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March 31, 2015

Mr. Donald K. Owen
Deputy Village Manager
Village of Glenview
1225 Waukegan Road
Glenview, Illinois 60025

Re: Chicago-Milwaukee Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Owen:

The Chicago–Milwaukee Hiawatha Planning Study team appreciates meeting on March 19, 2015 to discuss the Village of Glenview’s concerns regarding the Chicago-Milwaukee Hiawatha Planning Study. We understand how sensitive the area at the Union Pacific Railroad and Shermer Road is for the residents and businesses of Glenview and Northbrook. After consultation with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), we have decided to expand the Environmental Assessment (EA) document to include identification and analysis of alternatives to the A-20 project.

The project team will follow National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines recommended by the FRA to identify and fully describe reasonable alternatives and evaluate them through a high-level screening process. The results of this analysis will be included and documented in the EA and will be available for public comment as part of the EA process.

The standard FRA recommended process for alternatives analysis takes time and may potentially extend the development schedule of the EA. We appreciate your patience as we investigate other alternatives and look forward to additional comments during the EA public comment period.

Sincerely,



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