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VILLAGE OF GLENVIEW
MANAGERS OFFICE

Re: Request for Freight Train Impact Study

Dear Mr. Patterson and Ms. Frum:

Thank you for your letters dated March 23, 2017, regarding a request from the Villages of Glenview and Northbrook for a Freight Train Impact Study.

As you are both aware, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Service Development Plan (SDP) required to increase the Amtrak *Hiawatha Service* from 7 to 10 round trips per day between Chicago, IL and Milwaukee, WI. Amtrak and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) are study partners.

A Draft of the EA was made available for a public comment period from October 6, 2016 through January 15, 2017. The project sponsors have thoroughly reviewed the comments that were submitted, including comments and questions provided by the Villages of Glenview and Northbrook and its residents.

As a result of the comment submissions, we are undertaking additional analyses to further quantify the potential impacts resulting from the increase in *Hiawatha Service*. These analyses include many of the items referenced in your requests for a Freight Train Impact Study, including further evaluation of infrastructure investment projects, construction impacts, and impacts to noise and vibration, air quality, socioeconomics, grade crossings, and threatened and endangered species. The final EA and SDP will be updated to reflect the results of the additional analyses.

Once the additional analyses are complete, we will hold an agency coordination webinar and meetings with municipal leaders from Glenview and Northbrook to present the results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justine Sydello".

Justine Sydello
Deputy Chief of Staff

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