



COMMENT FORM RESULTS

This document details the comment form responses from the Springfield Railroad Corridor Study Public Information Open House, which was held on April 20, 2010. A total of 108 comment forms were completed.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

1. Which of the following best describes you? Please check all that apply. (Total Respondents – 107)

<u>86%</u> Resident (City of Springfield)	<u>14%</u> Business Owner / Operator (City of Springfield)	<u>0%</u> Elected Official (City of Springfield)
<u>15%</u> Resident (Sangamon County)	<u>2%</u> Business Owner / Operator (Sangamon County)	<u>1%</u> Elected Official (Sangamon County)
<u>7%</u> Other	Your Zip Code	<u>15 zip codes.</u> 62704 -27%, 62702 -25%, 62703 -23%

Results are non-cumulative, multiple responses.

2. How did you find out about this Open House? Please check all that apply. (Total Respondents – 105)

<u>21%</u> Mail	<u>16%</u> Email	<u>55%</u> Media
<u>24%</u> Flyer / Poster	<u>5%</u> Website	<u>29%</u> Word of Mouth
<u>12%</u> Door Hanger	<u>5%</u> Kiosk Display Boards	<u>1%</u> Telephone
<u>7%</u> Other	Results are non-cumulative, multiple responses.	

3. Please evaluate this event according to the following, circle your answer...

A. The study team was:

Informative (1.6)					Uninformative
1	2	3	4	5	
Helpful (1.5)					Not Helpful
1	2	3	4	5	
Prepared (1.5)					Unprepared
1	2	3	4	5	

B. In general the Open House was:

Well Planned (1.4)					Disorderly
1	2	3	4	5	
Worth My Time (1.5)					Waste of Time
1	2	3	4	5	

4. What would make this project a success to you?

See response summary below.

Total Number of Comments: 91

Comment Type	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
City Plan	3	3.3%
Consolidation	6	6.6%
Corridor Preference – 3 rd Street	2	2.2%
Corridor Preference – 10 th Street	4	4.4%
Corridor Preference – 19 th Street	2	2.2%
Corridor Preference – East	7	7.7%
Cost	1	1.1%
Development	1	1.1%
Economic Development	2	2.2%
Greenspace	3	3.3%
Historic Sites	2	2.2%
High Speed Rail	1	1.1%
Miscellaneous	11	12.1%
Neutrality / Fairness	10	10.1%
Noise Mitigation	2	2.2%
Project Completion	3	3.3%
Property Values	2	2.2%
Public Information	7	7.7%
Railroad Participation	6	6.6%
Route Outside of Town	13	14.3%
Traffic Flow	3	3.3%

Note: Dark Orange – 1st, Bright Yellow – 2nd, Salmon – 3rd

Route Outside of Town – Sample of Responses

- *Move rail traffic around Springfield and not through it!*
- *The study needs to be honest and needs to focus on moving freight outside the city, as all of the past plans recommended.*
- *To re-route all trains outside of the city.*

Neutrality / Fairness – Sample of Responses

- *I would like the study to hold equally the livelihood of all people involved, including businesses downtown (east and west), along with the residential areas.*
- *Doing what's best for the City of Springfield and not just certain residents.*
- *To have Hanson be absolutely independent in it's assessment and not be swayed by the City of Springfield's recommendation of 10th Street.*

Corridor Preference East – Sample of Responses

- *Put corridor east of town.*
- *Do not go down 3rd Street. It would split the city and the medical district. This wouldn't be good at all.*
- *Relocated 3rd to 10th or 19th Street corridors.*

Public Information – Sample of Responses

- *I would like for neighborhoods to remain informed of ongoing plans and decisions.*
- *That all that want to be informed are informed.*
- *Educate the uninformed.*

5. Additional comments or questions:

[See response summary below.](#)

Total Number of Comments: 54

Comment Type	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
Bike Paths	1	1.9%
Corridor Preference – 10 th Street	2	3.7%
Corridor Preference – 19 th Street	1	1.9%
Corridor Preference – East	3	5.6%
Cost	1	1.9%
Development	2	3.7%
High Speed Rail	1	1.9%
Miscellaneous	8	14.8%
Neighborhood Preservation	3	5.6%
Neutrality / Fairness	3	5.6%
Noise & Vibration	6	11.1%
Property Values	1	1.9%
Public Information	4	7.4%
Railroad Participation	2	3.7%
Route Outside of Town	4	7.4%
Safety	4	7.4%
Thanks	5	9.3%
Traffic Flow	2	3.7%
Train Service	1	1.9%

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Noise & Vibration – Sample of Responses

- *If they consolidate, the noise and vibration will be too much to bear and would force me to move.*
- *We can't tolerate this additional traffic. 72 trains is too much noise and it's unsafe.*

Thanks – Sample of Responses

- *Thank you! This was excellent.*
- *Thank you for your efforts to involve the community.*

Public Information – Sample of Responses

- *Do this again when more information is available about the study.*
- *I think when it comes time for a public meeting, the word needs to be put out in other formats outside of computers because not everyone uses them.*

Route Outside of Town – Sample of Responses

- *Moving rail lines outside the city would be a wise use of money in the long run.*
- *If they can't be moved out of the city, they need to be made compatible with the surrounding neighborhoods.*

Safety – Sample of Responses

- *Safety/sound at grade crossings, if in a quiet zone. Warning lights should be installed in order to caution drivers of approaching trains, before the stop signal.*
- *Why is there no consideration of safety based on what trains transport vs. location out of town.*