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YS#1

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 9:14 AM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension Feedback

From: CHRIS KITE [chris.kite@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2009 11:59 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Yellow Line Extension Feedback

I am a public transit proponent and support the general idea of a Yellow Line extension. I have been a Skokie resident for over 43 years and spent 19 of those years within a half block of the Skokie Swift tracks. There was never a problem being that close to the tracks and that is why I fully support an extension of the Yellow Line.

However, I am 100% opposed to the current plan that infringes upon Niles North High School's property and puts a terminal in the school parking lot. The school property is already very tight and trying to squeeze in the tracks and a terminal is a very bad idea. Any loss of school property for this project will have a negative impact on the school, the students, and their current athletic and PE programs. And of course, negatively impacting the school will negatively impact property values for anyone within the Niles North school area. Putting a terminal in the parking lot is a horrible idea that raises all kinds of traffic, parking, and safety issues.

Safety is my biggest concern and I cannot imagine the logic behind putting a terminal in the school parking lot and adding all that non-student traffic that will come in the form of passengers, cars, and buses. That parking lot is already a traffic hazard at the beginning and end of the school day and during major sporting events. The added foot traffic would create all kinds of security concerns and make it more difficult to maintain a controlled situation on school property. Niles North Students would be less safe and therefore the idea of intentionally putting a high traffic station on school property is unacceptable. The station must not be built on school property.

I would suggest several alternative terminal locations for a terminal:

1 – Old Orchard Road just west of the Edens Expressway: By following the old Chicago & Northwestern/Union Pacific right of way under the Edens Expressway and up to or just past Old Orchard Road, the tracks would avoid using property that is being used by the school or anyone else. This location would be sufficiently far from the school to avoid impact. It would provide the benefit of being closer to the Skokie Courthouse, National Lewis University, the Optima condominiums, the Northshore Health System building, and the Hampton Inn and office building. There is currently property available north of Old Orchard road, providing the perfect location without having to forcibly take someone else's property. This would also leave open the option for a future extension further north to Northfield or other northern suburbs. The downside to this location would be that it would be further from Old Orchard Mall.

2 – Old Orchard Shopping Center: By making a turn east on Golf Road and then terminating within Old Orchard it would avoid taking Niles North Property and this plan would keep the terminal far enough away from the school to create a safety problem. The terminal could be built in the existing south parking lot, or perhaps even the often empty mall just south of Golf Road. The terminal would be closer to Old Orchard and would provide convenient access to the Hospital, the Doubletree, and all the shopping in the area. The downside to this location is that it would be further from the Skokie Courthouse, National Louis University, and the Old Orchard Road businesses.

3 – Golf Road: The station could be located just north or just south of Golf Road. This would avoid taking Niles North property and it would avoid the safety issues created by a terminal within the school parking lot. It would be

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convenient to the Holocaust Museum and would be close to the Optima condominiums. This station location would be about the same distance from Old Orchard as it would if located in the Niles North parking lot. A downside would be that it would not provide easy access to the Skokie Courthouse, National Louis University, or the Old Orchard Road businesses. It would be about the same distance from Old Orchard as it would if located in the Niles North parking.

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Skokie, IL 60076

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YS#2

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension Project Mailing e-List

From: Darud Akbar
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 10:38 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension Project Mailing e-List

Darud I. Akbar
Government & Community Relations Officer
Chicago Transit Authority
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(312) 681-2796 Fax

From: Chris Fardoux [Chris.Fardoux@Pacebus.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 4:33 PM
To: Darud Akbar
Subject: Yellow Line Extension Project Mailing e-List

Would you kindly add me to the Yellow Line Extension Project Mailing e-List. Thank you—

Christopher Fardoux
Superintendent of Transportation
Pace North Shore Division
847-869-3272

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YS#3

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow line e-mail list - planning updates

From: Darud Akbar
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 10:45 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: FW: Yellow line e-mail list - planning updates

Darud I. Akbar
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From: Tia Wallace [97t99w@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 26, 2009 8:56 AM
To: Darud Akbar
Subject: Yellow line e-mail list - planning updates

I appreciate the opportunity to hear how some Skokie neighbors feel about the expansion of the Yellow line. I'd like to keep up on the subject. Please include me on the e-mailing list for planning updates to the Yellow line.

Thanks,
Tia Wallace

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YS#4

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:52 AM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Scoping Comments

From: Howard Frank [howardfrank@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2009 9:13 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Scoping Comments

I would like to thank Mayor Van Dusen and the C.T.A. for listening to us, residents, and changing your position of the "locally preferred alternative" of heavy rail extension of the Yellow Line extension to BRT.

When I spoke at the meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 at Oakton Community Center, and stated that ridership was down on the Yellow Line, I was referring to an article by Jon Hilkevitch which appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, whereby he states that the "average ridership is 2,472, down 3.10% from 2002-2009."

Also, the mayor indicated that the Yellow Line had greater ridership than the Brown Line. The same article identifies that the Brown Line had ridership numbers that varied by station from 1,262 to 12,556.

Gail Frank

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YS#5

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:52 AM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension -- ALTERNATE PROPOSAL
Attachments: yellowlinextension.JPG

From: galeschool@gmail.com [galeschool@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Webmaster [Miles@Galeschool.com]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 5:11 PM
To: Yellow Extension
Cc: Darud Akbar
Subject: Yellow Line Extension -- ALTERNATE PROPOSAL

Greetings,

I am attaching an alternate proposal for the Yellow Line extension. I have not seen any similar proposals so I drew this myself.

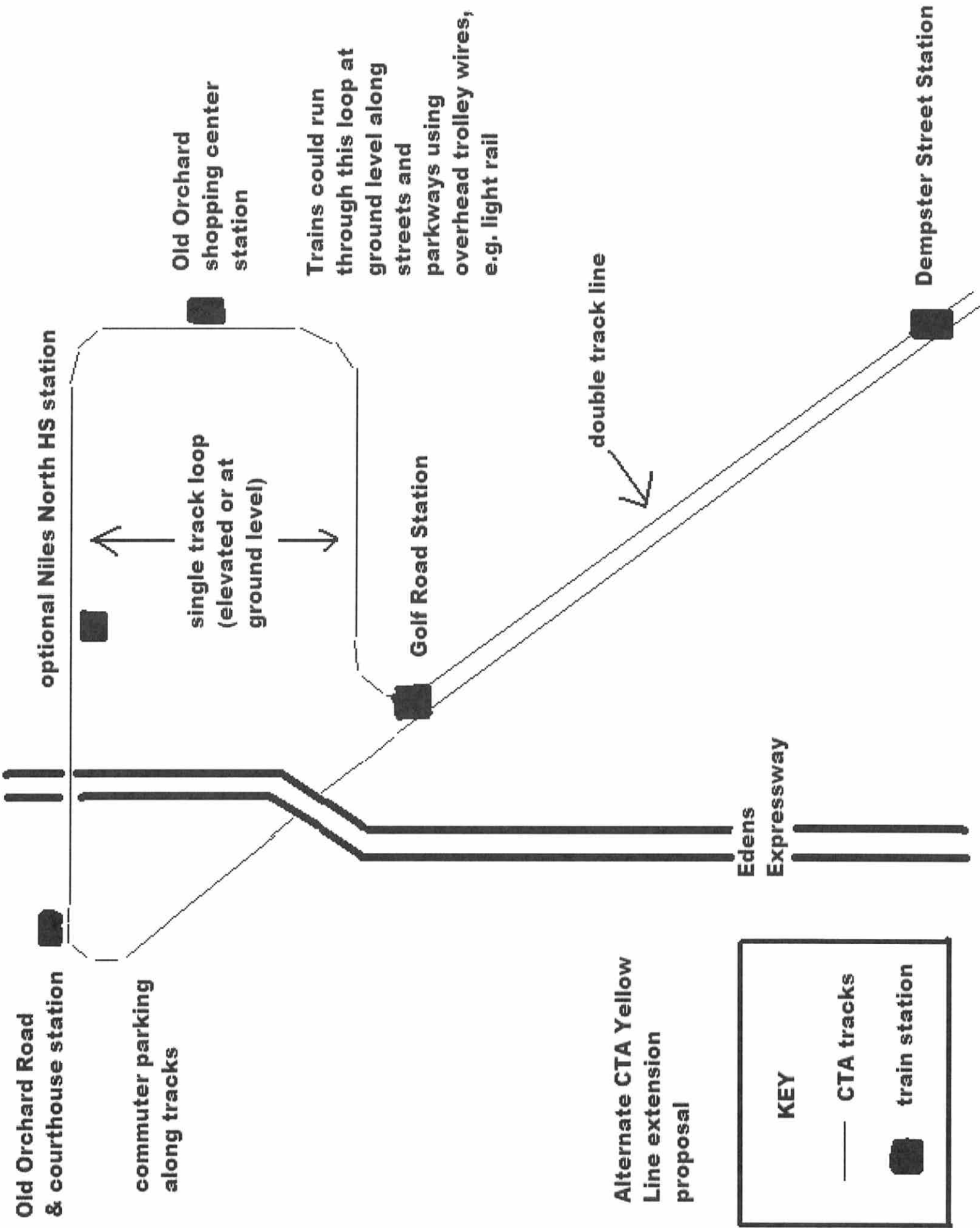
My proposal solves the problem of where to locate the end of the line. It avoids running trains over any part of the Niles North High School campus and it would serve several locations in the area such as Golf Road, the Old Orchard shopping center, and the Skokie courthouse.

The Yellow Line should be extended north from its present terminal at Dempster Street as a double track line to Golf Road, where it would become a large single-track loop. After stopping at an optional Golf Road station, northbound trains would turn east along Golf Road (either on a single-track elevated structure over the middle of the street or at street level like light rail trains under trolley wire) to the Old Orchard shopping center; then turn north and run through the shopping center's west parking area to a station serving the shopping center; then continue to Old Orchard Road and turn west, to another station west of the Edens Expressway serving the Skokie Courthouse; and finally turning back south and running along the existing railroad right of way back to Golf Road. SEE ATTACHED DRAWING

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Miles Beitler

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Alternate CTA Yellow Line extension proposal

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YS#6

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:46 AM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Comments about CTA Extension project
Attachments: Choo choo best.doc

From: Julie Naumiak [julie.naumiak@bairdwarner.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 10:04 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Cc: skokiereasonabletransit@yahoo.com
Subject: Comments about CTA Extension project

Please consider this our sincere statement of OBJECTION to the proposed extension plan of the CTA Yellow line.
Julie and Steve Naumiak
9415 LeClaire Avenue, Skokie IL 60077

Julie Naumiak, CRS, GRI
Broker Associate
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847-284-2417 mobile
312-592-7211 e-fax

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I have lived in the northwest quadrant of Skokie for 22 years. We have consistently maintained and improved our home, while enjoying a quiet neighborhood, convenient to quality schools, shopping and public transportation. My husband and I have raised two children in the school district, and we value their safety and those of all other students.

I remember the rumbling of the Union Pacific Railroad freight trains that used to pass through our neighborhood a few times each day. But like my neighbors, I was *greatly relieved* when those trains stopped running more than a decade ago *and*, when the tracks were pulled up.

The Skokie Swift extension that the CTA is proposing would be *much* worse than those freight trains. A commuter train that would run 16 hours every day, several times an hour, would be a constant, noisy intrusion in our quiet neighborhoods. It would also increase traffic in an already busy area, and pose *safety* risks to Niles North High School students, because the end of the line would be built in the school's *north* parking lot.

I am a proponent of public transportation, and I ride the Skokie Swift when traveling downtown. But I do *not* understand why the CTA is supporting the proposed extension when *other* options exist that cost *substantially* less and would *not have adverse* effects on student safety and our neighborhoods.

I have been a real estate broker in this area for 26 years. Location is a key factor in the value of any real estate. In my professional experience, it is already *difficult to sell* homes in northwest Skokie due to the proximity and perception of noise from the Edens Expressway, *and* the visual effect of the Commonwealth Edison power lines. It is one thing to move by choice into an area with a location objection. It is quite another for a location objection to be imposed on a neighborhood.

If the Yellow Line is extended as proposed, it will have a negative impact on the values of our homes, which have already declined in this economic downturn. The quiet we enjoy will be disrupted; the elevated tracks will be an eyesore, and traffic congestion on Golf Road and all around Old Orchard/Westfield shopping center will increase.

More than that, the extension will have negative impacts on homeowners beyond these adjacent neighborhoods. An elevated train station at Niles North, with the track cutting through the campus grounds, will adversely affect *the entire school district*, which comprises about two-thirds of Skokie. Home buyers with school-age children will avoid this district. *As a real estate professional, I would like to state clearly: This proposed extension will have a negative impact on the property values of every homeowner in the Niles North district.*

The CTA should adopt a plan for expanded use of buses. The commercial space on the south side of Dempster Street that is *adjacent to the current station* has stood empty for years and is *ideal* for a new and improved bus terminal. This would make wasteful expenditure for an elevated train extension unnecessary. Even if the extension *is* built as proposed, passengers at Old Orchard Road *would still need* to ride buses to reach the south end of the mall, the courthouse, the museum, and the hospital.

The CTA and other participating authorities *must* plan more carefully to arrive at a more logical and effective alternative.

Thank you.

Julie Naumiak

9415 LeClaire Avenue

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From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 9:47 AM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension

From: Darud Akbar
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Cc: Jeffrey Busby
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension

Darud I. Akbar
Government & Community Relations Officer
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From: Michael Newman [michael@mjnlawoffices.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2009 8:24 AM
To: Darud Akbar
Subject: Yellow Line Extension

Can you please explain why this extension is needed. I have read the Project Purpose and Need but require a more in depth analysis of exactly why \$300 million has to be spent. Who will benefit? Why is it so important that for the first time in the history of the US a transit rail station is going to be placed in a high school. This must be very important and yet I do not see much advantage. I really see no advantage to the Village of Skokie residents to this project that will take place and negatively impact Skokie and only Skokie. Apparently, the Mayor of Skokie is for this extension but I do not see why. Can you explain the benefits of this project to the residents of Skokie. I spent last night listening to every negative comment and never heard a positive statement from anyone, even the CTA.

There must be a very compelling reason for this project that is universally hated by the residents of Skokie. Traffic is horrible around the High School during the mornings and afternoons. The same time periods that commuters will be flooding into the same area to park in the same parking garage that will be shared by students and commuters. In addition to the traffic nightmare, security will be impossible. Old Orchard Shopping Center is already a crime magnet. Can you imagine what will take place in this parking garage? You will have to have 24/7 security.

I do not see the need for this project. No one is going to take a train to Old Orchard Shopping Center. The stores there are so expensive it is laughable to think someone is going to buy hundreds of dollars of goods and Old Orchard and then hop on the train. I can just imagine this person standing at the Howard El waiting for a train with Bloomingdale and Macey's bags at their feet. What a field day for the purse snatchers and other shit heads. Read the blotter. It is people from the city committing most of the shoplifting at Old Orchard judging by the addresses revealed in the newspaper. Certainly the CTA extension will help these folk. As for the Courthouse, there are already buses going there. In fact the extension would still require these people to take a bus from Niles North High School to the Courthouse.

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THERE ARE NO SIDEWALKS BETWEEN NILES NORTH AND THE COURTHOUSE. NO SIDEWALKS!

Please explain the benefits of this extension. I want to keep an open mind but I have not heard any argument in favor of this extension. No one has explained the benefits. Thank you for your attention.

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847-673-4007 fax

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YS#8

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:54 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension

From: Bernadine Stein [nieb815@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2009 4:12 PM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Yellow Line Extension

The following are my reasons for not wanting to see an extension of the Yellow Line trains to Old Orchard Road:

1. Extending the tracks across Dempster Street will disrupt traffic on a heavily travelled street.
2. The trains presently are heavily used during morning rush hour to take passengers into Chicago and in the evening rush hour to bring them back to Skokie. During the daytime hours, the trains are usually empty or sometimes with one or two passengers only. I live in Skokie and am stopped many times during the day on Oakton Street waiting for the trains to pass and have seen the empty or almost empty trains every time they pass. This does not seem like a good reason to spend many millions of dollars needlessly on extending the train to Old Orchard Road.
3. It has been suggested that an extension would be good for people to get to Old Orchard Shopping Center, the Courthouse and Skokie Hospital. However, it certainly makes more sense to have a commuter bus line go from the Skokie Swift Station of Dempster, making stops at Skokie Hospital for those to need to get there without the benefit of a car; also, to get to Old Orchard Shopping Center to shop and/or dine; to also get to the Courthouse. The bus route makes more sense, not only economically, but also making it easier for passengers to get easier access to the above listed places, and it would not mean expending millions of dollars needlessly, while causing numerous problems for those living in Skokie.
4. Home owners living where the line would extend would lose considerable value in their homes and probably not be able to sell them.
5. It would be a hassle to be tied up in traffic caused by an extension of the train, whereas a bus route would not cause a problem and be a greater benefit to those trying to get to the places listed in Reason No. 3 without having to walk a great deal. They could also catch that bus and go from one place in Skokie to another and then back to Dempster to get a train back to Chicago if that is their destination. That would be good for business and be a good way to increase the numbers of visitors to the Village.
6. In a time when money is indeed scarce and being wasted by many political schemes, it seems it is time to start **thinking** and doing something that is both logical and non-disruptive to those living in Skokie.

B. Stein
Skokie, Illinois

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From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:53 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Exension of the skokie swift

From: hopes16@aol.com [hopes16@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 8:58 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Cc: att12@aol.com
Subject: Exension of the skokie swift

I am against the proposed "locally preferred alternative extending the Yellow Line from Dempster Street to Old Orchard Road.

This extension would be near my home and I view it as a disturbance to our residential neighborhood. I am concerned that it would have a negative effect on property values in this area.

I am unable to attend the meeting on Wed. Sept 23 but would like to voice my opinion. Please keep me informed of any other meetings regarding this issue.

Thank you,

Hope Sheppard
Barry Sheppard
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Skokie, IL 6007

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YS#10

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:53 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: station length and track configuration

From: mark trubakoff [marktr50@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 9:06 PM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: station length and track configuration

Gentleman, I think you need to consider double track to Old Orchard as opposed to single. You are not talking about the old route to Westchester to 22-Manhein that died. The yellow is growing from the roots of the old North Shore. Also Station length needs to a minimum of 4 to 6 cars. If the line eventually gets oakton, dodge also. It will probably carry as much as the pink line. also with 4 or 6 cars you will have utility with snow or with cutbacks where 2 cars (30 minute lead time) might be over loaded, not to mention if 2016 ever figures in.

Mark Trubakoff

marktr50@sbcglobal.net

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TO whom it may concern:

I Richard Hewant a Rogers Park resident
wish it was the train that went to
Old Orchard

Thanks

Richard Hewant

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Chicago, IL 60626

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Yellow Line Extension
Connecting Dempster Station to Old Orchard Road

ATTEND A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2009
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Ogden Community Center
4701 Ogden Street, Skokie
Facility accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is proposing to make transportation improvements by extending the Yellow Line from Dempster Station to Old Orchard Road.

We want to hear from you!

Attend the public scoping meeting to learn more about the project and provide feedback on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project and the environmental and community impacts to be evaluated. The input will help define the environmental studies to be considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scheduled for public review in late 2010.

Submit a Comment by October 27, 2009

In addition to comments received at the meeting, written comments will be accepted until October 27, 2009. Comments may be submitted by mail or e-mail, with attention to:

Jeffrey Babby, General Manager, Strategic Planning, Chicago Transit Authority
PO Box 602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602
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Visit www.chicago.gov/YellowEIS
or call 312-681-7782

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Cheever, Kim

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:51 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension

From: Darud Akbar
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 12:02 PM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension

Darud I. Akbar
Government & Community Relations Officer
Chicago Transit Authority
567 W. Lake Street
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(312) 681-2708 Office
(312) 681-2796 Fax

From: Carrie Butera [carrie@buterasrule.com]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 12:00 PM
To: Darud Akbar
Subject: Yellow Line Extension

Please send me mailings pertaining to the Yellow Line Extension.

Carrie Butera
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Skokie, IL 60077

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YS#13

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:51 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Opposed to Yellow Line Extension

From: Carrie Butera [carrie@buterasrule.com]
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2009 11:58 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Opposed to Yellow Line Extension

Jeffrey Busby,

I am strongly opposed to plan to extend the Yellow Line to Old Orchard Road. If this goes into effect, my home will be centered between the Edens expressway and the Yellow Line tracks by 1 1/2 blocks on each side. It is already noisy enough in my neighborhood without the addition of new railroad tracks. Property values have already gone down in our Skokie, and I'm afraid this will continue to further decrease home values, particularly in my area because of the noise. (Between Gross Point Road, Edens Expy, Dempster and Church.)

Another concern is that Jane Stenson school, located at Laramie and Church is in close proximity to the proposed extension and will cause unnecessary dangers for children walking to and from that school. I'd prefer to see an increase in bus service from the Dempster Station to Old Orchard Road, rather than create more noise and dangerous railroad crossings.

Please consider the negative affect this will have on the residents of this neighborhood!!

Carrie Butera
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847-583-8144

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Cheever, Kim

From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:51 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Opposition to Yellow Line Expansion

From: John Frendreis [jfreindr@luc.edu]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2009 10:49 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Opposition to Yellow Line Expansion

I am very concerned that the CTA is moving forward with the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Yellow Line extension to Old Orchard. I think that terminating this line in the Niles North High School parking lot raises extreme safety concerns for the children of this community. In addition, this will create noise and congestion that degrade the learning and recreational environments of this high school. It would be vastly preferable to pursue the alternative of enhanced bus service.

John Frendreis
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Skokie, IL 60076

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From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:50 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Extension Comment

From: b lee [b1_lee@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2009 9:33 AM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Yellow Line Extension Comment

Jeffery,

CTA should not extent Yellow Line as this does not make use of money. We already have #97 bus from Dempster to Old Orchard. It is too costly, have too much disruption to the neighborhood and bring no true benefit.

Thanks

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From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:45 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Extension

From: Daniel Pogorzelski [typeopogo@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2009 12:39 PM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Extension

Thank Heavens for expanding the Yellow Line! Now if you could only build more stations along it!

Dan

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From: Yellow Extension [YellowExtension@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2009 4:45 PM
To: Peters, Melissa
Cc: Kornblatt, Helene B.
Subject: FW: Yellow line extension in Skokie

From: Pjeb@comcast.net [Pjeb@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2009 3:19 PM
To: Yellow Extension
Subject: Yellow line extension in Skokie

I live in a large condominium (Old Orchard Woods Condominium) which includes three towers which are connected. Their addresses are 9655, 9715 & 9725 Woods Dr, Skokie, IL. There are a total of 665 Units among the 3 towers. I live at 9715 Woods Dr in unit 1310. My zip code is 60077-4446. Both I and my wife Judy are very much in favor of the last plan. That is the one that has the train staying east of Edens and ending in the Niles North highschool parking lot. We are of course, very close to where the train would go and to the Niles North highschool parking lot. Those that we have talked to in our condo, agree with us. We may not be at the Sept 23 meeting. We will probably have to be in Iowa then. We hope that a few protestors are not allowed to alter this plan. Thanks. Pat Ebenhoeh

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Connecting Dempster Station to Old Orchard Road



Date: September 23, 2009

Scoping Meeting Speaker Card

Complete this card if you wish to speak this evening. Your input is a vital component of this phase of the project. Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Thank you for your interest in the Yellow Line Expansion project.

Name: MARY NEUHALS

Organization: Miles North Parent Title: _____

Address: 9819 Keele

City: Skokie State: IL Zip: 60076

DR.
MS. GATTA

IF DISTRICT 219 IS IN FINANCIAL
NEED, PERHAPS WE COULD PUT A
CASINO IN THE PARKING LOT OF OUR SCHOOL

WE CAN DO THAT

FREE COFFEE?



Yellow Line Extension

Connecting Dempster Station to Old Orchard Road



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The purpose of the scoping process is to identify public and agency concerns early in the environmental process, define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and facilitate an efficient EIS preparation process. Please PRINT.

Name: MARCO F. GARZA

Organization: HOMEOWNER Title: _____

Address: 5133 SUFFIELD TERR

City: SKOKIE State: ILL Zip: 60077

Phone: 773-255-7086 E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

WE DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM SO DON'T CREATE ONE

WHO IS GOING TO BENEFIT FROM THIS (THE MALL) NOT THE HOMEOWNERS

IF IS NOT BROKEN DON'T FIX IT PEOPLE THAT WANT TO GO TO THE MALL WILL FIND WAYS TO GET THERE (THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING AT THE MALL

Scoping comments may be submitted via mail, e-mail, fax or the project website with attention to: Jeffrey Busby, General Manager, Strategic Planning, Chicago Transit Authority, P.O. Box 7602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602. **Fax:** (312)681-4297, **Email:** YellowExtension@transitchicago.com, **Website:** www.transitchicago.com/YellowEIS, **Customer Information:** 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282), **Hearing & Speech Impaired:** 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-6891), **Transit Information:** 836-7000 from any local area code **RTA TTY:** 312-836-4949

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

People that move in Skokie, are not
concern about transportation on they
would stay in the city -

We come to the suburbs such as
Skokie for some quite time, less
traffic, congestion and traffic,
not bringing a lot of strays here

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I believe the proposed CTA extension represents the least efficient means for achieving the target objective. The capital expenditure is exorbitant, and not justified in relation to potential benefit. Bringing an elevated train through our residential neighborhood will negatively impact the aesthetics of the area, introduce constant noise ~~and~~ into the neighborhood, ^{negatively} impacting the Jane Stenson & the Niles North student population. The proposed depot on the Niles North parking lot compromises the security of the building, students and staff by bringing a potentially detrimental urban element right to the doors of our high school. An additional bus route to bring Skokie Swift riders up to the mall, Courthouse & other locations is a reasonable & economically ^{rational}

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

Alternatives: Run line to Old Orchard west of I94.

Purpose: Extend line to shopping, school, court & restaurants.

Need: Improve ~~Decrease~~ traffic & travel times & sales & leisure.

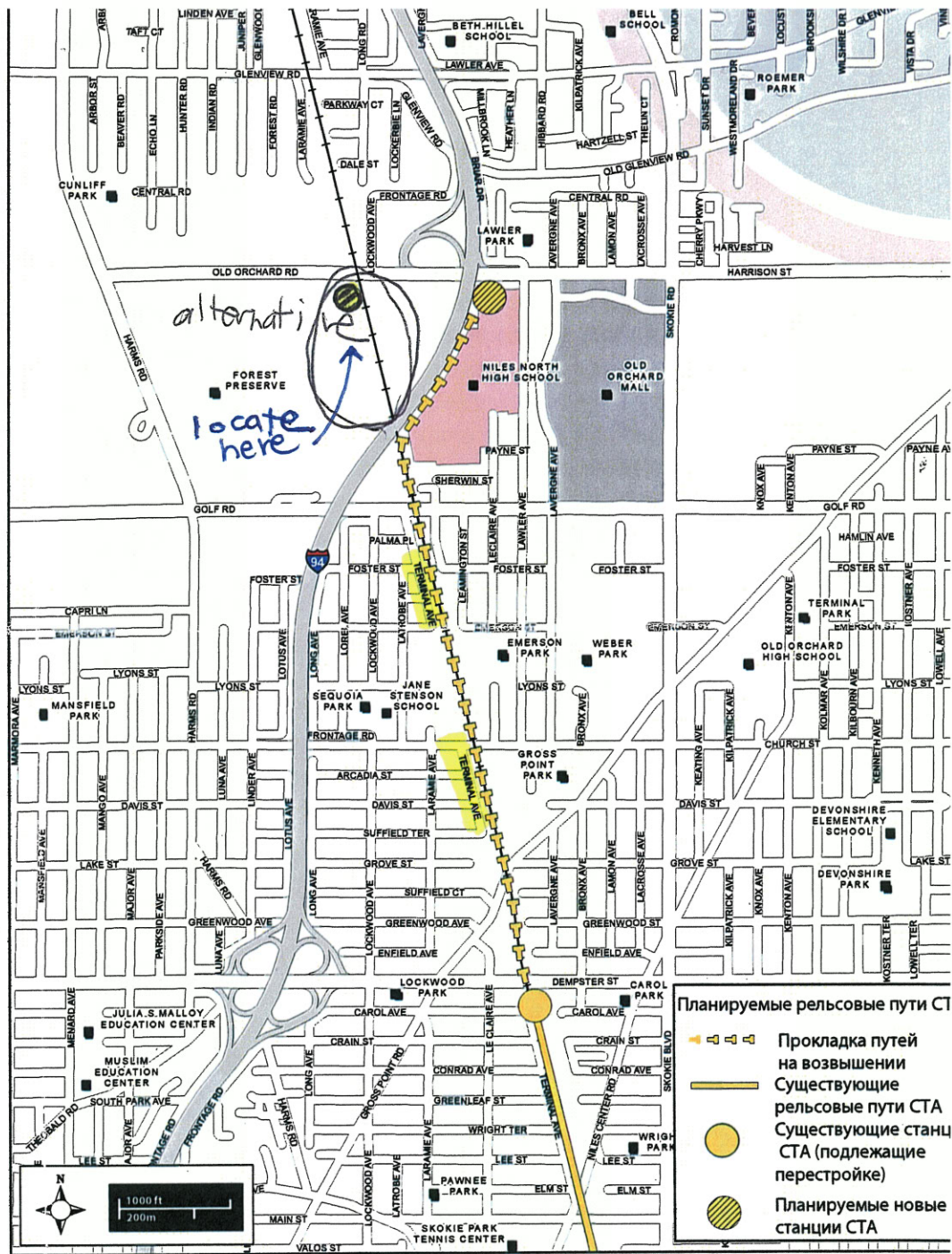
Evaluation: East of I94 more favorable than west of I94.

Impacts: East of I94 is more financially lucrative than alternative.

Mitigation: West of I94 will better serve court & school.

Despite the "nimbys", this is a favorable project that is supported by most Skokie residents. It would improve the quality of life and tax base to its village. Property values have improved at Dempster and ~~they~~ ^{it} would add to its surrounding community. There is plenty of parking on Old Orchard Road to accommodate a station. It would add value to a lesser extent on the west side.

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Max
Shapey
1007 DOBSON STREET
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS 60202

23 September 2009

Jeffrey Busby, *General Manager, Strategic Planning*
Chicago Transit Authority
P.O. Box 7602
Chicago, IL 60680-7602

Dear Mr. Busby,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the additional stations proposed for the Yellow Line in Evanston.

I live in the Oakton Federal Historic District, and two of the proposed stops—Ridge and Asbury—are within the boundaries of that historic district. I believe that putting a stop at either of these locations would have a detrimental effect on the district, and that there are serious financial objections to any continued exploration of this construction work because of the federal regulations around the protection of historic landmarks.

If my understanding of Section 106 is correct, there are significant problems in this project:

"36 CFR PART 800 -- PROTECTION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES (incorporating amendments effective August 5, 2004)

§ 800.5 Assessment of adverse effects.

(v) Introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features;"

It would be terrible if money continues to be spent on a project that would ultimately be blocked because of these regulations; I feel strongly that any continued use of federal or local moneys on this project are not in the best interests of the neighborhood, the City of Evanston, or the state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Max K. Shapey

MONEY AWAY ON AN "EXTENSION" IS INSTEAD BENEFITTING A FEW
PROBLE + BUSINESS ONLY! TO SAY IT'S FUNDED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS "BS" IT ALL OF US TAXPAYERS PAYING FOR IT

FACTORS (\$) ALREADY WITH THE PUBLIC
ARE ONLY A CHANGE WITH THE CAN =
NO

09-02-2009

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JEFF BUSBY, GENERAL MGR., C.T.A.

MR. WALTER GRUENES
5055 MADISON ST., UNIT 212
SKOKIE, IL 60077

RE: SNOOKLE SWIFT (YELLOW) LINE.

EXTENDING IT WOULD PERPETUATE THE PROBLEM
PRESENTLY EXISTING AT THE THREE (3) SNOOKLE
DOWNTOWN CROSSINGS. DURING NON-RUSH HOUR
THE SB + NB TRAINS OFTEN "MEET" (PASS) AT
THE APPROX. SAME (DUE TO FREQUENT TRAIN-
SCHEDULE "MORE" IS NOT ALWAYS "GOOD" SINCE THE
2 CARS HAVE USUALLY LESS THAN 10 PASSENGERS; TOTAL
AFTER THE SB TRAIN PASSES AND THE GATES
ARE ABOUT TO GO "UP" A NB TRAIN APPROACHES
CAUSING THE GATES TO "CLOSE" (AGAIN) WHILE
NUMEROUS MOTOR VEHICLE ARE "IDLING" ON
BOTH SIDES OF THE CTA TRACKS, SO MUCH
FOR "EFFICIENCY"! - WITH THE "DOWNTOWN"
(PROPOSED) CTA TRAIN STATION (SNOOKLE BLD. BETW-
WEEN DANTON + SEARLE PKWY. THIS SITUATION IS
LIKELY TO GET WORSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF A
FEW RIDERS ONLY, SINCE NO CAR PARKING IS
AVAILABLE. "DOW ORCHARD" IS ALREADY SERVED
BY THE "210" BUS, CONNECTING TO THE "97",
WHICH ALMOST DUPLICATES THE CTA TRAIN RTE
& TOOK THE "97" BUS FROM SNOOKLE TO THE
HOWARD ST. "L" STATION FOR 6 1/2 YEARS! AND I
"SURVIVED"! - AFTER SPENDING 15 MILLION \$'
ON THE NEW TRAIN STATION, THROWING MORE

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CURRENTLY THE 97 BUSES
FROM DEMPSTER SKOKIE SWIFT
TO OLD ORCHARD
HAS VERY FEW
RIDERS. PEOPLE WHO
SHOP AT OLD ORCHARD
DO NOT COME FROM
CHICAGO.

THANK YOU

(FEWER PEOPLE ARE SHOPPING AT
OLD ORCHARD BECAUSE SAM ZEL
MADE IT JUNKY.)

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

In my opinion there is no need for any extension period to old orchard. This represents a complete waste of TAX dollars. The CTA could put on extra bus or 2, but the buses now are usually half empty. There must be an ulterior motive to this whole project. Kickbacks to Westfield Mall or members of the board of the Village. By extending the line you invite all kinds of undesirable people coming into the area. Drug Dealers in particular looking to sell to Niles North Students also child predators would have easy access to our children

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

It is unfair to make an extension when 95%
Skokie residents will oppose it! Unfair!!
It endangers our high school students thru
traffic congestion and predatory adult male
It ~~benefits~~ will depress the houses values
incredibly!
Adults should not be on school property who
don't belong to the school!
Police support will be so costly to
supervise the train station.
400 million dollars will be wasted.
* Buses are perfectly great alternative.
~~It is not a good idea to build a station here!~~
Do we need more crime?

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Name: Andrey Levin

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

① The alternative which has the CTA stop in the NN parking lot poses serious security + safety risks. Anyone will be able to access NN, including gangs, and criminals, gunmen, etc - Nothing can offset this risk!!

② The ~~Swift~~ extension will contribute to the downward trajectory that NN + Skokie are on

③ What is the need for additional transportation to Old Orchard? How many buses ^{already} serve the mall?

④ Parking structure will be unsafe for students. Anyone can hide in the structure. To maintain security a more open area would be preferred.

⑤ The proposal will lower property value

⑥ I prefer the bus!

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Name: LORI PROSNITZ

Organization: _____ Title: _____

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City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60076

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THE CTA EXTENSION IS A GOOD IDEA. I HAVE NOT SEEN FACTS ABOUT THE NEED OR PROJECTED USAGE. WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT THE LOCATION OF THE RAIL STATION IN THE SCHOOL PARKING LOT IS AN INSULT TO THE RESIDENTS BECAUSE IT DISREGARDS ^{the} NEED FOR STUDENT SAFETY, CREATES NOISE, CAUS VIBRATION & DISTRACTION TO STUDENTS. IT ALSO WOULD CAUSE ADDITIONAL CONGESTION TO AN ALREADY CONGESTED AREA.

UNLESS THE TRAIN IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO OTHER SUBURBS FARTHER NORTH, I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY A BUS WOULD NOT BE A BETTER CHOICE.

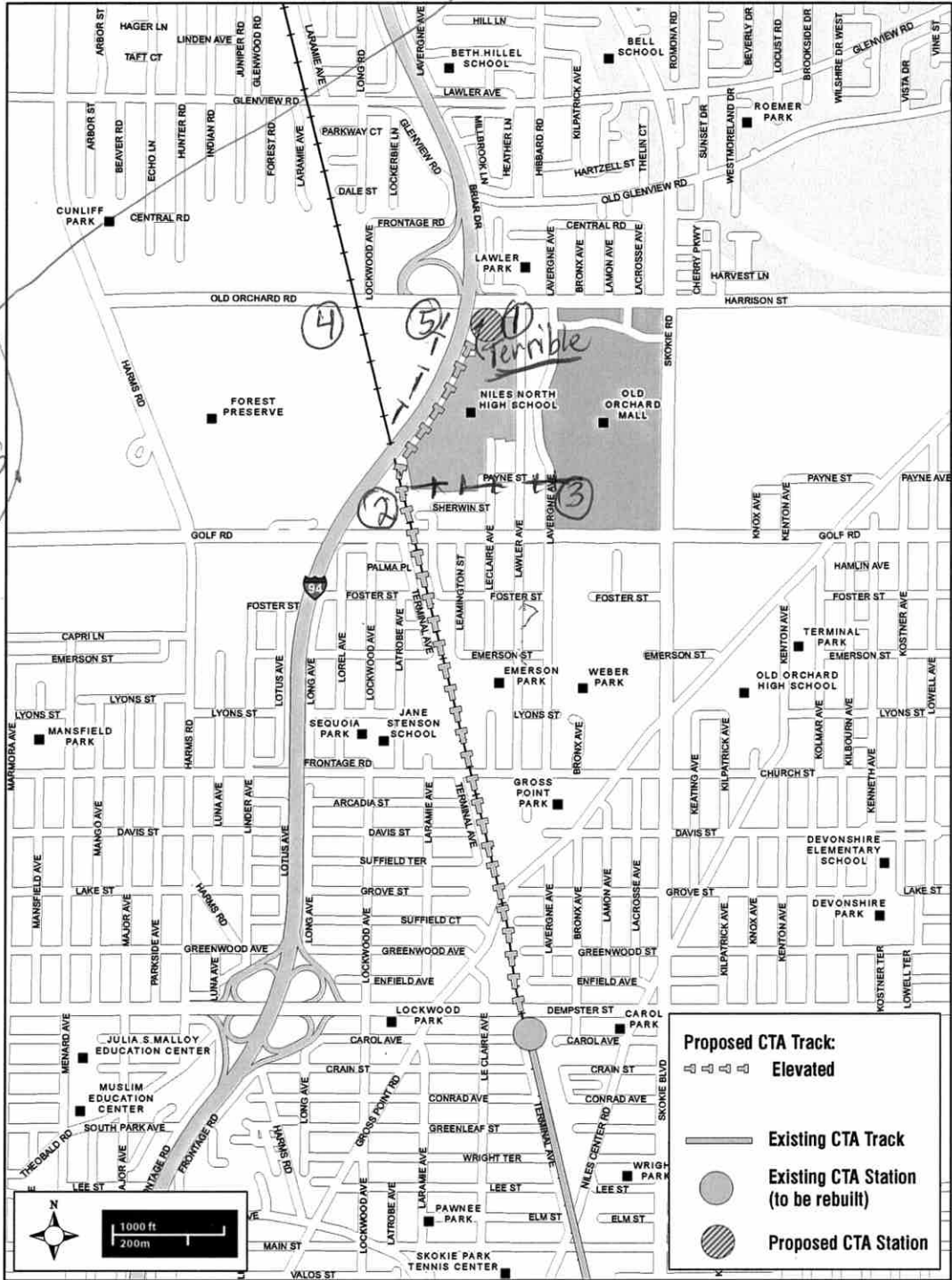
① Worst Option Because of Resulting Security Issues, Added Congestion & Noise & Vibration (in classrooms ~~at~~ Niles North)
 A multi-story parking garage increases security risk to students.

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Locations ②-⑤ are better choices

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If a train is needed, ②-⑤ are better locations



LORI PROSNITZ

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

Our community is known for its excellent schools - placing a bus depot and train station in the parking lot of a high school is absurd and places our students safety in jeopardy not to mention jeopardizes a good part of the ^{villages} ~~towns~~ home values. This village should have been supporting ^{+ protecting} its students and it is shameful to infringe on the limited space these students have already. Parents + students can hardly navigate on school grounds during a popular football game let alone making the grounds an end point for trains and buses. Picking up students after sports/fine arts practices/rehearsals is a logistic challenge already - there just isn't room! ^{This area is way too busy already,} ~~over~~ ^{a more spacious end point needs exploration}

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Name: Sophia Theodoropoulos

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Phone: 847-675-3537 E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I think the line could be extended to Old Orchard Road, however, one must not put the Niles North Students/Staff at risk. It is not safe to have the line end near or at the Niles North High School, because any individual could then just simply take a few feet/yr and enter the high school unlawfully. There are guards by the ~~major~~ major entrance/exits, but someone could enter and harm students. This entire scenario does not make sense for our district. 1st we are a suburb and not part of the inner city traffic, ~~which was~~ 2nd We are selling our ~~so~~ children's safety for dollars, and finally, all of ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~me~~ "psychotic" type person and we can then escalate into an unsafe environment for our students. Please reconsider and don't extend the line to Old Orchard.

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Incompatible to have a HD w/ a train station

- 1.) Safety + Security ~~increase congestion~~ **congestion**
- 2.) How can students feel safe going through parking lot -

- Attracts homeless people + transients
- Parking structures are unsafe (on school grounds)

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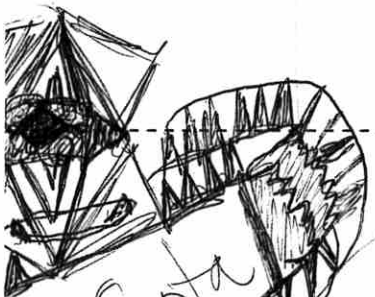


Deadline to submit comments:
October 27, 2009

- students w/ special needs (noise issue) ^{agitation}
- Noise for our students in the building
 - ✓ How are they concentrate
 - ✓ Residents in the area (quality of life)
- Brings an element of crime

Tape Ends Before Mailing

FOLD HERE


 Mrs. Gupta
 + top affected the school board
 + our government officials
 Niles North is our school
 we love it we support
 it w/ our tax dollars
 + children

had problems of our own at the last football game, don't need to add additional ones.

Jeffrey Busby, General Manager
 Strategic Planning
 Chicago Transit Authority
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- Parking headaches - students, teachers
 coaches, visitors
 - lack of space

Our village is dying - it's inevitable - but this isn't in our students best interest.

Is progress really progress, we are at a crossroads let's decide in behalf of our children.

PLEASE PLACE STAMP HERE

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

Although it is understandable that we would want improved transportation, building a station right next to a public school is not an acceptable proposal for several reasons

- ① Extreme congestion & traffic - already the area around the Niles North North parking lot gets quite congested. ^{Parking garages are also unsafe for children}
- ② Noise pollution surrounding an educational institution
- ③ Safety - train & bus stations are more open to crime due to the high traffic. Why would one want a school area exposed to such an environment.

I just cannot comprehend how public officials could think of placing a train station and parking garage in the backyard of a public school? Safety of our future is topmost priority.

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Name: Mariano Santos - 5154 Weber Ln. 60071 ^{Resident of}

Organization: Pinoy NewsMag Title: Editor

Address: 5323 Wright Terrace

City: Skokie State: IL Zip: 60077

Phone: HL E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

This planned project doesn't have the support of the residents of Skokie.

The benefits are minimal.

The social cost is enormous.

The cost is staggering for a very limited improvement and the maintenance & protection is draining to public resources.

Common sense dictates that this extension of the yellow line should be terminated immediately.

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BUS ROUTES ARE EASILY MODIFIED
WITH MINOR EXPENSE

THE EXISTING SKOKIE LINE SHUTS
DOWN WITH EVEN MODEST SNOW/

FREEDING RAIN

ENDING AT A SCHOOL PUTS CHILDREN
IN JEOPARDY

LET'S BUILD UP DOWNTOWN SKOKIE
AROUND THE NEW OAKTON STOP

CRIME WILL INCREASE WITH EASIER
ACCESS & ESCAPE ROUTE

"DAILY PREFALLO" IS A MISNOMER

IT IS PREFALLO BY SEVERAL

POLITICIANS, NOT RESIDENTS

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I have several concerns

a) I have recently moved from the city near the 'E1' and I know how much noise it causes. I am having a family and moved here for the safety and reduced noise. I do not want any extra noise. How is this going to be mitigated?

b) I moved to the suburbs for the safety and I'm concerned about increased safety hazards - more people near schools, near quiet neighborhoods, etc.

c) I would support better bus alternatives between Old Orchard & Skokie Swift Dempster



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Name: David Cook

Organization: _____ Title: _____

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City: Skokie State: IL Zip: 60076-3572

Phone: 847-679-6535 E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

Would prefer An Alternative Route via the OLD UP Right of way to the Courthouse. This would also allow for double track as it was there previously (until 1963) and if possible, extension further North along the old right of way.

My suggestion is to Avoid Niles North High School as too many problems could ~~arise~~ arise.

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City: Skokie State: IL Zip: 60077

Phone: _____ E-mail: silvia.lam92@hotmail.com

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I strongly oppose the yellow line extension due to the following =

1) increase the insecurity of the school area

2) Create unnecessary noise around the residential area.

3) Increase the traffic of school area which also increase the crime

4) decrease the value of the real estate in the area.

5) Increase the budget of the city, which will eventually increase the property tax to cope with the increased budget.

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Name: Fra L. Brown

Organization: DT Title: _____

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City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60076

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I am a parent of one current and one future Niles North HS students.

We see the proposed expansion as detrimental to the social and educational environment at NNHS.

The noise, traffic and probable loss of amenities such as the athletic practice field, tennis courts and parking will affect students and their families in a detrimental manner. There is also a safety issue from the congestion and possible shuttle bus to the courthouses in the HS backyard.

Why not run new track on the west side of the Edens Expressway. If ~~it~~ the yellow line needs expansion and put the depot on Old Orchard west of the highway. Shuttle buses can always be used to take users to the mall if needed. The constituency of the expansion is a question mark, the constituency of the HS is real.

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Name: Juliette DeLanno

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Phone: (847) 581-8536 E-mail: jdelanno@bgeHd.com

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I live in Glenview just past the area that will be impacted by this project. Even though the train would come closer to my house if it continued to follow the tracks, I think it would be preferable to have the terminal on the court house side of the Edens so that Niles North would not be impacted. I agree that public transportation and young teens do not mix well, particularly when the court house is one of the destinations involved. Also, I think that it is not necessary to elevate the train if it is on existing tracks. Has anyone considered how close the train would be to the existing high tension power lines?

It seems that would be dangerous, too. I am for public transportation & think there should be more.

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Name: NADINE NEWMAN

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: 8909 KILPARRICK

City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60076

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

"NO BUILD" on "TSM" IS MY NOTE.

DO NOT PUT A RAIL STATION AND
COMMUTER PARKING GARAGE IN OUR SCHOOL
PARKING LOT.

NO ONE IS GOING TO OLD ORCHARD (AT WHOSE
\$) ON A TRAIN.

THOSE GOING TO THE COURTHOUSE CAN
TAKE THE BUS AND GET DROPPED OFF AT
THE COURTHOUSE

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Name: MICHAEL NEWMAN

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: 8909 KILPATRICK

City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60076

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I would favor the "NO BUILD" or "TSM" ALTERNATIVE.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A RAIL STATION & COMMUTER PARKING LOT BE BUILT IN A SCHOOL PARKING LOT! TO ME THIS WOULD CAUSE A CRIME & TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE

LESS IS MORE - WHY BUILD AN ELEVATED TRAIN WHEN BUSES CAN DO THE JOB. HOW ABOUT ALTERNATIVE FUELS VEHICLES OR SUCH?

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Name: KEVIN SCHNEIDER

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

IN EVANSTON IS THERE GOING TO BE A TRAIN
STATION FOR THE SKOKIE SWIFT AT EITHER
DODGE ASBURY OR RIDGE

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Name: Anna Katz

Organization: _____ Title: _____

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

Absolutely no CTA at Niles North H.S.!

Instead continue CTA over Idens and terminating at Old Orchard Rd.

There is a lot of land and a huge parking lot + if you want more land condemn the 1 story office building just east of RR tracks and you can have a lovely station. Bus Turn around and if you want to extend the CTA to Northfield you can using this option

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Organization: SELF Title: Dr.

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I support both the NO BUILD ALTERNATIVE and certainly TSM Alternative.

There are several reasons for not extending the line to OLD ORCHARD (1) It will slow down road traffic due to addn. railway crossing. (2) More railway crossings will add to potential accidents due to tracks (3) It will add to noise pollution (4) Potential for attracting law and order problems. (5) Loss in property values

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Name: FRED ZIMMERMAN

Organization: RESIDENT Title: _____

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City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60076

Phone: 847-329-7863 E-mail: zimdoodle@yahoo.com

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I am in favor of the ext. but it should extend
at least to Edens plaza or Lake Ave.

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Name: H. AMELI, M.D.

Organization: Home owner Title: M.D

Address: 9641 LARAMIE AVE

City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60077

Phone: (847) 674-8738 E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

*I object the plan: More noise pollution, increase
over, unsafe for kids. devaluating properties*

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Name: DR. ALEXANDRA PATERA

Organization: Resident, Taxpayer, Parent Title: _____

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City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60077

Phone: _____ E-mail: Sachapatera@gmail.com

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I AM VEHEMENTLY AGAINST PLACING A PUBLIC
TRANSIT TERMINAL THAT WILL BRING A POPULATION
HEADED TO THE COURTHOUSE IN PROXIMITY OF
UNDER-AGED HIGH SCHOOLERS - LET ALONE
ON HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY -

I ONLY SUPPORT THE TSK
alternative. WHERE NO TRAIN
TERMINAL @ HIGH SCHOOL!

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Name: Tsai-Fen Lin

Organization: Niles North High School Title: parent

Address: _____

City: Skokie State: IL Zip: 60076

Phone: 847-674-0348 E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

1. Safety is my main concern

I rode on cta once ~~to~~ ^{from} downtown to Skokie.

I felt very uneasy when people on the train left and there were only 1 person on the train and looked at me all the way. I never rode on CTA again. Now, you extend the line to the school's property! Anyone can come to school's property.

Students usually wait outside and chat. ~~for~~

As a parent, I am very worried about their safety.

2. Parking lot is not big enough. My older child had problem to find a place to park if he did not go to school early.

3. If people want to shop at Old Orchard, they should drive a car. Parking is not a problem at the Old Orchard. ~~How many things they can carry if they do not drive?~~

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

The final stop of the extension should probably be Golf Street. Residents and parents do not want it to end at Niles North HS.
As a resident and homeowner I am excited to have an alternative to driving to get to Old Orchard. Plus a Bike path!!

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Name: Dawn Brent

Organization: _____ Title: _____

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Phone: _____ E-mail: dawnbrent@comcast.net

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I have grave concerns of the impact of the locally preferred Alternative - specifically the extension from Dempster St. to Old Orchard. With children at Niles North, I do not want the school grounds and students to be disrupted due to construction of the LPA extension. Niles North grounds aren't adequate as is and adding a CTA line to the grounds will take away from the limited space that exists today, not to mention the noise level that would be disruptive to students. More importantly, I have very grave concerns about putting a public transportation station and parking facility on the premise of a school. The safety of our children is far more important than extending the Yellow Line north. Existing transportation can fulfill the needs that the LPA claims to address. I would support both a No Build and a TSM alternative.

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Name: CHET HOCHARDEN

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: 5217 POSTER ST.

City: SKOKIE State: IL Zip: 60077

Phone: 847-581-9143 E-mail: _____

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16 - Extend the yellow line would create congestion to the area around

- would change the neighborhood environment

- will invite more crime to Skokie

- Education (Nilu North H.S.) would be affected to students and faculty

- The extend will serve the shopping center rather than the community

yes - we want nice & quiet community + neighborhood.

NO yellow line extension

Thank for your attention

Chet Hocharden



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Name: Mrs. MAHSHID AMELI

Organization: Home Owner Title: _____

Address: 9641 Laramie Lane

City: Skokie State: IL Zip: 60077

Phone: 847 674-8735 E-mail: _____

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on October 27, 2009.

I don't believe extension is necessary at all.

It will cost a lot. You can provide free buses to old Orchard, if that is the reason! This will have a bad effect on my property and so many others who live alongside of the tracks. Will result in noise pollution for us and devalue my property.

It will transport criminals to the neighborhood and Community. Very bad for the school. This is a pointless Project. Use your money (our taxes) for something more useful and important for the people of Skokie - like investing in schools and education and jobs!