

Problems with CN acquisition of EJ & E Railroad
Community impact

Trains increasing from a 3-5 per day to every half hour or > 20 trains per day
Forever change our community
It does not relieve congestion, only shift it
It will have an adverse impact on commuter rail lines and future planned development
Harlem Avenue is a major north south corridor in Chicago
This is a huge safety concern!!!
Cut off churches and elementary schools from the rest of town
Multiple school buses crossing the track
My son's bus caught on the track a couple of years ago
Gate came down between rear view mirrors and the cab
Train missed the bus by a few feet
Children will be late for school in the absence of graded crossing
It can already take more than 11 minutes for the trains to clear crossings
What will happen when the length of these trains multiply?
Given the length of the trains this will be a huge issue
Train runs directly through our subdivision
Out subdivision is only a few hundred feet from the track
Entrance will be cut off by the train
Huge growth in Frankfort and it is continuing to the south
Frankfort, Plainfield & Joliet are among the fastest growing suburbs in the US!!
Noise pollution will be unbearable in our subdivision
Abundant wildlife fox, pheasant, owls, deer, coyote etc
Houses abutting the tracks
Property values will sharply decline
Vibration structural damage to houses will increase
Access for emergency vehicles especially on Harlem Ave and Sauk Trail
There will be a huge increase in HAZMAT materials which small communities don't have the
resources to manage in case of a disaster
Lack of gate crossings at many intersections in Frankfort
Diversion of traffic to Route 30 which already cannot handle our suburban congestion
Air pollution increase to our area will be huge!
We bought our homes under the assumption that train traffic is minimal.
Will we be compensated for declining value?

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