

Why Naperville is Concerned

Naperville and the EJ&E

The EJ&E runs north/south along the western boundary of the City of Naperville. CN projects rail traffic to increase from 15.7 to 42.3 trains per day on the rail segment that runs along Naperville's western boundary. The trains are expected to be longer in length and travel faster than trains on the EJ&E today.

What are the City's Concerns?

The city's core concerns relative to the acquisition include:

- Implications on the City's proposed Quiet Zone designation and train noise in general.
- Street traffic congestion
- Impacts on the proposed STAR Line system
- Potential costs to Naperville to alleviate impacts of faster, longer and more frequent train traffic.
- Increase in hazardous cargo.

What can we do about it?

As increased train traffic presents community challenges and may impact our residents' quality of life, city staff has been engaged in all related processes since the inception of the pending railway transaction.

Based on their review, the STB can approve the transaction as proposed by the CN; disapprove the transaction; or approve the transaction with conditions, including environmental conditions, to offset or reduce the potential impacts of the proposed acquisition. The City of Naperville has submitted comments/input on the Scope of Study for the Environmental Impact Study for consideration by the STB.

