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contact-message : Honestly, I don't think it affects us much here. The crossing at County Farm is elevated and does not impact traffic. The other grade level crossing is far south, north of Army Trail Road and I don't think this involves that. Bartlett is much more heavily impacted as the grade level crossings are at an existing traffic bottleneck near the downtown and across Propect. METRA ridership to my knowledge is still massively reduced. It shows little sign of coming back up anytime soon. No one want to go back to work downtown and there is a very significant move to make remote work far more permanent. People just don't want to be stuffed into train cars with strangers breathing on them. That's the reality, even if you don't like it. Nor do most people feel safe commuting by train or car into Chicago. My wife's office is downtown and for 20 years she took METRA. But she doesn't feel it's safe to do that any more, either on the train or once downtown. There is a lot of violent crime downtown, around Union Station, and in even inside. Who on earth want to be anywhere near that? She knows many employees who have simply quit rather than putting themselves at risk. Even driving is no safer as there are reports of armed gangs attacking workers parking in pay lots downtown. The carjackings are horrible. Therefore, I see no reason why increased freight traffic on those lines would be an issue, as far as Hanover Park. Might as well ensure freight moves as efficiently as possible because that creates jobs and helps buissness and creates a basis for economic growth. Those tracks were heavily used for freight before Hanover Park was much of anything. The people living near the tracks know they live near them. They knew that when they bought thier homes. They are perfectly used to it. 6-8 more fast moving freight trains will not even be noticed over the course of the day. It works out to an extra train going by every 3 hours. There are no school children with walking routes over those tracks in Hanover Park and school busses are not impacted. Also, a lot of people really enjoy seeing freight trains going by. So I have no objections.

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