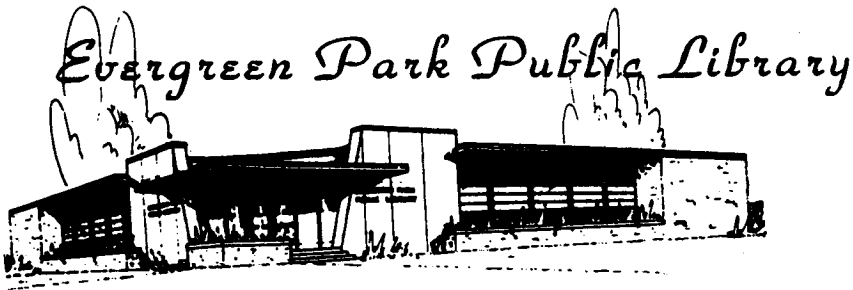


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September 9, 2008

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Ref: STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball:

The Board of Trustees of the Evergreen Park Public Library is in favor of Canadian National Railway's plan to purchase the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. The CN tracks cut through the village of Evergreen Park in numerous places, including directly to the west of the library building.

The village is a densely populated town with numerous trains running along the CN tracks every day. This plan would ease train congestion on our main streets and disperse the heavy train traffic throughout the region, rather than concentrating it in Chicago and inner suburbs like Evergreen Park.

The benefits to visitors, residents, and especially to the patrons of the library will be enormous. In addition to reducing the traffic delays caused by long, slowly moving freight trains, the street-level railroad crossings will be much safer. Many of our patrons are children and young adults; getting to and from the library will be a much safer experience if the train traffic is reduced due to the rerouting.

We also support the efforts to encourage railroads to build underpass and overpass separations in the areas affected by the new traffic. We hope that providing separations in urban and suburban areas is the solution to allowing trains, which are needed for a robust economy, to co-exist peacefully with the residents of surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Burke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Burke
President
Evergreen Park Public Library Board