

## SECTION VI

# Scoping Meeting Materials

Materials used at the public open house scoping meetings held in January 2008 are provided below.

1. Display boards (30" x 40")
  1. Welcome
  2. What is the Purpose of This Open House Scoping Meeting?
  3. Who is Hosting This Meeting?
  4. What is the Proposed Acquisition?/What is the Purpose of the Acquisition?
  5. Project Location Map
  6. What Changes are Anticipated from the Acquisition?
  7. Communities Along Affected Rail Line Segments
  8. Anticipated Changes to Rail Traffic Volumes
  9. What Process Will SEA Follow?
  10. What Issues did the Draft Scope of Study Identify?
  11. How Do I Submit Comments?
2. Seven flip charts were used to illustrate proposed track improvements
  1. Project Track Improvements - Proposed Rail Connection on EJ&E Locations
  2. Project Track Improvements - Munger, IL
  3. Project Track Improvements - Joliet, IL
  4. Project Track Improvements - Matteson, IL
  5. Project Track Improvements - Griffith, IN
  6. Project Track Improvements - Ivanhoe, IN
  7. Project Track Improvements - Kirk Yard, IN
3. Project Fact Sheet

A handout was provided for meeting attendees consisting of general project information, including a map of the Study Area. The handout was also available in Spanish (both versions are included in this appendix).
4. Scoping meeting comment form

In addition, a scoping meeting comment form was provided, enabling attendees to submit written comments at the meeting or return the completed form by mail. The comment form was also available in Spanish (both versions are included in this appendix).

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# WELCOME!

to the

## Surface Transportation Board's Public Open House Scoping Meeting for the Proposed Canadian National Railway Company Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company

STB Finance Docket No. 35087

**TIME: 1:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM**

- 1** Tuesday, January 8, 2008  
Crowne Plaza Hotel North Shore  
510 E. Route 83  
Mundelein, IL 60060
- 2** Wednesday, January 9, 2008  
Makray Memorial Golf Club  
1010 S. NW Highway  
Barrington, IL 60010
- 3** Thursday, January 10, 2008  
Jacob Henry Mansion  
15 S. Richards Street  
Joliet, IL 60433
- 4** Tuesday, January 15, 2008  
Holiday Inn Hotel  
500 Holiday Plaza Drive  
Matteson, IL 60443
- 5** Wednesday, January 16, 2008  
Genesis Convention Center  
One Genesis Center Plaza  
Gary, IN 46402
- 6** Thursday, January 17, 2008  
St. Andrews Golf Club  
3M441 Route 59  
West Chicago, IL 60185
- 7** Tuesday, January 22, 2008  
Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro  
733 West Madison  
Chicago, IL 60661

There will be no formal presentation. SEA staff will be available to answer questions and receive comments. A toll-free project information line has been established to assist the public in participating in the EIS process: 1-800-347-9689.



Map showing EJ&E tracks and meeting locations (1-7) across Illinois and Indiana, including Waukegan, Mundelein, Barrington, West Chicago, Chicago, South Chicago, Joliet, Matteson, Goose Lake, and Gary. Lake Michigan is also shown.

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## What is the Purpose of this Open House Scoping Meeting?

- Provide information about the proposal pending before the Surface Transportation Board (CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E).
- Describe the environmental review purpose and process.
- Gather public comments on the draft Scope of Study.

This is an open house meeting. SEA staff are available to answer questions and receive comments.

**Your Input is Important!**  
Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review

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### Who is Hosting This Meeting?

- The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is hosting this meeting. The Board is an independent federal regulatory agency with jurisdiction over certain surface transportation matters, including new rail line construction, abandonments, and mergers.
- The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the Board responsible for directing the environmental review process, conducting independent analysis of all environmental data, and making environmental recommendations to the Board.



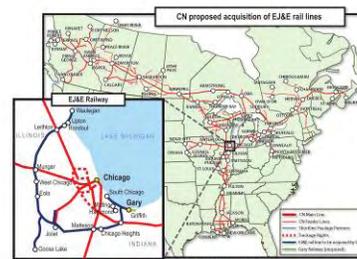
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### What is the Proposed Acquisition?

- **Canadian National wants to acquire the EJ&E Railway.**
  - Canadian National is one of Canada's two major railroads.
  - Canadian National acquired the Illinois Central in 1999, extending operations from Chicago to the Gulf Coast.
  - Canadian National has 5 rail lines that converge in Chicago.
- **EJ&E is in northeastern Illinois and northwestern Indiana.**
  - EJ&E operates 198 miles of rail line in northeastern, IL and northwestern, IN.
  - EJ&E forms an arc around Chicago from Waukegan, IL, to Gary, IN.
  - EJ&E has three major yards: Kirk Yard, East Joliet Yard, and Whiting Yard.



Source: www.cn.ca

### What is the Purpose of the Acquisition?

According to Canadian National, the three primary purposes are to:

- Increase Canadian National's operational flexibility by providing a continuous rail route around Chicago.
- Make the Kirk Yard available to Canadian National.
- Allow Canadian National to develop more extensive relationships with the steel, chemical and petrochemical industries as well as utilities served by EJ&E.



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#### Project Location Map



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### What Changes are Anticipated from the Acquisition?

- Increase in rail traffic on the EJ&E line between near Libertyville, IL and Gary, IN.
- Applicants state that 14 of the existing segments of the EJ&E line would experience increases between 15.0 and 26.6 trains per day.
- Decrease in rail traffic on the Canadian National lines inside the EJ&E arc
- Elimination of Canadian National rail traffic from the St. Charles Airline near McCormick Place
- Addition of new rail to rail connections at:
  - Munger, Illinois
  - Joliet, Illinois
  - Matteson, Illinois
  - Griffith, Indiana
  - Ivanhoe, Indiana
  - Kirk Yard, Indiana
- Addition of 19 miles of siding extension and double tracking

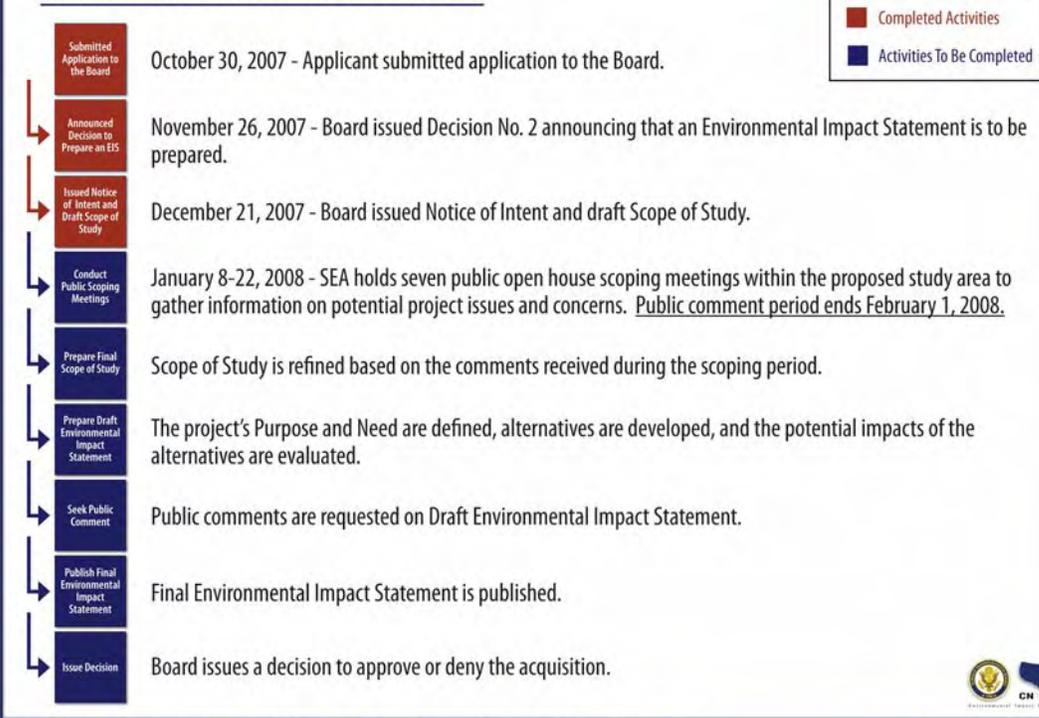


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### What Process Will SEA Follow?



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Anticipated Changes to Rail Traffic Volumes



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**What Issues did the Draft Scope of Study Identify?**

- Safety
- Transportation Systems
- Land Use and Socioeconomics
- Energy
- Air Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Biological Resources
- Water Resources
- Environmental Justice
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Secondary and Cumulative Effects



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**How Do I Submit Comments?**

- **Written Comments:** Complete and submit the comment form provided at this public open house scoping meeting or mail your comments to:
 

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball  
Environmental Filing  
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- **Recorded Comments:** Provide your comments to a member of the project team or court recorder at this public open house scoping meeting, or call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.
- **Electronic Comments:** Submit electronic comments by visiting the Board's website, [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov), under the heading "E\_FILING".

Please refer to STB Finance Docket No. 35087 in all correspondence addressed to the Board.  
Scoping comments are due by **February 1, 2008**.



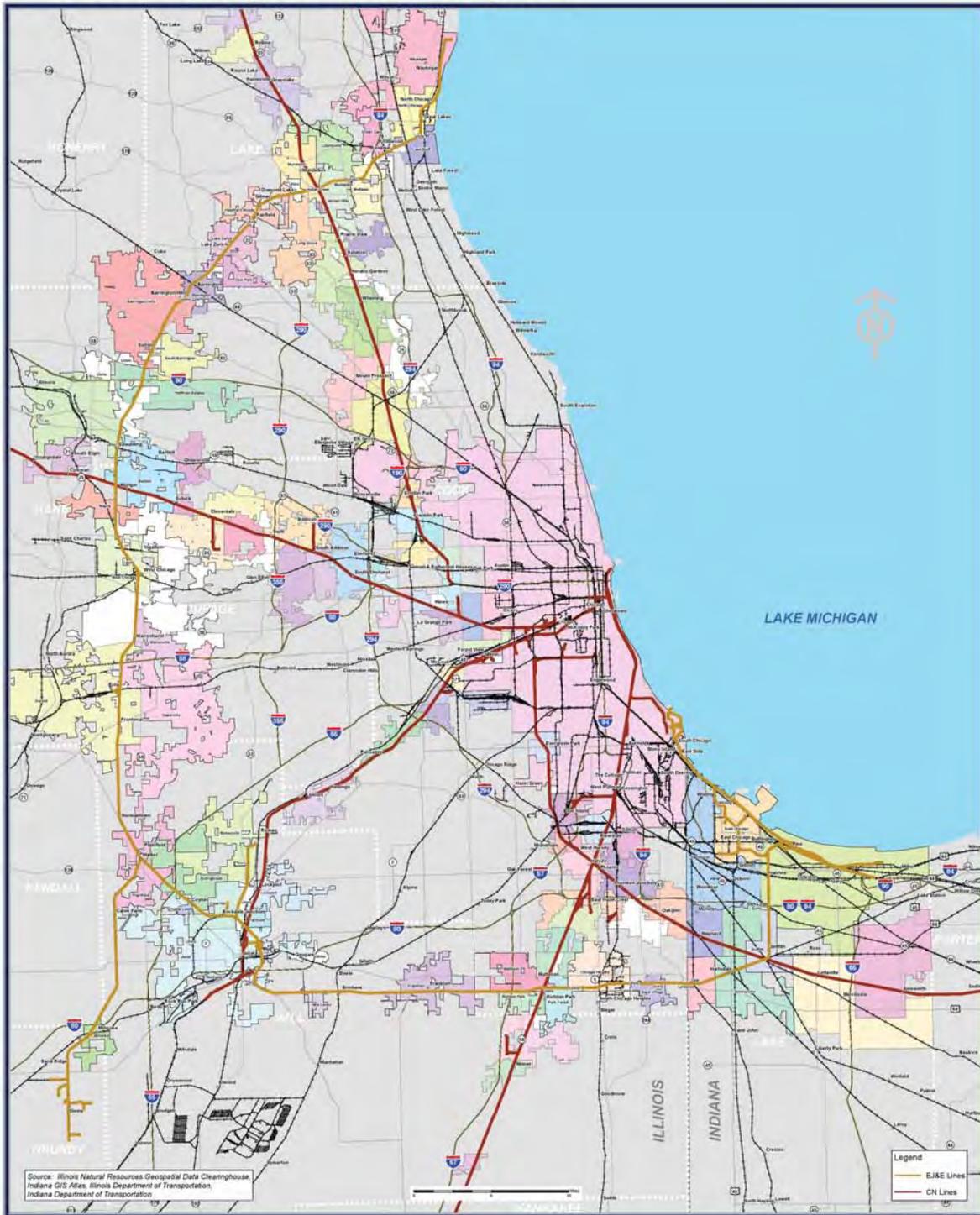
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#### Communities Along Affected Rail Line Segments



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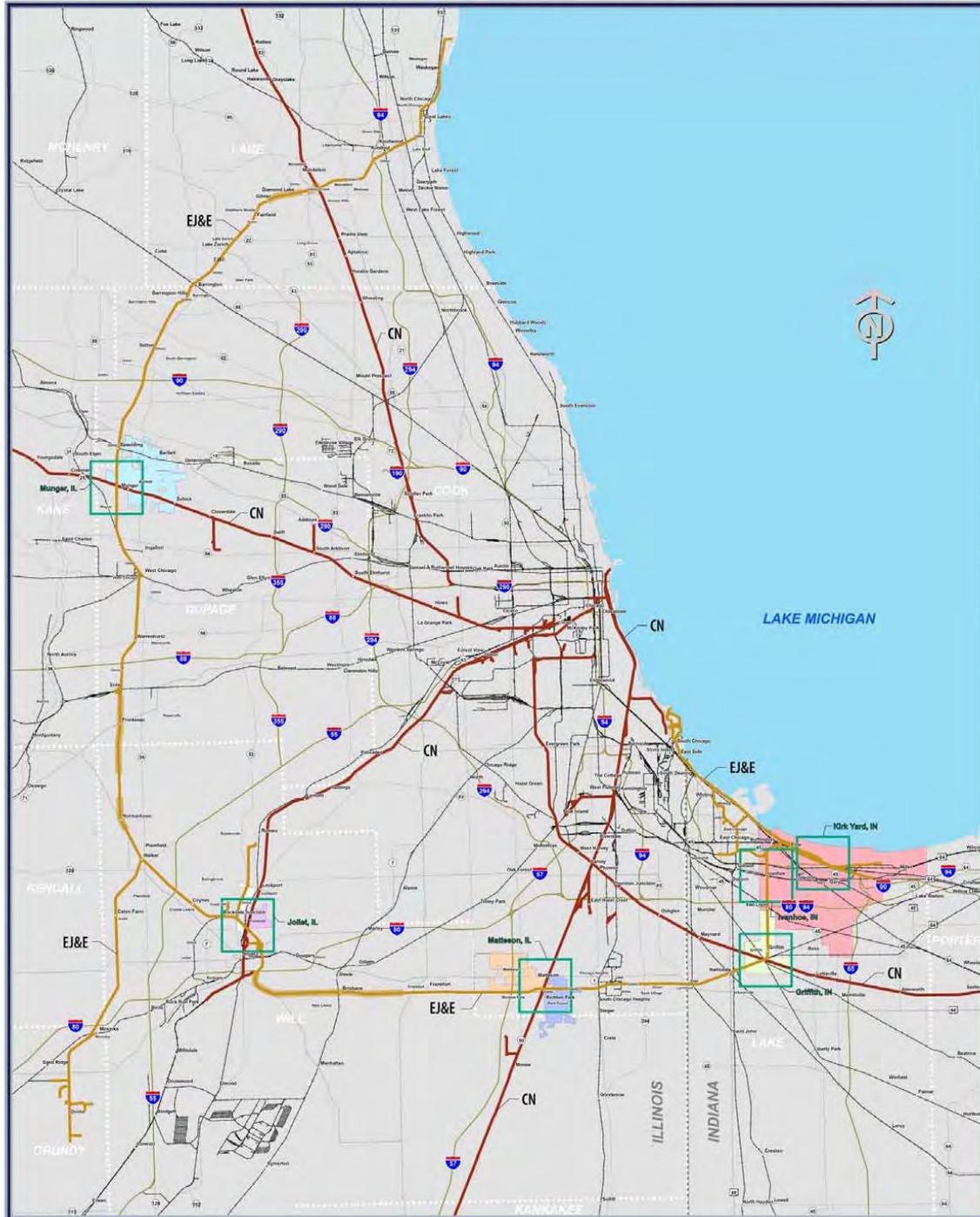


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### A-VI.2 Scoping Meeting Flip Charts

#### Project Track Improvements

#### Proposed Rail Connection on EJ&E Locations

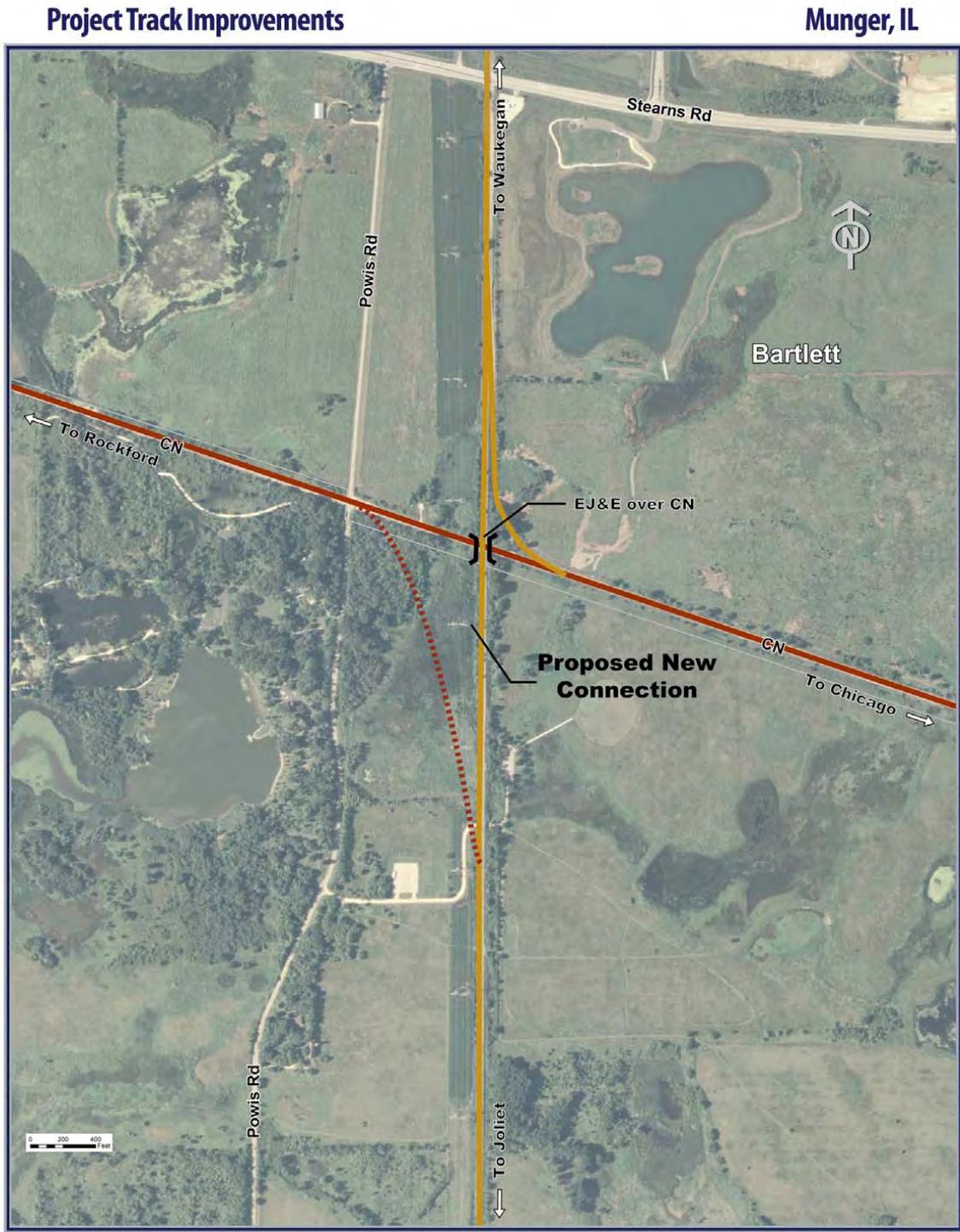


Sources: Illinois Natural Resources Geospatial Data Clearinghouse, Illinois Department of Transportation, Canadian National Railway Acquisition Application (11/07), Indiana GIS Atlas, Indiana Department of Transportation

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EJ&E Lines  
CN Lines  
Proposed

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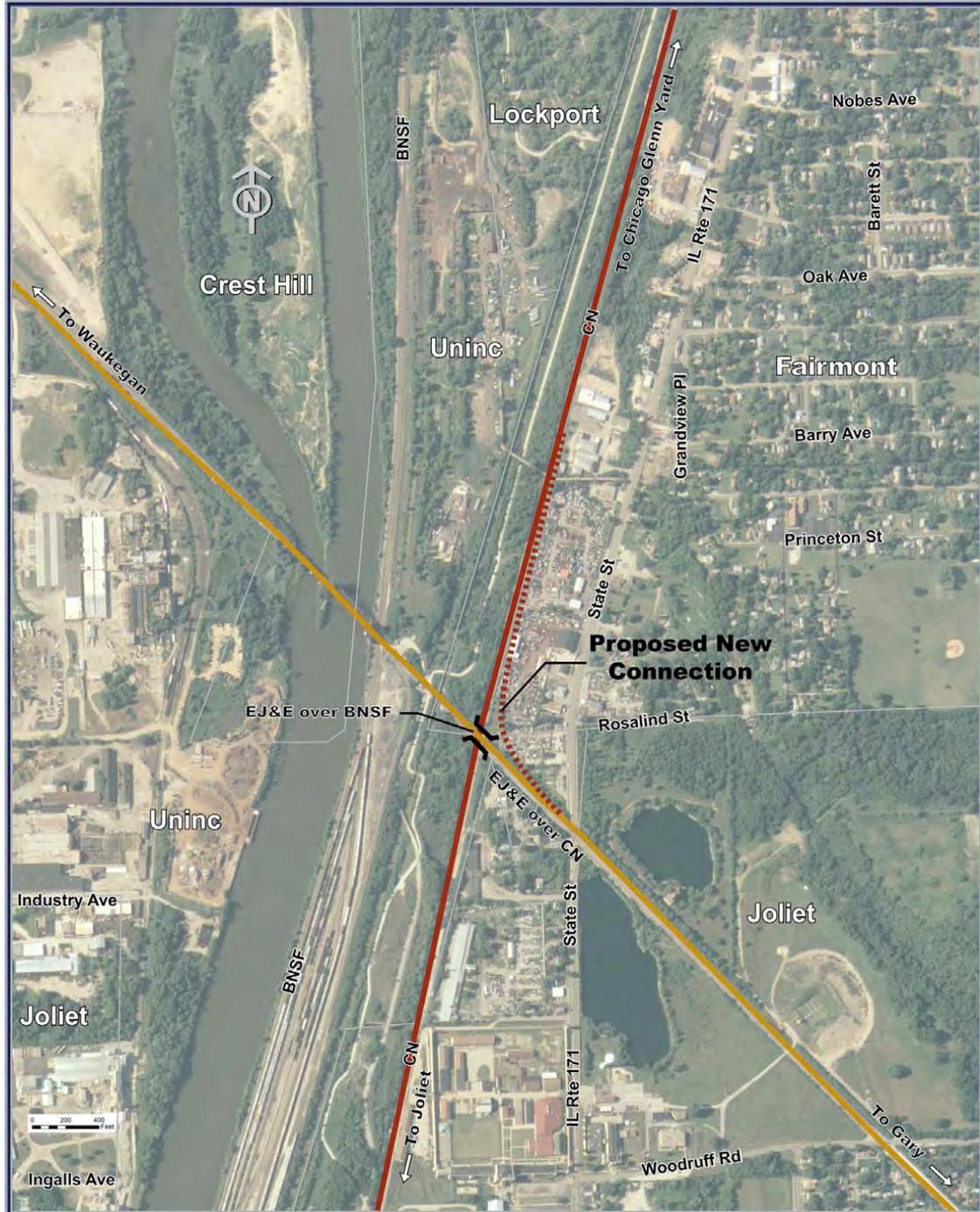
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Project Track Improvements

Joliet, IL



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Legend  
 Yellow line: E&E Lines  
 Red line: CN Lines  
 Dashed red line: Proposed

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Sources: Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana GIS Atlas, Canadian National Railway Acquisition Application (10/07)

Legend	
	E&J&E Lines
	CN Lines
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Project Track Improvements

Ivanhoe, IN



Source: Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana GIS Atlas, Canadian National Railway Acquisition Application (10/07)

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EJ&E Lines  
CSXT Lines  
Proposed

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#### Project Track Improvements

#### Kirk Yard, IN



Sources: Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana GIS Atlas  
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## Welcome!

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### Making the Most Out of this Meeting

The meeting space today has been set up with a series of posters that describe the purpose of the meeting, CN's proposed acquisition, and the process of writing an environmental impact statement (EIS).

Staff from the Surface Transportation Board and members of the project team are here to help answer your questions and gather your input on the scope of study for the EIS.

### Posters and Maps

The posters have been arranged in the following order by title:

- ▶ Who is Hosting this Meeting?
- ▶ What is the Purpose of this Open House Scoping Meeting?
- ▶ What is the Proposed Acquisition; What is the Purpose of the Proposed Acquisition?
- ▶ Communities Along Affected Rail Line Segments
- ▶ What Changes are Anticipated from this Acquisition?
- ▶ Anticipated Changes in Rail Traffic Volumes
- ▶ What Process will SEA Follow?

In addition, several large maps have been laid out on tables to locate segments of the line that are of most interest to you.

### This Handout

In this handout you'll find a fact sheet about the project, a map of the existing CN and EJ&E rail lines, information about the Surface Transportation Board, and a self-addressed comment form.

### Registering Comments

There are several ways to register comments on the scope of study for this EIS:

- ▶ Fill out the attached comment form and drop it in one of the comment baskets;
- ▶ Provide your verbal comment to any member of the project team who will record your statements;
- ▶ Request to have your statement documented by the court reporter present at this meeting;
- ▶ Mail the attached comment form;
- ▶ Submit electronic comments by visiting [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov) and look for E-filing tab.

For more information, call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689.

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## Project Fact Sheet

The Canadian National Railway Company (CN) (along with its U.S. subsidiary, Grand Trunk Corporation) has applied to the Surface Transportation Board (Board) for authorization to acquire control of the EJ&E West Company, a wholly owned noncarrier subsidiary of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E).

### Why does CN want to acquire EJ&E?

CN's application asserts that by coordinating use of intersecting CN and EJ&E lines and improving track connections, trains that now move through CN's downtown Chicago lines would instead flow over EJ&E's lines, thereby avoiding congestion and delays. In addition, CN has stated the following three reasons for this proposed acquisition:

1. Improving CN's operations by providing a continuous rail route around Chicago under CN's ownership and connecting its five lines that presently radiate from Chicago.
2. Availability to EJ&E's Kirk Yard in Gary, Indiana, as well as yard facilities in Joliet and Whiting.
3. Providing access to a North American supply line for steel, chemical, and petrochemical industries as well as for Chicago-area utilities.

### How could this impact me?

CN expects to invest \$100 million for infrastructure enhancements and new capacity on the EJ&E track. The following six locations have been identified for improvements to connections: Munger, Joliet, Matteson, Griffith, Ivanhoe, and Kirk Yard in Gary, Indiana. According to CN traffic on 14 of the existing segments of the EJ&E will increase between 15 and 26.6 trains per day; traffic on the CN lines inside of the EJ&E arc are expected to decrease.

### What is the purpose of today's meeting?

The Board, through its Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), will evaluate this proposed acquisition by preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Scoping is required as a part of the EIS process to assist the Board in identifying and assessing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed acquisition. Scoping is an open process for determining the breadth of environmental issues to be addressed in the EIS. The scoping process includes a number of public open house scoping meetings, at which members of the public will have the opportunity to discuss their interests and concerns with SEA staff. Comments provided by the public help determine the scope of the environmental review.

### How can I submit a comment?

Written comments on the draft Scope of Study for the EIS may be submitted to the Board no later than February 1, 2008. Pre-addressed comment forms are available at this public open house scoping meeting. You are also welcome to provide your comments to a member of the project team or court reporter at this meeting or to call the toll-free project information line: 1-800-347-0689. You can also submit electronic comments by visiting the Board's website, [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov), under the heading "E-Filing."

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## Surface Transportation Board

#### Who is the Surface Transportation Board?

The Surface Transportation Board (Board) was created by the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803 (1995), on January 1, 1996, to assume some (but not all) functions of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), particularly those related to the regulation of freight railroads. The Board is an independent federal regulatory agency with jurisdiction over certain surface transportation matters, including mergers and acquisitions.

#### Why is Board Approval Required for CN's Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E?

The ICC Termination Act of 1995 transferred to the Board the authority to approve railroad mergers and acquisitions. Canadian National Railway Company (CN) has applied to the Board for approval of its proposed acquisition of the EJ&E.

In its review of this acquisition, the Board will take into account economic, competitive, and environmental considerations. The Board can approve the transaction as proposed by 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 Board will review this application through two parallel but distinct processes: (1) a process that examines the competitive, transportation, and economic implications of the transaction on the national rail system, and (2) a process conducted by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis that assesses the potential environmental effects of the proposed acquisition.

#### What is the Section of Environmental Analysis and What Does it Do?

The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the Board responsible for directing the environmental review process, conducting an independent analysis of all environmental data, and making an environmental recommendation to the Board.

As part of the environmental review process for this proposed acquisition, SEA will complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Board will consider the entire environmental record, including all public comments submitted during the environmental review process, before making a final decision.

SEA is composed of a highly trained staff of administrative, legal, and environmental specialists. SEA is headed by the Chief of the Section of Environmental Analysis.

#### What are the Board's Environmental Rules?

The Board's environmental rules can be found at 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1105. The environmental rules are designed to ensure adequate consideration of environmental and energy factors in the Board's decision-making process. The Board has adopted the former ICC environmental regulations that govern the environmental review process and outline procedures for preparing environmental documents.

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The Board's environmental rules implement various environmental statutes that include the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, and related laws.

These regulations enable applicants, interested parties, and the Board's environmental staff to better identify and more expeditiously resolve environmental concerns.

To help familiarize interested parties with environmental rules, SEA has set forth on the Board's website ([www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)) a series of questions and answers that address key provisions of the Board's environmental rules. The environmental rules are also available to review and download at the website.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **When is an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared?**

Due to the projected increase in traffic and the potentially significant impacts to the environment and communities in the affected area, the Board has determined that an EIS will be prepared for CN's proposed acquisition of the EJ&E.

#### **Does SEA encourage public participation in the environmental review process?**

Yes, SEA ensures early agency consultation and public participation in all stages of the environmental review process. Public comments submitted on the draft Scope of Study throughout the scoping period (which ends February 1, 2008) will help SEA determine the final scope of the EIS.

#### **What is the third-party contracting process?**

SEA uses third-party contractors to aid in preparing environmental documentation necessary to comply with the requirements of NEPA and related environmental laws in Board proceedings.

#### **How do I find information on projects currently before the Board?**

Visit the Board's website at [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov). The Board maintains an electronic public docket and information system designed to expand public access.

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### Reuniones del Alcance para la Adquisición Propuesta por la Compañía Ferrocarril Canadiense Nacional de la Compañía Ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern

## Bienvenido!

### Aprovechando lo máximo de esta Reunión

El espacio de la reunión se ha instalado hoy con una serie de carteles que describen el propósito de la reunión, de la adquisición propuesta de CN, y del proceso de escribir una declaración de los impactos medioambiental (EIS).

El personal de la Directiva del Transporte Superficie y los miembros del equipo de proyecto están aquí para ayudarles a contestar sus preguntas y a recolectar su aportación en el alcance del estudio para el EIS.

### Carteles y Mapas

Los carteles han sido arreglados en la orden siguiente por título:

- ▶ ¿Quién está Presentando esta Reunión?
- ▶ ¿Cuál es el Propósito de esta Reunión Publica del Alcance?
- ▶ ¿Cuál es la adquisición propuesta;Cuál es el propósito de la adquisición propuesta?
- ▶ Comunidades a lo Largo de la Línea Afectadas en los Segmentos del Carril
- ▶ ¿Qué Cambios se Anticipan de esta Adquisición?
- ▶ Cambios Anticipados en Volúmenes de Tráfico de Carril
- ▶ ¿Qué Proceso el SEA Seguirá?

Además, varios mapas grandes se han puesto en las mesas para localizar los segmentos de la línea que sobre todo le interesa a usted.

### Este Folleto

En este folleto usted encontrará una hoja del hecho sobre el proyecto, una mapa de las líneas del carril existente de CN y de EJ&E, la información sobre la Directiva del Transporte Superficie, y una forma de comentario con la dirección de mismo.

### Colocación de comentarios

Hay varias maneras de colocar comentarios sobre el alcance del estudio para este EIS:

- ▶ Complete la forma de comentario unida y cáigala en una de las cestas del comentario;
- ▶ Proporcione su comentario verbal a cualquier miembro del equipo de proyecto que registrará sus declaraciones;
- ▶ Petición para hacer que su declaración sea documentada por el reportero de la corte presente en esta reunión;
- ▶ Envíe la forma de comentario unida;
- ▶ Someta los comentarios electrónicos visitando [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov) y busque la "E-Filing" etiqueta.

Para más información, llame la línea gratis de la información del proyecto: 1-800-347-0689.

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### Reuniones del Alcance para la Adquisición Propuesta por la Compañía Ferrocarril Canadiense Nacional de la Compañía Ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern

## Hoja del Hecho del Proyecto

La Compañía de Ferrocarril Canadiense Nacional (CN) (junto con su subsidiario de EE.UU., la Corporación Grand Trunk) se ha aplicado al la Directiva del Transporte Superficie (Directiva) para que la autorización para adquirir el control de la Compañía EJ&E West, un subsidiario no empresa de transportista enteramente poseído de la Compañía Ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern (EJ&E).

### ¿Por qué CN desea adquirir EJ&E?

La aplicación de CN afirma que coordinando el uso de las líneas cruzadas de CN y de EJ&E y de mejorar las conexiones del carril, los trenes que ahora se mueven a través de las líneas en el centro de Chicago de CN en lugar fluirían sobre las líneas de EJ&E, de tal modo evitando la congestión y retrasas. Además, CN ha indicado las tres razones siguientes para esta adquisición propuesta:

1. Mejorando las operaciones de CN proporcionando una ruta continua del carril alrededor de Chicago bajo propiedad de CN y conectando sus cinco líneas que irradian actualmente de Chicago.
2. Disponibilidad a la yarda de Kirk de EJ&E en Gary, Indiana, así como las instalaciones de la yarda en Joliet y Whiting.
3. Proporcionando el acceso a una línea suministra norteamericana para el acero, el producto químico, y las industrias petroquímicas así como también para utilidades del Chicago-área.

### ¿Como me puede afectar?

CN espera invertir \$100 millones para los realces de la infraestructura y la nueva capacidad en el carril de EJ&E. Las seis localizaciones siguientes se han identificado para las mejores conexiones: Munger, Joliet, Matteson, Griffith, Ivanhoe, y la yarda de Kirk en Gary, Indiana. Según CN el tráfico en 14 de los segmentos existentes del EJ&E aumentará entre 15 y 26.6 trenes por día; se espera que el tráfico en las líneas de CN dentro del arco de EJ&E reducirán.

### ¿Cuál es el propósito de la reunión de hoy?

La Directiva, a través de su sección del análisis medioambiental (SEA), evaluará esta adquisición propuesta elaborando una declaración de los impactos medioambiental (EIS). El Alcance se requiere como una parte del proceso de EIS para asistir al la Directiva en identificar y determinar los impactos medioambiental potenciales de la adquisición propuesta. El Alcance es un proceso abierto para determinar la anchura de las ediciones medioambientales que se tratarán en el EIS. El proceso del alcance incluye un número de reuniones públicas del alcance, en las cuales los miembros del público tendrán la oportunidad de discutir sus intereses y preocupaciones con el personal del SEA. Los comentarios proporcionados por el publico, ayudara a determinar el alcance de la revisión medioambiental.

### ¿Cómo puedo someter un comentario?

Los comentarios escritos sobre el borrador de alcance del estudio para el EIS se pueden someter al la Directiva antes de el 1 de febrero de 2008. Las formas de comentario con la dirección preimpresa están disponibles en esta reunión pública del alcance. Usted también puede proporcionar sus comentarios a un miembro del equipo de proyecto o del reportero de la corte en esta reunión o llamar la línea gratis de la información del proyecto: 1-800-347-0689. Usted puede también someter comentarios electrónicos visitando el Web site de la Directiva, [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov), bajo título "E-Filing".

Refiera por favor al No. del Sumario de Causas Pendientes de las finanzas de STB 35087 en toda la correspondencia.

Para más información, llame la línea gratis de la información del proyecto: 1-800-347-0689.

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**Reuniones del Alcance para la Adquisición  
Propuesta por la Compañía Ferrocarril  
Canadiense Nacional de la Compañía  
Ferrocarril Elgin, Joliet y Eastern**

### **Directiva del Transporte Superficie**

#### ¿Quién es la directiva del transporte superficie?

La directiva del transporte superficie (directiva) fue creado por el Acto de Terminación del ICC de 1995, Publicación L. No. 104-88, 109 estatuto 803 (1995), en el 1 de enero de 1996, para asumir algunas (pero no todas las) funciones de la Comisión de Comercio de Interestatal (ICC), particularmente esas relacionadas con la regulación de los ferrocarriles de la carga. La Directiva es una agencia reguladora federal independiente con jurisdicción sobre ciertos asuntos del transporte superficie, incluyendo fusiones y adquisiciones.

#### ¿Porqué es la aprobación de la Directiva requerida para la Adquisición Propuesta del EJ&E por CN?

El Acto de la Terminación ICC de 1995 transfirió a la Directiva la autoridad para aprobar fusiones y adquisiciones del ferrocarril. La Compañía Ferrocarril Canadiense Nacional (CN) ha aplicado a la Directiva para la aprobación de su adquisición propuesta del EJ&E.

En su revisión de esta adquisición, la Directiva tomará en cuenta consideraciones económicas, competitivas, y medioambientales. La Directiva puede aprobar la transacción según como propuesto por CN; desaprobando la transacción; o aprobar la transacción con condiciones, incluyendo condiciones medioambientales, para compensar o para reducir los impactos potenciales de la adquisición propuesta.

La Directiva va a revisar este uso con dos paralelos procesos pero son distintos: (1) un proceso que examina el competitivo, transporte, e implicaciones económicas de la transacción en el sistema de carril nacional, y (2) un proceso conducido por la Sección de la Directiva del Análisis Medioambiental que evaluara los efectos medioambientales potenciales de la adquisición propuesta.

#### ¿Qué es la Sección del Análisis Medioambiental y qué hace?

La Sección del Análisis Medioambiental (SEA) es la oficina dentro de la Directiva responsable para dirigir el proceso de la revisión del medioambiental, de conducir un análisis independiente de todos los datos medioambientales, y de hacer una recomendación medioambiental a la Directiva.

Como parte del proceso de la revisión del medioambiental para esta adquisición propuesta, el SEA terminará una declaración de los impactos del medioambiental (EIS). La Directiva considerará el entero documento medioambiental, incluyendo todos los comentarios públicos sometidos durante el proceso de la revisión medioambiental, antes de tomar una decisión final.

El SEA se compone de un personal altamente entrenado de especialistas administrativos, legales, y medioambientales. El SEA es dirigido por el Jefe de la Sección del Análisis Medioambiental.

#### ¿Cuáles son las reglas Medioambientales de la Directiva?

Las reglas medioambientales de la Directiva se pueden encontrar en el Código 49 de las Regulaciones Federales (CFR) 1105. Las reglas medioambientales son diseñadas para asegurar la consideración

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adecuada de los factores medioambientales y de la energía en el procedimiento de toma de decisión de la Directiva. La Directiva ha adoptado las regulaciones medioambientales ICC anterior que gobiernan los procedimientos medioambientales del proceso de la revisión y del contorno para preparar los documentos ambientales.

Las reglas medioambientales de la Directiva ponen los varios estatutos medioambientales en ejecución que incluyen el Acto Medioambiental Nacional de la Política (NEPA), el Acto Histórico Nacional de la Preservación, la Acta de las Especies puestas en Peligro, y las leyes relacionadas.

Estas regulaciones permiten a los solicitantes, a los partidos interesados, y al personal medioambiental de la Directiva para identificar mejor y resolver más expeditivo preocupaciones medioambientales.

Para ayudar a familiarizar partidos interesados con reglas medioambientales, el SEA ha dispuesto en el Web site de la Directiva ([www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)) una serie de preguntas y respuestas que se dirigen a las provisiones dominantes de las reglas medioambientales de la Directiva. Las reglas medioambientales están también disponibles para revisar y para descargar en el Web site.

#### Preguntas que se hacen frecuentemente

##### **¿Cuándo se prepara una Declaración de los Impactos Medioambiental (EIS )?**

Debido al aumento proyectado en tráfico y los impactos potencialmente significativos al medioambiente y a las comunidades en el área afectada, la Directiva se ha determinado que un EIS será preparado para la adquisición propuesta por CN del EJ&E.

##### **¿El SEA anima la participación pública en el proceso de la revisión medioambiental?**

Sí, el SEA asegura la consulta de la agencia y la participación del público con tiempo suficiente en todas las etapas del proceso de la revisión medioambiental. El público que sometieron los comentarios en el borrador de alcance del estudio a través del período del alcance (que termina el 1 de febrero de 2008) ayudarán al SEA a determinar el alcance final del EIS.

##### **¿Cuál es el proceso que contrae de tercera persona?**

El SEA utiliza contratistas de tercera persona para ayudar en la preparación de la documentación medioambiental necesaria para conformarse con los requisitos de NEPA y las leyes medioambientales relacionadas en procedimientos de la Directiva.

##### **¿Cómo encuentro la información sobre proyectos actualmente antes de la Directiva?**

Visite el Web site de la Directiva en [www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov). La Directiva mantiene un sistema público electrónico del sumario de causas pendientes y de información diseñado para ampliar el acceso público.

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