

# OPEN HOUSE/ PUBLIC MEETINGS

On July 25, 2008, the Surface Transportation Board (Board) served the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the proposed Canadian National Railway Company's acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. As part of the EIS process, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will hold eight public meetings to present the findings of the Draft EIS and to allow an opportunity for public comment on the document.

## SEA will hold the public meetings on the following dates and at the following locations:

The same information will be presented at each meeting and will follow the schedule outlined below:

### OPEN HOUSE 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

SEA and its consultant, HDR, Inc. will be available to answer questions and help members of the public review project maps and other findings of the Draft EIS analysis.

### PUBLIC MEETING 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

SEA will make a short presentation to the public and will then be available to receive formal comments on the Draft EIS. This portion of the meeting will be held for the purpose of receiving comments. It is not intended to be a question-and-answer session.

Speaker registration will be determined on a first come first serve basis by calling the hotline to pre-register in advance (1-800-347-0689) or by registering at the sign-in tables the day of the public meeting. Phone registration will end at 6 PM the day prior to the meeting. Each speaker will be allocated up to 3 minutes to present his or her comments.

Please send written comments to: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423; Attention: Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087. 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. Court reporters will be available at the meeting for those who wish to dictate their comments instead of presenting them publicly. Comments may also be recorded at any time during the comment period on the project hotline: 1-800-347-0689.

All comments received will carry equal weight in helping to finalize the EIS and guide the Board in its decision making on this matter. **The comment period on the Draft EIS will end on September 30, 2008.**

For further information on this proceeding, please visit the project website at [www.stbfinancedocket35087](http://www.stbfinancedocket35087), or call the toll-free information line at 1-800-347-0689. You may also visit the Board's website ([www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)) and look for Key Cases under Environmental Matters.

The meeting facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons who need additional special accommodations should call 1-800-347-0689 48 hours prior to the public meeting.

**1**  
Monday, August 25, 2008  
Holiday Inn  
500 Holiday Plaza Dr.  
Matteson, IL 60443

**2**  
Tuesday, August 26, 2008  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
510 E. Route 83  
Mundelein, IL 60060

**3**  
Wednesday, August 27, 2008  
Barrington High School Gym  
616 W. Main St.  
Barrington, IL 60010

**4**  
Thursday, August 28, 2008  
Bartlett High School Auditorium  
701 W. Schick Rd.  
Bartlett, IL 60103

**5**  
Monday, September 8, 2008  
Loyola University of Chicago  
Rubloff Auditorium  
25 E. Pearson St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

**6**  
Tuesday, September 9, 2008  
West Aurora High School Auditorium  
1201 W. New York St.  
Aurora, IL 60506

**7**  
Wednesday, September 10, 2008  
Indiana University Northwest  
Savannah Center  
3400 Broadway  
Gary, IN 46408

**8**  
Thursday, September 11, 2008  
Holiday Inn  
411 S. Larkin Ave.  
Joliet, IL 60436



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