

Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street
SW, Washington, D.C., 20423
Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing, STB,
Finance Docket No. 35087

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Trains, EJ&E Proposed Changes 2008

I live in the Sunny Farm Acres subdivision in un-incorporated Plainfield located 1/2 mile South of 111 th street, and 9/10 mile West of the EJ&E tracks. During my 14 years at this location, the housing boom has added a huge burden to the local roads. Allowing additional trains to block traffic will make traveling East and West almost impossible. Listed below are some reasons, and estimates of projected, additional delays, in this area.

- The track between 95 St. and 111 St. is a double track that is used as a switching station. This can block the intersections of 95 St. 111 St. and 127 St. in excess of 15 Min.
- Majority of traffic must travel East to their jobs, shopping and services.
- All emergency services are East of these tracks.
- All East West roads for 5 miles in each direction are at grade crossings.
- Current, estimated, delays in a 24 Hr. period is one train every 1.5 Hr.. This is 16 per day @ 10 Min. delay each. This represents 2.67 Hr. each day that each crossing in this area is blocked.
- Future, estimated, delays in a 24 Hr. period are two trains every 1 Hr.. This is 48 per day @ 10 Min. delay each. This represents 8 Hr. each day that each crossing in this area is blocked.
- The noise of these engines, vibrations and delays will make, predominately residential areas much less desirable.
- The cost of the solution to these problems, such as above grade crossings, should not become the burden of the taxpayer or the local residents.
- Why should you allow train traffic to increase in our area when other tracks have established routes with many above and below grade tracks that are already in place and do not impede traffic. Many tracks closer to Chicago are passing through industrial complexes along rivers and canals limiting noise and vibration to the public.

Best Regards,
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