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## RESOLUTION NO. 2-2008

## CITY OF WAMAC RESOLUTION

Resolution supporting AMTRAK's position on CN Railroads' petition to the Surface Transportation Board regarding finance docket no. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation, -Control- EJ&E West Company.

City of Wamac Resolution Number 2-2008 adopted by unanimous vote this fourth day of February, 2008 is hereby adopted as follows:

The Wamac City Council supports the position of AMTRAK as it relates to CN Railroads petition to merge with EJ&E and subsequently abandon its line into Chicago thus stranding downstate AMTRAK riders who require service into Chicago Union Station.

Any such action should only be approved once the 11 mile Air Line Route north of 94<sup>th</sup> Street is replaced by the alternative route known as the "Grand Crossing Route". By building this new connection route at Grand Crossing near 75<sup>th</sup> Street where CN crosses the Norfolk Southern line significant advantage would be provided to the annual 400,000 AMTRAK riders traveling into Union Station.

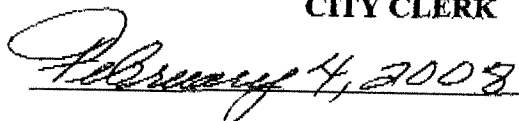
Students will be significantly impacted particularly in the Carbondale and Champaign areas. The subsequent job loss and impact on local downstate economies will be devastating.

The City of Centralia had 15,000 users of its AMTRAK station in 2007, up 57% since 2004. This is a regional issue that impacts the economy of area communities throughout downstate Illinois.

Further, significant negative environmental impact would be realized with individuals being given no alternative but to use personal transportation.

SEAL, therefore the Wamac City Council respectfully requests that the Surface Transportation Board not approve this petition by CN until this issue can be satisfactorily resolved by the suggested action heretofore stated.

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