

How are Aurora, Naperville, and Plainfield Involved?

Since the filing of application by CN to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to acquire control of EJ&E on October 30, 2007, Aurora, Naperville, and Plainfield have been involved. As increased train traffic presents community challenges and may impact our residents' quality of life, all three communities have and will continue to engage in discussions and act on behalf of our residents.

What has been done so far?

- Filed as a Party of Record to the STB. This establishes our communities as recipients of all official documentation related to the proposed transaction, so that we may remain informed on all activities.
- Filed an opposition to the acquisition as a “minor transaction.” These communities consider the implications to be significant in nature.
- Submitted comments on the Scope of Study for the Environmental Impact Study and the request for a reduced review period. The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the STB that is responsible for directing the environmental review process, conducting the independent analysis of all environmental data, and making an environmental recommendation to the Board. The Board will consider the entire environmental record, including all public comments submitted during the environmental review process, before making a final decision.
- Aurora, Naperville and Plainfield have joined twenty-two other communities and agencies to form The Regional Answer to Canadian National (TRAC).
- All three communities have been fully engaged in related meetings by various agencies, including TRAC, throughout the greater Chicagoland region.