



November 7, 2022

Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Att: Diana Wood
Environmental Filing, Docket No. FD 36500 (Sub-No.1)

Dear Ms. Wood:

The City of Grain Valley, MO. Has several comments concerning the proposed sale to Canadian National Railway Company (CN) and its United States rail carrier affiliate, Illinois Central Railroad Company (ICCR) in Docket No. 36500.

1. The City of Grain Valley supports the addition (lengthening) of the existing siding in Grain Valley as it will allow trains to wait on the siding for trains coming in the opposite direction without blocking Main Street and Kirby Road as currently happens.
2. However, the existing railway bridge over Sni-A-Bar Creek can, according to modeling performed by USGS in 2008, cause water to backup from storms larger than 10 year recurrence. This should be evaluated and the structure altered if the backup exceeds 1 foot.
3. The additional siding will not, however, prevent significant delays during the time trains are passing through Grain Valley. All crossings within the City are at grade and significant backups and delays occur during these times. The nearest route around this is at Adams Dairy Parkway in Blue Springs for emergency vehicles. This problem will only be made worse by at least a 100% increase or 8 additional trains each day to the rail traffic through the City. The City of Grain Valley requests that a separated grade crossing be investigated to alleviate this current and increased problem that will be caused by this sale. Additional delays from the train traffic will increase vehicle wait times and idling and therefore increased emissions.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit our concerns on this important issue. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact the City's Engineer, Richard J. Tuttle at (816) 847-6222 or dtuttle@cityofgrainvalley.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Todd". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mike Todd
Mayor

CC: Kenneth Murphy
Mark Trosen
Richard Tuttle
Stephen Thornhill