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I have the following comments regarding the proposed purchase:

1. CN should provide both up-front and ongoing compensation to the State of Illinois Dept. of Transportation for the sole purpose of funding grade separation improvements along affected roadways.
2. One key roadway crossing that will be heavily impacted is Route 60/83 just south of Mundelein. This road is already at LOS F and should have been widened by the state many years ago. For this reason the Lake County Board has offered it's own sales tax receipts as a "Challenge Grant" to adjacent communities and IDOT for capacity improvements along this route. Yet these improvements, if they are ever made, would be severely compromised by the addition of 20 to 30 more trains each day. A grade separation, though expensive, seems the only alternative.
3. The trains that currently cross at Route 60/83 usually travel at a very reduced speed, often in the 10 mph range. Is there a track condition that requires reduced speed here? At that speed a 6,500 foot train would take over 7 minutes to cross. The impact on driver delay and air pollution from idling cars will be unacceptable.

Thank you for considering my concerns,
Steve Magnusen