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1 MR. CHANDRA: It looks to me that it's
2 absolutely dangerous to even have this such a
3 lengthy -- kind of what I was told, the
4 traffic is supposed to increase by 26 times
5 than what it is right now and that is causing
6 too much pollution and absolutely the traffic
7 nightmare I cannot imagine.

8 Even now we are experiencing so much
9 traffic delay with just six trains going once
10 per day now expected to go 26 trains and there
11 is no other route from my house to go anywhere
12 else. I have to cross the train, there is no
13 other way.

14 Unless somebody builds a subway or
15 elevated train, there is no way for me to
16 reach the office. It's going to delay --
17 significant delay.

18 Number two, I was told these trains
19 are more than often carry hazardous material.
20 Sometimes they carry oil and that supposed to
21 increase the pollution by at least 200 times.
22 I can't imagine how it's going to impact
23 significantly, that's going to bring the cost
24 of the houses everything, new construction

1 that was built over there, and that's going to
2 affect significantly.

3 And more than anything else, I'm
4 worried about the traffic. There is no other
5 road from my house, plus safety. That will be
6 another thing because even now I see all these
7 broken trains standing right behind the house
8 and anybody can just get in and hide and
9 safety will be a huge issue.

10 And also the traffic is very close to
11 the houses. Kids will not be able to run
12 around that much any more, if that would come
13 back pretty much. That's my major concern
14 right now.

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