

U.S. Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, D.C., 20423-0001

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Attention: Anne K. Quinlan, acting secretary

To whom it may concern;

We are concerned regarding the Canadian National Railway (CNR) control of the rail lines in our area. All of the collar counties surrounding Chicago are already facing traffic gridlock.

Our community (New Lenox) is at the south terminus of the newly opened I-355 toll way extension to I-80 is already been affected by increased traffic on our main street (Cedar Road) which crosses the railroad in question. Not counting the railroad delays, Cedar Road is repeatedly backed up especially during rush hours.

Also, the only local hospital (Silver Cross) is on the far side of the major part of town. Emergency vehicles would require additional time when time is critical. There are only two detour routes the vehicles could take.

It is our understanding that the CNR is unwilling at this time to foot the bill for more than a few over/under passes where dozens would be needed for all the communities being affected. As it now stands, this "deal" that CNR thinks they have already closed would leave monumental costs to U. S taxpayers.

It is our hope that the U.S. STB will either not approve the purchase or require CNR to pay their share.

Please keep the comment period open for 120 days to get more comments from the public.

Thanking you for any considerations  
Sincerely,/

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