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FAP Route 311 – US Route 34 (Ogden Ave)
Section 652-A
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DuPage County, Illinois

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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

July 7, 2014

Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423

Dear Ms. Brown:

On October 30, 2007, the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) filed a Railroad Control Application with the United States Surface Transportation Board (STB) in Finance Docket No. 35087 seeking to acquire control of the Elgin Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E). On December 24, 2008, the STB approved the acquisition of control by the CN of EJ&E (the "Acquisition"), subject to the fulfillment by the CN of various specified conditions. One of these conditions was that the CN would pay 67% of the total project cost and Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) would pay 33% of the total cost of the subject project. On January 1, 2013, EJ&E was merged into the Wisconsin Central Limited (WCL) and WCL became the owner and operator of the mainline track which intersect Route 34 and which thereby necessitate the subject project. WCL is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Grand Trunk Corporation, which is a subsidiary of CN.

In accordance with the STB Order Issued December 24, 2008 approving the Acquisition, and the Joint Agreement executed by the Department and WCL in December, 2013, the Department is hereby notifying the STB and the CN that the subject project, the US Route 34 (Ogden Ave) grade separation project at the WCL in Aurora, Illinois (DOT/AAR No. 260 560X, Milepost 19.05), was let by the Department on April 25, 2014. A construction contract was awarded to Herlihy Mid-Continent Company (contractor) on June 9, 2014 and the contract was executed on June 12, 2014.

The Department also hereby informs you that 100% of the total project cost necessary to construct the project has been committed and obligated by the Department. The cost of the project will be "up-fronted" by the Department, with the understanding that the WCL/ CN will reimburse the Department for 67% of the total project cost in accordance with the STB Order and the Joint Agreements between CN and the Department regarding this project.

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Construction activities will commence by July 9, 2014 and the project is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2016.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact Mr. Andy Rabadi, P.E., Senior Railroad Engineer, at (847) 705-4256.

Very truly yours,

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