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Statement Regarding the Proposed O'Hare Flyer
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The Village is aware of the proposed O'Hare Flyer, whose route would pass through Franklin Park. If completed, the service would send trains through town approximately every eight minutes.

The privately led proposal would use existing right of way for CSX, Union Pacific, and Canadian National tracks for battery-powered trains traveling in both directions between downtown Chicago and O'Hare International Airport. The trip would take 15 minutes, with trains departing every 15 minutes from 4 AM to 10 PM. The train would not stop in Franklin Park.

The Village has significant questions and concerns, particularly about pedestrian and vehicle safety at the Fullerton, Chestnut, and Belmont rail crossings. Other concerns include prolonged crossing delays that could disrupt traffic and emergency vehicle access, potential environmental effects, and impacts on quality of life.

While the Village lacks authority to stop the proposal, we cannot support it until we are assured that Franklin Park residents' interests and safety are protected.