

Docket Number FD 35952 (GLB Railway)

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STB Board

Our family recently learned about GLB's new route (alignment). This projected path comes very close to our home which would sit directly West of it. We are greatly concerned about the impact of this potentially high traffic railway and the dangers it poses to our community. Being a Nationally Registered EMT, prior military person and a volunteer EMT, I see this as a disaster waiting to happen. This proposed railway service would potentially bring hazardous materials through our community resulting in an increased risk for exposure of hazmat to our family and community. Being directly West of the rail tracks we would be in the drift zone for chemical spills. 110 trains PER DAY are projected with some trains carrying 5 miles worth of cars is what is being. That basically means we will have constant traffic, noise and congestion of our traffic throughout our county (and many others throughout our State and others). Our property values would diminish and this peaceful area would become something very different. Our first responders would have to go through extensive training to handle that kind of risk of high probability hazmat situations, they would have to look at delays in getting injured or medical evac's to hospitals because of the wait times to wait for these trains to cross. Our school buses would be looking at longer times to get children to schools, with more complicated travel routes to avoid crossings or dead end roads that would result. This would impact our farms with potential environmental and agricultural impacts of having the railway here. This would impact air quality, endanger protected areas of wildlife and forest preserves. It would make navigating and traveling throughout the county difficult. It would restrict our ability to hunt and trap on farm lands affected. It would affect drainage of farmers fields, impacting agricultural costs and productivity. For these reasons, I strongly oppose this project. The pro's simply do not outweigh the con's by a long shot. Please consider REOPENING the public commenting timeframe given the new projection / alignment. Please consider demanding a FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PANEL & STUDY on the impact of this project on our ecosystem.

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