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I am opposed to any expansion of train activity along the EJ&E tracks. My family and I live in Aurora, IL and the EJ&E tracks are just behind our house.

Trains cause severe vibration at our house already. Increased traffic will make this much worse. I also wonder if we will see more cracks in the foundation of our house.

The side tracks near our house are often used during the middle of the night now with large amounts of noise when train cars are coupled or decoupled. Our children wake up in the middle of the night due to this noise. This example of being a poor neighbor must end and certainly not expand.

I cross the EJ&E tracks on Liberty St. in Aurora every day to get to work as well as for other reasons. I am often delayed due to a train. Since there is a train yard nearby, the trains often stop at this crossing. This leads to delays of 15 minutes and more!

Young people have been killed at the Ogden crossing. We can not have more train traffic and more risk for the killing of our young people. This is an area filled with growing families and young people. If train traffic increases, it will surely lead to more deaths.

I understand that many types of transportation must co-exist and that all are a vital part of our economy. However, seeing as Aurora is the second largest city in Illinois and that the EJ&E tracks also cross other largely populated communities, we must not increase train traffic here. Decreasing train traffic for the city of Chicago is not a good reason to degrade the quality of life and increase risk for the many residents along the EJ&E tracks.

Even without increased traffic, one must wonder why we have so many crossings along

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a highly populated area. The lack of over/under passes, huge cost of delays, and the equally huge risk to life means that we should be looking to reduce traffic along the EJ&E tracks -- not increase it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.