

August 27, 2004

Case Control Unit  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20423  
Attention: Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball

Re: Environmental Assessment Finance Docket No. 34391  
New England Transrail, LLC, d/b/a Wilmington and Woburn Terminal Railroad  
Co. – Construction, Acquisition, and Operation Exemption – in Wilmington and Woburn,  
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In reading this report I find very disturbing that you have many of your facts incorrect.

- 1) You neglected to attach other comment letters that I am aware of that were submitted.
- 2) There was a petition letter that over 200 people submitted individually, and you also neglected to list their names and addresses of those persons that should be recognized as submitting. Because of your neglect this Environmental Assessment is incomplete !
- 3) The inability to read the Environmental Assessment as stated in your report on Page ES-17. "This EA is also available on the Board's website"
- 4) Where does this Railroad Company "trash train" start from and what cities and towns does it travel through and to what destination(s). There is no mention of this in any reports that I have read thus far.
- 5) Page 3-5 again your facts are wrong. The Veterans Memorial School is no longer a school. It is a Senior Center and Day Care Center. The nearest school is the Altavesta Elementary School (not mentioned in your report) of which is located on Main Street (Rt. 38) in N. Woburn of which is closer than the so called Veterans Memorial School.
- 6) The residents have a right to participate in the decision-making. There have been NO public meetings with New England Transrail, LLC as perceived in this report. New England Transrail, LLC is not working with the potentially affected residents in the communities of Woburn and Wilmington.

I am requesting that due to the above, an extension of this report for comment be made AND a public meeting be held for participation of both communities with New England Transrail, LLC before ANY decisions are made.

Sincerely,  
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