

NETTLE CREEK TOWNSHIP

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Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 35952
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky,

We are writing to oppose the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation Railroad line. The proposed line will cross our township. The proposed route will cross six roads that are under our control. It will also cross many creeks and waterways that help to drain our township roads.

We have never been contacted by the Great Lakes Basin Transportation Company to ask for our input on the proposed route and the impact to our roads and residents.

We are concerned about the adverse affect the proposed route will have on our roads. We feel there will be damage caused to our roads during construction. Who will pay for the damage? It is not fair that our taxpayers would have to pay for damage that is caused by increased traffic due to the construction of the rail line. Also, who will pay for the upkeep of proposed bridges and train crossings that will be in our township?

We are concerned about emergency services access during and after construction of the proposed rail line. Railroad crossings will increase travel times for fire and ambulance service to our residents. This does not take into consideration any roads that the rail line may close. Also, if there is a train accident on the rail line who will be responsible for the environmental impact on our community?

We are concerned about the increase costs that will be incurred by our township for road maintenance and snow removal due to train crossings.

We are concerned about the drainage issues that will arise on our roads due to the natural flow of water being altered by the proposed rail line.

Thank you for your time in researching the impacts of this proposed rail line.

Sincerely,

Ryan Jacobs
Supervisor - Nettle Creek Township