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Message:

I cross the Grand Avenue railcrossing four times to eight times per day Monday through Friday to get my two school aged children to Catholic school. Even though I am 1.5 miles from the school with a driving time of 5 minues, I leave my house 25 minutes prior due to railway congestion. I encounter numerous freight trains, often moving slowly, even stopping, and often having close to or more than 100 cars attached. I have also encountered freight trains at 7:30 in the morning, the height of morning traffic, stopping on the tracks block railcrossings from Thatcher Ave. in River Grove through Oak Park Ave in Chicago. I encountered this occuring three times within a two-week period near the end of the school term in May of 2007. This is in addition to the commuter trains that have to slow down through the Grand Ave crossing, often resulting in the gates coming up and then immediately coming back down due to the trains travelling so closely behind each other. I do not allow my children to cross the tracks to go to the library, Parks & Recreation Center. I often find myself going out of my way, shopping in River Forest just to avoid the train congestion. I am for the purchase, which will re-route freight traffic and alleviate traffic/train congestion.

Thank You, Sherisse Ptack