



**Woodside Homeowners Association
380 Crestwood Road**

Wood Dale, Ill. 60191

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423
Office of Environmental Analysis

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On behalf of the 85 homes and hundreds of residents of the Woodside HOA in Wood Dale, I respectfully express our strong opposition to this merger.

The draft EIS states, "Increased rail traffic has the potential to result in environmental impacts related to noise and vibration, air quality, freight and passenger rail safety, grade crossing safety and delay, passenger rail transportation, and hazardous material transportation." We couldn't agree more!

The Woodside Subdivision is immediately west of the extremely busy Route 83.

In Wood Dale, there are 3 grade level crossings (Front Street, Wood Dale Road & Prospect Ave.) all 3 have been identified as being directly impacted by delays and safety.

The Bensenville Intermodal Yard will see a 25% daily increase in cars, from 1439 to 1807. This increase will also result in 10,977 additional carloads of hazardous material per year. That's 30 carloads of hazardous materials PER DAY.

We are already seeing an increase in truck traffic in this area due to the eventual western access to O'Hare. The truck traffic at the Bensenville yard will increase 82% from 383 to 698.

The Franklin Park Intermodal Yard will see a 103% daily increase in cars from 74 to 150 and a 70% increase in truck traffic from 190 to 324.

OEA has concluded that, apart from train noise, which could result in adverse impacts at some locations, the potential adverse impacts of the Proposed Acquisition would be negligible, minor, and/or temporary. We strongly disagree with any impact assessment characterized as negligible.

Sincerely,

Tom Lindelof

**Thomas Lindelof
President**