



LETTER FROM THE DYER TOWN COUNCIL

Canadian National is seeking to purchase the EJ&E railroad. The proposed purchase will allow a bypass for trains around the City of Chicago. This will reduce the congestion of trains within Chicago. The Surface Transportation Board is the federal agency that will hear the purchase request. The bypass around Chicago will put additional trains in the suburbs surrounding the city.

The Town of Dyer will experience an increase in train traffic along the EJ&E, which is the east/west track that begin by crossing US 30 in Lynwood, Illinois cross Lake Street and Hart Street and enter Schererville by crossing 213th Street.

It is proposed that the Town of Dyer will experience 3 times as many trains from the current level. Dyer has approximately 10 trains per day on the EJ&E and it is estimated that 34 trains per day will travel this rail line. The track is rated for 45 mph. The proposal also provides for additional hazardous materials to pass through our town.

The Dyer Town Council feels that the increase in train traffic will have a negative impact on our quality of life within our community. At the regular meeting of the Town Council held on March 19, 2008, the Town Council voted to begin a petition drive for the community to object to the purchase.

As a Dyer resident, you are asked to consider the above statements and if you feel that the Town Council is correct in their fear, you are asked to sign one of the petitions. The petitions will be placed throughout town in prominent places. You only need to sign one of the petitions.

The petition drive will be held from March 24 to April 30, 2008.

If you feel as our Town Council does, please sign this letter and drop into the utility box or deliver to the Town Hall. We have allowed two places for anyone from your home over the age of 18 to sign. You may also chose to sign the large petition board at the Town Hall.

PETITION OPPOSING THE ACQUISITION OF THE EJ&E RAIL LINE BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL

We, the undersigned wish to make our desires known to the Surface Transportation Board that the Town of Dyer is opposed to the acquisition of the EJ&E rail line by the Canadian National due to the negative impact that it will have on our quality of life, primarily the increase in train traffic and the movement of hazardous material.

Signature

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