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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration Office of Proceedings
U.S. Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20024

RE: STB Finance Docket 36397

On behalf of my fellow Bartlett residents, I would like to thank all parties involved in coming to an interim agreement last year to move interchange operations away from Spaulding. I would like to provide an update as to how the interim Interchange plan has benefited our community. As mentioned in our October 7th letter, last August, Bartlett created a system for residents to log at-grade train stoppages in real time. The Village received nine (9) complaints between late August and October. **According to CN's filing on April 14th, at-grade crossings of over 10 minutes are down over 75% since the interim agreement was put in place.** Since November, the Village has not received a complaint regarding at-grade train blockages. The only thing we can attribute this decrease in complaints to is the interchange operations being moved away from Spaulding.

As I have mentioned in past letters, I would like to reiterate the importance of keeping the interchange operations out of Bartlett from a safety and economic standpoint. With all three (3) Bartlett Fire Stations and our police station east of the CN railway, it is important that our fire trucks, ambulances and police personnel are able to cross the tracks during an emergency and not be held up by a standing train. Additionally, with Illinois being under a "stay-at-home" order, it will be even more important for residents to move freely around our Village to shop and dine when the stay-at-home order is lifted. With Stearns and West Bartlett being two of the top three busiest east-west roads in our Village, it is vitally important to our business community that those roads are free flowing. On behalf of our residents, the Village of Bartlett urges the STB to be mindful of how this interim agreement has had a positive affect and we hope for our resident's sake, this is taken into account when a final decision is made.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wallace
Village President

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Docket Number FD36397 parties of record Notification

CC: all parties of record have been served.

Thank you,

Samuel Hughes

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