

9/20/08

TO: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD (S.T.B.)

RE: CANADIAN NATIONAL ACQUIRING E.J. & E.
RAILROAD

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE ACQUISITION OF
THE E.J. & E BY C.N. FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- * VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA HAS INCREASED DRAMATICALLY DUE TO THE HOUSING GROWTH IN THE WILL COUNTY AREA.
- * INFRASTRUCTURE DID NOT, AS USUAL, NEVER ANTICIPATED THESE GROWTH SPURTS SO LOCAL TRAFFIC IS A MESS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF EXISTING RR CROSSINGS ARE AT GRADE LEVEL WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE ROUTES AVAILABLE TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION.
- * TO IMPROVE THE LANDSCAPE OF THE EXISTING E.J. & E SYSTEM WILL FALL ON THE BACKS OF THE TAXPAYERS FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CANADIAN RAILROAD.

SINCERELY,

Thomas Brosnan