

Train derailment dumps thousands of gallons of crude oil in Plainfield

Let's not be in one of these headlines.

What's the Holdup at Area Rail Crossings?

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Battle over train brakes

Proposed fixes divide regulators, railroads

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The Washington Post

Just past noon on a Friday in June, a Union Pacific freight train carrying oil jumped the tracks in a small town in Oregon, not far from a school filled with children, and exploded in flames that burned for 14 hours.

There have been 19 derailments of trains loaded with flammable liquid — oil or ethanol — in the past six years. Those wrecks have caused 3,272 evacuations, spilled almost 2.8 million gallons and cost an estimated \$45 million. A report



Diesel Exhaust and Cancer



# Say no to parking freight trains in Lake Forest!

Amtrak wants to increase service on its Hiawatha line between Milwaukee and Chicago. To make that possible, WisDOT and IDOT have proposed ten projects along the METRA owned tracks that would allow for faster freight train speeds and increased capacity.

One of those projects involves building a three-mile third siding track along this rail corridor to "hold" idling freight trains extending north from the Telegraph Rd Station to Rt 176 near homes, schools, nature preserves, parks, businesses and doctor's offices.

## Why we ALL should care...

- Tanker cars containing toxic, highly flammable crude oil, ethanol and other hazardous materials increase risk of leaking and contamination to our environment.
- The prevailing winds blow from west to east in our area so **all of Lake Forest** will be affected by carcinogenic diesel pollution.
- Increased risk of dangerous derailments or collision with faster freight trains stopping and passenger trains speeding by through track crossovers.
- More trains mean longer waiting times at-grade crossings throughout Lake Forest including Conway, Everett, Old Mill Rds and Rte 22 crossings.

**Time is running out! Don't let this happen to our town.**

No **3<sup>rd</sup>** Rail

**Citizens for ACTION**

Alliance to Control Train Impact on Our Neighborhoods

To express your opposition to the Hiawatha line expansion write or call: US Senators Duckworth and Durbin, Congressman Schneider, IL State Senator Julie Morrison, LF Mayor Rob Lansing and other state and local elected officials. Links to these contacts are listed on our website.



For more information and contacts:

NoThirdRail.com or No Third Rail