



## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE SCOPING MEETINGS

On December 21, 2007, the Surface Transportation Board (Board) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Canadian National Railway Acquisition of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway. As part of the EIS process, the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) will hold seven public scoping meetings to gather comments on the draft Scope of Study published with the NOI.

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

- 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  
3N441 Route 59  
West Chicago, IL 60185
- 7** Tuesday, January 22, 2008  
Crowne Plaza Chicago-Metro  
733 West Madison  
Chicago, IL 60661



All scoping meetings will be held in an open house format, with the same information available during each meeting. In keeping with the open house format, there will be no formal agency presentations; SEA staff will be available to answer questions and take comments.

Please feel free to attend any of the scheduled meetings. There is no need to attend more than one meeting, but all are welcome to attend as many meetings as desired. A toll-free project information phone number has been established to assist the public in participating in the EIS process: 1-800-347-0689.

The meeting facilities comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons who need additional special accommodations should call the toll-free number provided above.

**Written comments on the draft Scope of Study are due February 1, 2008.** If inclement weather forces the cancellation of a scoping meeting, please feel free to submit comments in writing or call the toll-free number. Meeting cancellations will be announced on the toll-free number. Comments submitted in writing will receive the same consideration as those submitted during the scoping meetings.

Please send written comments regarding the draft Scope of Study to Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20423, Attention: Phillis Johnson-Ball, Environmental Filing, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

For more information about the environmental review process, please visit the Board's website, <[www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)>, under the heading Environmental Matters, or call 1-800-347-0689. Environmental comments may also be filed electronically on the Board's website at <[www.stb.dot.gov](http://www.stb.dot.gov)>, under E-Filing.

**All meetings are  
1-4 PM and 6-8 PM**