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Joshua Wayland
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board, c/o VHB
940 Main Campus Drive, Suite 500
Raleigh, NC 27606

Re: FD36500, Canadian Pacific Ry.-Control-Kansas City Southern -Request for Comments on Scope of EIS

Dear Mr. Wayland:

I serve as Chairman of the DuPage County, Illinois Transportation Committee and represent County Board District 1, which includes the communities most affected by the proposed merger of the Canadian Pacific (CP) Railway and Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railway: Roselle, Itasca, Wood Dale and Bensenville. In addition, many of the existing at-grade crossings of the CP in DuPage County intersect county highways. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the Scoping Process to ensure that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) breadth of analysis will be comprehensive, responsive to local concerns, open and transparent. To that end, I offer the following comments to be considered in defining the Scope of the EIS.

1. Impact of increasing the number of trains from 3 per day to 11 per day on:
 - a. At-grade crossing delays, including simultaneous blocked crossing based on train length
 - b. Emergency response times
 - c. Commuter line schedules
 - d. Available capacity at CP Bensenville Yard to handle increase in daily railcars
 - e. Projections are only for 5 years. Would like to see analysis of 20 year impacts similar to highway projects
 - f. Increase in localized truck traffic associated with greater movements at the CP Bensenville Yard
2. Environmental
 - a. Noise
 - b. Impact to existing whistle bans/Quite Zones
 - c. Air quality due to the increase in train traffic and the corresponding increase in concentrated truck emissions associated with the increase rail car handling at the CP Bensenville Yard.
 - d. Environmental justice considerations

3. Safety

- a. At-grade crossings, including vehicular and non-vehicular
- b. Commuters that must traverse a more congested rail line to access/depart stations
- c. Increase in localized truck traffic and routing due to increase activity at CP Bensenville Yard
- d. Increase in hazardous materials

DuPage County prides itself on being a great place to live, work and raise a family. Our citizens hold those values to the highest standard and I urge your Office to thoughtfully and thoroughly consider the adverse consequences of this merger and to recommend appropriate and necessary mitigation measures as pre-conditions to any merger and schedule for their full implementation.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my concerns and those of the residents of DuPage County, IL.

Sincerely,



Donald E. Puchalski

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