



CN EJ&E

Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Comment for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Comment Form

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- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit this form at the public open house scoping meeting, or follow the directions on the reverse side of this sheet to mail your comments.
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The impact on residents of Frankfort will be severely negative. This rail line bisects the village and will significantly increase delays of residents crossing the six at level crossings. This is of particular concern with the schools which move students between locations in a complicated matrix. These on grade crossings are already unsafe, with the one on 116th near a middle school lacking gates. Resident homes are aligned right next to the tracks which was reasonable under the EJ+E traffic flow. The increase traffic from the CN will make noise and vibration intolerable for the homeowners.

At a minimum we need to see double gating at all at grade crossings to create a "quiet zone" in Frankfort. The one rail overpass at US Rt 45 needs to be strengthened and expanded to 4 lanes. A preference would be more rail overpasses but without that, the traffic on US Rt 45 will greatly increase creating a bottle neck at that antiquated rail crossing.

CN has proposed adding another siding which

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will start in mid-Frankfort. This proposal will also harm transportation in the Village as it will surely lead to delays and blockage of crossings.

HAZMAT shipments are planned to increase which greatly concerns residents and schools which lie next to the tracks. The estimated \$100 million expenditure the CN is planning is focused on expansion, and not enough is

focused on upgrading these old tracks which have not had to handle this level of volume, nor the speeds which are proposed.

Our fire and police protection districts are very

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concerned with their ability to get to accidents.

The police station is North of the tracks. Two schools and many residents are south of it.

We look for improved grade crossings, sound barriers, improved quality of tracks, no additional siding in Frankfort, and improvement which will facilitate traffic on US Rt. 45.

Thank you
Cynthia Heath