

Impacts from EA Recommended Proposal to Increase Train Traffic Bannockburn, Deerfield, Northbrook



- More trains will pass through on the shared track METRA rail at increased speeds
- Noise & vibrations along the RR corridor would be intensified because of increased freight traffic & volume
- Increased potential of pedestrian deaths in an already dangerous corridor
- Increased risk of train derailments & accidents due to faster speeds and more trains on shared tracks
- Hazardous materials are currently being carried on this line & anything located within a ½ mile either side of the tracks is in an 'evacuation zone' should an 'incident' occur - currently, 90% of freight train tank cars are still the unsafe DOT-111 cars
- Switching, slowing & stopping freight trains off onto the spur will slow train traffic through all communities, which will increase vehicle traffic jams and delays at surface RR crossings
- Emergency vehicles would on average be slowed in reaching accidents, fires, etc. as roads will more often be blocked by trains
- Increased carcinogenic diesel air pollution from more & idling trains
- Vibrational damage to existing structures along the corridor (residential, businesses, schools)
- Property values would decrease
- Property tax revenues would be lowered
- Quality of life would decline