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There are many reasons why the GLBT project does not pass a public necessity review, one reason is GLBT's belief that the existing rail services are inadequate. GLBT claims the current travel time is over 30 hours for a train to pass through Chicago. But, the Nov 18, 2014 presentation at the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Council Roundtable—CREATE: Freight Driving the Economy, Cambridge Systematics has estimated the CREATE project has reduced travel times from over 30 hours before CREATE to just 15 hours in 2014. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReYXLOND-No>). Today these times would be shorter as more CREATE projects have been completed. What figures are we to believe those from an untested, unneeded, inexperienced, and private for profit company? or those from a company hired by CREATE, one of the nation's most respected public/private cooperative programs? There seems to be huge differences in travel time estimates and GBT has failed to prove that their estimate is correct or even still valid. Please deny their request as CREATE is already addresses all the concerns raised by GLBT and doing so with the public's interest at heart.