



# Public Engagement Station Results

*This document details the comments received at the public engagement station at the Springfield Railroad Corridor Study Public Information Open House, which was held on April 20, 2010. Attendees were asked to answer three questions. Their responses are summarized on the following pages.*

## PUBLIC FEEDBACK:

1. What concerns do you have about increasing rail traffic near where you live, work and play?

[See response summary below.](#)

Total Number of Comments: 186

Comment Type	Total	3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	10 <sup>th</sup> Street	19 <sup>th</sup> Street	City
Access	9	4	1		4
Beautification	5	3	1	1	
Cost	1				1
Freight Traffic	6	3			3
Historic District	9	4	2		3
Local Economy	19	9	1		9
Miscellaneous	7	1	1		5
Neighborhood Division / Destruction	17	3	6	1	7
Noise & Vibration	30	13	5		12
Property Values	7	5	2		
Quality of Life	3	2			1
Route Outside of Town	9			1	8
Safety	33	8	8	3	14
Structural Damage	4	2	1	1	
Traffic Delays	27	14	3		

Note: Dark Orange – 1<sup>st</sup>, Bright Yellow – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Salmon – 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Safety – Sample of Responses

- *Safe street crossings.*
- *I hope the railroads are safer for the surrounding neighborhoods.*

### Noise & Vibration – Sample of Responses

- *Increased noise.*
- *Vibrations, horns.*

### Traffic Delays – Sample of Responses

- *Increased delays for emergency vehicles.*
- *Ability to travel from east to west without excessive waits.*

**2. What desires do you have for the improvement and/or redevelopment of the railroad corridors and their surrounding neighborhoods?**

[See response summary below.](#)

**Total Number of Comments: 200**

Comment Type	Total	3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	10 <sup>th</sup> Street	19 <sup>th</sup> Street	City
Additional Trains / Tracks	13	8	4		1
Community Division	10	3			7
Community Input	5				5
Consolidation	13	2	5	2	4
Cost	5	1	1		3
Freight Traffic	13	5	2	3	3
Greening / Beautification	16	3	2	1	10
Local Economy / Development	24	9	2		13
Miscellaneous	11	2		1	8
Noise & Vibration	10	3	3		4
Over / Underpasses	9	5	1	1	2
Passenger Rail	9	5	1		3
Pedestrians / Cyclists	13	5		2	6
Route Outside of Town	21	2	3		16
Safety	13	3	4		6
Traffic Flow	15	3	1	1	10

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**Local Economy / Development – Sample of Responses**

- *I will expect that with all the studies, we will use the plan that satisfies the city's needs for growth, safety and the elimination of traffic delays and that provides for the future growth of our fine city!*
- *Use this study and the consolidation of rail lines as an opportunity for community development.*
- *Design improvements to enhance the corridors and their surrounding neighborhoods so that they attract development around them.*

**Route Outside of Town – Sample of Responses**

- *That all parties work together and move all the train traffic outside the city. Then this problem would be solved.*
- *Freight traffic should be directed around the city...*
- *That freight lines be moved out of Springfield and onto the old line west of town that is now unused by the railroad.*

**Greening / Beautification – Sample of Responses**

- *Redevelop unused corridors as linear parks.*
- *Removal of 19<sup>th</sup> Street tracks is a good idea. Would love to see trails located there.*
- *Third Street or 10<sup>th</sup> Street may be okay for high speed rail. Park space and bike paths should be on the other.*

**Traffic Flow – Sample of Responses**

- *No stopping in the city to keep the flow of traffic.*
- *Most efficient use of existing rail structure, minimize traffic disruptions and impact on neighborhoods*
- *Improve traffic flow.*

3. What values do you think should inform the study team’s decision-making as it determines how best to accommodate increasing rail traffic through Springfield?

[See response summary below.](#)

Total Number of Comments: 171

Comment Type	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
Access	4	2.3%
Bike / Pedestrian Trails	2	1.2%
Community Cohesion	7	4.1%
Community Input	4	2.3%
Financial Responsibility	8	4.7%
Greening / Beautification	7	4.1%
Historic Sites	10	5.8%
Local Economy	20	11.7%
Medical District	3	1.8%
Miscellaneous	5	2.9%
Neighborhoods	11	6.4%
Noise & Vibration	6	3.5%
Preserving / Improving Downtown	9	5.3%
Property	10	5.8%
Quality of Life	8	4.7%
Route Outside of Town	5	2.9%
Safety	19	11.1%
Social Impact	4	2.3%
Study Fairness	8	4.7%
Sustainability	4	2.3%
Traffic Flow	11	6.4%
Transparency	6	3.5%

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**Local Economy – Sample of Responses**

- *Impact on economy for east, west and downtown.*
- *Economic impacts on downtown businesses.*
- *Property values, business interruption, traffic flow and environmental impact.*

**Safety – Sample of Responses**

- *Safety is number one.*
- *To keep safety of the city and its people first...*
- *Traffic safety, traffic movement and delays, people endangered, overall cost...*

**Neighborhoods – Sample of Responses**

- *Cost-effective use of resources balanced with minimized impact on neighborhoods.*
- *Doing so in a way that makes central Springfield neighborhoods more attractive for redevelopment both for businesses and residential. Invest in our historic neighborhoods.*

**Traffic Flow – Sample of Responses**

- *Lessen the difficulty of traffic to work and from work. Consider difficulty of traffic for school children.*
- *Safety, less noise, proper traffic flow.*