

Email 10/4/13

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From: skerryvorek@comcast.net [<mailto:skerryvorek@comcast.net>]

Sent: Friday, October 04, 2013 2:08 PM

To: Steve Strains

Cc: Pat Mussman

Subject: Illiana Toll road

After reading many reports and letters back and forth between organizations with vested interest in this being built, I think I have some other considerations which should be addressed. I believe that Lowell will become a "ghost town" if this project goes forward. Look what happened to the towns on fabled Rte 66. Taking away valuable farmland does not bring any advantage to the area. So far no-one has discovered how to make concrete or asphalt edible. Environmentally, how does this impact the Grand Kankakee Marsh ("the Everglades of the North" So far the planned route is approximately 1 mile south of Lake Dalecarlia where we have a bird sanctuary, nesting bald eagles, egrets, herons, and nature trail. The noise and emissions pollution from the "6,000" trucks daily will totally ruin this area also. It seems to be a popular pastime for the folks in Indianapolis to dump on NW Indiana instead of coming up with workable solutions to the problems. Rail transportation, widening Rt 10 which would cause a minimum of upheaval, should be looked at more closely.

Sincerely

Kathleen Berwick

(44 year resident of Lake Dalecarlia)

Comment Line Phone Comment 10/14/2013 Jerry Hartmeier

I wonder what Indiana feels about putting in a road to the proposed Peotone Airport which would have an ill effect on the Gary Airport project itself and deter all the industry and jobs from Indiana to Illinois. I doesn't make any sense why Indiana would support this kind of behavior.

Comment Line Phone Comments 10/18/2013

Jerry Hartmeier. I am against the Illiana 219-796-3886

(Caller unknown) I am against the Illiana. I moved away from congestion, now I'm facing another expressway. Exhaust fumes, crime, degradation of the area.

Louise Koruwoski ^(sp), 3823 Glenwood, Portage 942-4098,
NIRPC should vote against the Illiana. It will only benefit those living in south county, Illinois and provide access to the Peotone. It will create urban sprawl.

Email 10/19/13

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From: skerryvorek@comcast.net [<mailto:skerryvorek@comcast.net>]

Sent: Saturday, October 19, 2013 9:15 AM

To: Steve Strains

Subject: Illiana

I have some more thoughts on this ill-advised project.

1. First of all, why should a group in Chicago have any say in what happens in south Lake County, Indiana?
2. Why not fix the roads which are already in place; help finish the Gary airport.
3. I assume that the people who dreamed up this project have college degrees, but obviously not in common sense
4. Lowell will become a ghost town having been virtually axed from the rest of Lake County. Remember what happened to the towns on the fabled Rte. 66?
5. The noise and Emissions pollution will impact the areas to the north, as the prevailing winds are from the southwest. Lake Dalecarlia was trashed by the Times Newspaper 30+ years ago, calling it a cancer cluster. This was never proved by the CDC, but people still remember. I guess with the emissions, it will become a fact!
6. Let's look ahead 50/60 years when there aren't enough farms to sustain the population. It isn't a pretty picture - famine, starvation, civil unrest, etc.

A very concerned citizen,
Kathleen Berwick

Comment Line Phone Comment 10/21/2013 Shirley Newlam ^(sp)
No No No to the Illiana!

Comment Line Phone Comment 10/23/2013 Aurelia Shrader, Chesterton
I urge the Commission to vote no for the Illiana. Consider the seriousness of the damage that the Illiana would do for Indiana.

Comment Line Phone Comments received 10/28/2013

Hazel Thomas, Hobart

Do not promote the Illiana. Gary Airport is really needed. Do not promote Peotone.

(Anonymous) The funds would best be used in northwest Indiana, not on the Illiana.

Debbie Serrano^(sp), Portage
No to the Illiana.