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

Dear STB:

I appreciate the opportunity to voice concerns and submit suggestions for making the best of a bad situation. If the trains are going to have to run on these tracks the obvious short term solution would have to involve scheduling of the trains for low surface traffic periods. To facilitate the best case traffic flow publish the trains' schedule classified by crossings at surface streets. Have signs at each crossing that designate time until crossing is open. This would allow cars to shut off their engines reducing gasoline usage and air pollution.

Develop crossings with either an overpass or underpass so that traffic interruption as an issue is completely eliminated.

With trains being scheduled during low traffic periods they could be run slow enough to minimize noise pollution from rattling cars and chugging locomotives.

So while I can't do anything about Canadian National buying these tracks I certainly can say that if it is not too late to stop that then please consider doing that. The RR traffic will not be a welcome addition to our already congested rush hours.

But if the deal is done then please consider my suggestions for making the best of a giant increase in freight traffic which will seriously effect the value of life in the Barrington area.

Regards,



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