Agencies	
Agency	Agency Jurisdiction or Area of Expertise
Illinois State Agencies	
Forest Preserves	
Forest Preserve District of Cook County	The Forest Preserve District of Cook County's mission is to acquire lands containing natural forests and to preserve forests for the education, pleasure, and recreation of the public.
Local Governments	
City of Chicago	The City of Chicago's government is divided into executive and legislative branches. The legislative branch is the City Council which enacts local ordinances and approves the city budget.
Village of Evergreen Park	The Village of Evergreen Park is the governing body of Evergreen Park which is in Illinois 1st congressional district.
Village of Merrionette Park	The Village of Merrionette Park is the governing body of Merrionette Park, located in Illinois' 3rd congressional district
City of Blue Island	The City of Blue Island is the governing body of Blue Island located in Cook County Illinois. The City of Blue Island is in Illinois 1st and 2nd congressional districts.
City of Harvey	The City of Harvey is the governing body of Harvey, located in Cook County, Illinois. Harvey is in Illinois' 2nd congressional district.
Village of Posen	The Village of Posen is the governing body of Posen Illinois. It sits in Illinois' 1st congressional district. It operates under a Mayor-Trustee form of government with elected officials
Village of Phoenix	The Village of Phoenix is the governing body of Phoenix, Illinois. It sits in Illinois' 2nd congressional district.
Village of South Holland	The Village of South Holland is the governing body of South Holland, Illinois. It sits in Illinois' 2nd congressional district.
Village of Thornton	The Village of Thornton is the governing body of Thornton, Illinois. It is in the Illinois' 2nd congressional district.
Village of Lansing	The Village of Lansing is the governing body of Lansing, Illinois. Lansing is in Illinois' 2nd congressional district and is considered a home rule community.
Town of Munster	The Town of Munster is the governing body of Munster, Indiana. It is governed by a five person Town Council.
Other	
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning	CMAP integrates planning for land use and transportation in the 7 counties of northeastern Illinois.
Metra	Metra is a commuter rail system serving northeastern Illinois, with 228 stations in a six-county area. Metra connects downtown Chicago and its surrounding areas.
PACE	Pace is a suburban transit provider in Chicago's suburbs. Pace serves riders with fixed bus routes, van pools, and Dial-a-Ride programs. Pace covers 3,500 square miles and is one of North America's largest bus services.
Regional Transportation	RTA is the financial oversight and regional planning body for the three public transit operators in northeastern Illinois-the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra, and Pace.

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Illinois State Agencies	
Authority	
Amtrak	Amtrak is a commuter and passenger rail system that serves Illinois and Indiana with both long-distance and corridor services. Amtrak is also known as the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

Attachment 1
Local Meeting Materials

Elsdon Subdivision

- The Elsdon Subdivision maximizes the use of existing infrastructure and keeps the Chicago region competitive in moving and sorting freight rail.
- The Elsdon Subdivision requires run-through operations from Munster, IN to BNSF Corwith Yard.
- Cargo is strategically shifted westward within Cook County suburbs and Chicago.
- Safety is a core value at CSX and extends beyond our employees and facilities directly to our communities.
- CSX has been a leader in Quiet Zone development in Illinois and environmental stewardship nationally.



How Tomorrow Moves
Elsdon Subdivision

Legend

- ◆ Major Yards/Terminals
- Stations
- GTW Elsdon Subdivision
- CSXT/B&OCT Rail Network
- - - CSXT/B&OCT Trackage Rights
- Other Railroads



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