



# Great Lakes Basin Rail Line

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**G**reat Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (GLBT) plans to file a request with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) seeking authority to construct and operate an approximately 278-mile rail line. According to GLBT, the proposed rail line would extend generally from La Porte, Indiana through Illinois to Milton, Wisconsin and would connect with existing Class I railroads.

The Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed rail line.

OEA has extended the comment period for the EIS Draft Scope of Study until June 15, 2016, and has added two additional scoping meetings; one each in Belvidere, Illinois, and Valparaiso, Indiana.

To assist OEA in determining the scope of the EIS, OEA will hold ten public scoping meetings in the project area. Each meeting will begin with a 1-hour open house followed by a brief presentation by OEA and a formal public comment period during which interested parties will have the opportunity to convey oral comments. The meetings will be held at the listed dates, times, and locations. For more information, please visit the Board-sponsored project website at [www.GreatLakesBasinRailEIS.com](http://www.GreatLakesBasinRailEIS.com) or call Dave Navecky at 202-245-0294.

## PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

**Monday, April 11, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Manteno Sportsmen's Club  
Banquet Hall  
851 North Main Street  
Manteno, IL

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Aberdeen Manor  
Ballroom  
216 Ballantrae Street  
Valparaiso, IN

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

\*Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
Large Hall  
17401 Morse Street  
Lowell, IN

**Wednesday, April 13, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

American Legion  
Banquet Hall  
203 South Washington Street  
Wanatah, IN

**Thursday, April 14, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Civic Auditorium  
Banquet Room  
1001 Ridge Street  
La Porte, IN

**Monday, April 18, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Craig High School  
Cafeteria  
401 South Randall Street  
Janesville, WI

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Community Building Complex of  
Boone County Auditorium  
111 West First Street  
Belvidere, IL

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Cherry Valley Fire Station #2  
Hall  
4919 Blackhawk Road  
Rockford, IL

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Rochelle Township High School  
Auditorium  
1401 Flagg Road  
Rochelle, IL

**Thursday, April 21, 2016  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Seneca High School  
Auditorium  
3307 East Scott Street  
Seneca, IL

\*Please note, new meeting venue, previously to be held at Lowell Town Hall.

**Scoping comments are due by June 15, 2016**

**For those unable to attend, the Board will host an online public meeting on April 27, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Central Time)**