



SUPER NEIGHBORHOOD 64 & 88

GREATER EASTWOOD, LAWNDAL, & WAYSIDE

Comments to City Council, January 27, 2022, at 10am at Joint Transportation, Technology, and Infrastructure, Quality of Life, and Regulatory and Neighborhood Affairs Committee meeting on Railroad Operations

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We appreciate your having this meeting today.

We are glad that council is addressing this issue. For so many years, when we raised concerns about railroad impacts on the East End, we were told there was nothing the City could do. We are glad to hear that the City has been working on this issue and is holding this meeting to find solutions to these problems. We appreciate the passion and involvement of Jack Hanagriff and his presentation today.

As you have heard today, current railroad operations are a safety issue for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles.

There is a quality-of-life issue because of the horns, noise, and impacts to productivity for those traveling to work or schools.

Further, we appreciate the statistics from HPD today on how emergency services and response times are impacted by railroads. It is a health and issue of life and death at times.

We are told that unless there is an emergency, there should not be a blocked crossing for more than 10 minutes. That is not the reality we experience on the East End.

We want solutions from local government, the federal government, and the railroads on how to fix these problems. What has worked? What is working? What is possible? What technological solutions can be found?

Today's presentations demonstrate the need in our SN for these solutions. Three of the studied rail crossings in the City's recent pilot program are in our SN area: 5200 Lawndale, 7200 Lawndale, and 700 S. Lockwood. Three of the problem intersections listed in the presentations at Lockwood, Lawndale and Dumble are in our SN.

We are available for follow up on specific ongoing issues or to have a dialogue about solutions. We would also invite Mr. Hangariff to present at our next Super Neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:30pm (virtually).

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