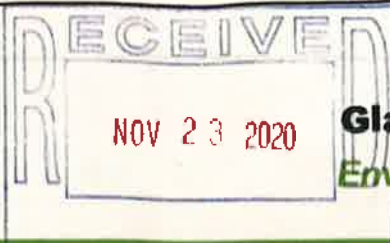


Appendix 13A - 5: U.S. Mail Submissions



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Name DR. DOMINIC GENOVESE
Organization _____ Email _____
Address _____ City WENONAH State NJ Zip 08090

In the space below (and on additional pages if necessary), please provide any written comments you may have concerning the Draft EIS:

THE NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT THIS LINE WILL BRING TO WENONAH IS ENORMOUS. THE ENVIRONMENT WILL DRASTICALLY CHANGE. PARKING ON STREETS, TRANSIENT CARS AND PEOPLE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS THAT WILL IMPACT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IN ADDITION, AMBIENT NOISE WILL AFFECT US AND THE ENVIRONMENT. LOSING AND CUTTING DOWN OF SPACE WILL AFFECT THE WILDLIFE, SUCH AS BIRDS, SQUIRRELS AND A LOT OF OTHER WILDLIFE. THE PERNICIOUS EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON OUR BOROUGH WILL STRETCH FOR MANY, MANY YEARS TO COME. THE CRIME RATE WILL GO UP. FAMILIES WILL LEAVE LIKE THEY ARE DOING NOW. TAXES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE AND OUR BOROUGH WILL SUFFER. I IMPLORE YOU TO THINK ABOUT FAMILIES AND STOP THE AVARICE THAT IS ACCOMPANYING THIS PROJECT.

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From: Carol Gillan [REDACTED]
Subject: Glassboro Camden Rail Project
Date: November 30, 2020 at 11:25 AM
To: publicinvolvement@glassborocamdenline.com

I am responding to a letter I received about Glassboro Camden rail line project. Please do not do this to the quiet peaceful neighborhood I have lived in for 47 years. We don't need or want trains coming by every 7 minutes. We especially don't need or want all the people this will bring. Too many people leads to too many problems. There are many children in the neighborhood, they don't need to be around this. People move here because it's a safe place to live. I don't see how this will solve the problem it's just going to create more. PLEASE PLEASE DO Not start this project. I'm Begging you to not ruin our safe peaceful quiet community.

Carol Gillan
Sewell

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Name Edward Kerby JR

Organization _____ Email _____

Address [REDACTED] City Sewell State NJ Zip 08080

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The GCL will impact our lives greatly. Higher taxes, higher pollution, more crime, and less peace and quiet. I love walking my 5 children around the town, but with the GCL, it would not be safe to do so. My children deserve to feel safe at home. The GCL is unnecessary and disruptive to all daily life. With a train passing through every 7 minutes, how will we sleep? Study? Cross the street without being blocked? We will not stand for this.

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Route 55 was built with provisions for a train, where there is already a transportation line. Why do we have to change our quiet, safe town so a train can speed by every 15 minutes, honking and polluting our town? This train will bring nothing but trouble. Expand along 55 if we must. The people would support this project, even with its higher estimated cost. The NJ officials would rather disrupt our safe townlife to save a few tax dollars. We will not stand behind this.

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Name Jacob Kerby

Organization _____ Email _____

Address _____ City Sewell State NJ Zip 08080

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Stop the train so I can be
safe and play outside

Jacob Kerby

"Stop the train so I can be safe
and play outside"
from Jacob Kerby, 12 yrs old.

[REDACTED] Sewell NJ 08080



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Name Kathleen Kerby
Organization _____ Email _____
Address _____ City Sewell State NJ Zip 08080

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The GCL is an 18-mile passenger train that will cost taxpayers hundreds of dollars a year for only 18 miles? Why is it necessary? Glassboro to Camden is only 25 minutes away. There is no need for a high speed train for a 25 minute drive. The residential stops will put our children, who love playing outside, at risk with every stop. My grandchildren deserve better than train-related accidents and the higher crime index this ~~is~~ GCL will bring. We will not stand for this.

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Name Paige Kerby
Organization [Redacted]
Address [Redacted] City Sewell State NJ Zip 08080

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The Glassboro Camden Line Project is a railroad project that started with good intentions, but is now an openly hated idea by residents and taxpayers alike. The towns that are affected by this line are small residential towns in which the train will pass straight through developments; causing higher pollution, a blaring train every seven and a half minutes, and a lower safety index for multiple previously low crime neighborhoods. The residents and taxpayers of South Jersey strongly oppose the GCL for many reasons: the location of the light rail, the safety hazards it poses to our elderly, children, and pets, and the fact that it will be fully funded by taxing the people.

To begin, the GCL is scheduled to be constructed on the existing tracks running from Glassboro to Camden, connecting towns that are less than a half hour away by car, bus, or even biking. The majority of people of these towns have lived here their entire lives and they are aware and comfortable with their current methods of transportation, including the Rowan University staff and students. There is no desperate need for a light rail in this specific area. However, Route 55 was made with provisions to support a transportation line along the highway. According to an article by George Downing on NJ.com, "Most overpasses on Route 55 were built to accommodate a rail line under them". If the officials pushing for the GCL truly believe a light rail is what is best for the expansion of these towns and their people, perhaps they should take another look at alternative options besides a blaring train ripping through quiet towns every seven and a half minutes, disrupting the peaceful existence the townsfolk have created. Moving the light rail from these quiet neighborhoods to the overpasses of Route 55 would create less traffic on the highways, reduce noise, lights, and pollution complaints, keep property value high, and keep the people happy.

There is no doubt that any project focused on transportation expansion will come with safety risks. This is especially true about the Glassboro Camden Line. The crime percentage in Camden is significantly higher than that of any other New Jersey town, and EXPONENTIALLY higher than that of any town the GCL will pass through. The violent crime rate in Camden is currently 16.22%, while the average for the entire state of New Jersey is 2.08%, and the National Median for violent crime is only 4% according to NeighborhoodScout.com. It is extremely apparent that the way of life in Camden, NJ is inherently different than that of any other town in New Jersey, and now officials want to run a train directly from Camden to safe, unsuspecting, small residential areas that are full of innocent children, family pets, and senior citizens. This is an outrage to a large majority of residents that the GCL will affect. An increase in crime will especially affect the areas where boarding stations are built, including the station planned for construction in Sewell, at the intersection of Center Street and East Atlantic Avenue. This specific area has an abundance of children and the Station is already a bus stop for many of the youth in the immediate area. If a train is stopping every 15 minutes in this area, how will it be certain that the children will not be affected? The answer is just the opposite, it is certain that the rate of crimes and train track accidents against children will increase due to the location of the GCL. This project is being constructed to make the state a decent profit, but is that worth risking the livelihood of the children and the people?

The Glassboro Camden Line is a large project that will take years to complete and millions of dollars. A project that is unnecessary, unwanted, and downright disruptive. But at least the federal government will be responsible for collecting the funds, right? Wrong. According to an article on Nj.com, "The Federal Transportation Agency ruled this project [GCL] economically unfeasible to qualify for federal mass transport funding...". Meaning that the Federal Government believes this project to be inconvenient and impractical, yet New Jersey officials pushed forward anyway, fully aware and content with taxing the people of New Jersey over 20 million dollars a year. This issue does not only impact the residents where the GCL will pass through, but also North Jersey residents as well. The entire proposal for the GCL came at the most trying times, when the affects of the COVID-19 pandemic are in full blast and citizens are already dealing with the devastating hits of this virus. It seems extremely unethical to add the weight of hundreds and thousands of tax dollars to the already struggling people.

In Conclusion, the Glassboro Camden line is an unnecessary and economically unfeasible headache for every New Jersey citizen it affects, and only benefits the pockets of the officials attempting to bring it to life. The people of New Jersey will not stand for this new light rail due to its poor location choice, effect on safety, and inconceivable costs. We WILL stand together and shout "NO NO NO TRAIN" to anyone that can hear us. We urge you to strongly consider our viewpoints and put a stop to this community destroying project before it is too late.

Sincerely,
The People of New Jersey

Written by Paige Kerby
[REDACTED]



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Name ALMECHOLSKY
Organization RETIRED Email RESIDENT 67 YRS
Address [REDACTED] City WENONAH State N.J. Zip 08090

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I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE GLASSBORO-CAMDEN LINE PROJECT. THERE IS REALLY A FEW PEOPLE TO BENEFIT FROM IT, BUT MANY MORE TO BE ADJUSTED BY IT. POINT IN FACT, THE ATLANTIC CITY EXPRESS GOES FROM PHILA. TO ATLANTIC CITY WITH HARDLY ANY PASSENGERS ON-BOARD. I WITNESS THIS TIME, AFTER TIME, AFTER TIME AT MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES. THE BIG COMMENT IS, THERE GOES THAT BIG JOKE AGAIN. I THINK THIS WOULD BE THE SAME JOKE. PLUS THE NOISE POLLUTION. (PAGE 1)

A BIG, BIG SAFETY CONCERN - (ATTACHED PAGE)

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Name AL MECHOLSKY PAGE 2

Organization RETIRED Email _____

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WE HAVE JUVENILES CROSSING AND USING TRACK AREA'S TO GET TO THEIR BASEBALL AND SOCCOR GAMES, FISHING AREA'S, ALSO USED FOR WALKING EXERCISE, I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THEY WILL ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS.

SIGN'S MEAN NOTHING TO KID'S.

I THINK IT'S FOOLISH TO ENTERTAIN SUCH AN IDEA TO PASSIFY A COLLEGE AND A FEW STUDENTS AT THE EXPENSE THIS TOWN DOES NOT NEED.

LOOK WHAT IT DOES TO G-LASSBORO. ASK THE RESIDENTS

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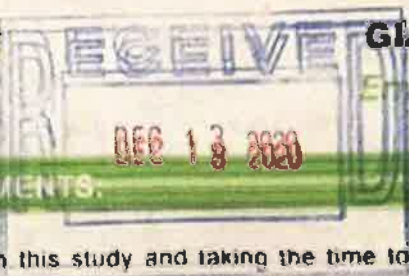
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Name ERICA L. MOON
Organization _____ Email [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] City Woodbury State NJ Zip 08096

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No lengthy comment - just pleased to see alternative forms of Public Transportation come to South Jersey. Not everyone wants to rely on a car - even when it's possible. As a former resident of Northern Jersey (Cranford - Raritan Line), I'm very aware of the convenience of rail transport. Thanks

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Name JOSEPH C MORRISON
Organization HOME OWNER Email [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED] City SEWELL State NJ Zip 08080

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE PROJECT WITH CURRENT PLANS TO USE EXISTING RAIL LINE. IF RAIL LINE WERE BUILT ON OR NEAR ROUTE 55 THERE WOULD BE BETTER ACCESS FOR EXPANDED USE, SUCH AS EXISTING PATCO LINE / HIGH SPEED. MORE TRAVELERS AND LARGER STATIONS WITH PLENTY OF PARKING. SPEND THE TIME AND MONEY TO DO THIS PROJECT CORRECTLY AND TAKING BETTER CARE OF THE RESIDENTS WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM IT MORE IN THE FUTURE. SMALL SLOW TRAINS ARE NOT THE ANSWER!

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Name Judith OFFNER
Organization Resident Email [Redacted]
Address [Redacted] City Wenonah State NJ Zip 08090

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- When vehicles are stuck idling at train crossings there is an ↑ in emissions. I do not see ^(what pages) how this was assessed or how the idling emissions is accounted for in the plan.
- At this time electric vehicles including public transport buses & trains are the focus. The diesel trains sound out-moded before they have even been put into inventory. Stop the diesel trains - go straight to electric!

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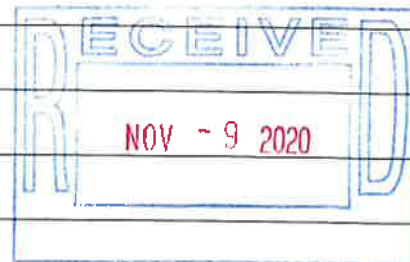
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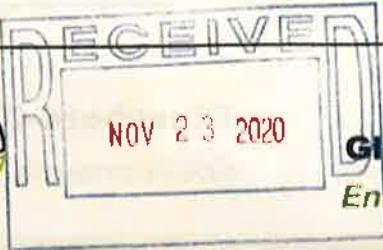
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I live on a residential street close to the rail road. My concerns are lowering my property value, increase in crime and loud noises or increased traffic. Do you have studies of that?



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Name Judy Shappell
Organization _____ Email: _____
Address _____ City Swet State NJ Zip 08080

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my house sits at the corner of E. Salem and E. Atlantic Aves in Swell, which is next to the railroad track. we certainly do not mind the freight train which passes by twice a day. A commuter rail that would operate every 20 minutes would pose a potential hazard to school buses, residents and to the smooth flow of traffic on multiple streets. the best option as considered in the past would be to build it in the center of Route 55. There would be less noise, interruptions, & safety considerations.

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Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

From Rose Marie Yerka
[REDACTED]
Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097
[REDACTED]

Environmental Impact Statement

I am writing concerning the negative environmental impact to the Borough of Woodbury Heights from the GCL.

Woodbury Heights is divided in half by the train tracks. So to add a speed line train every 30 minutes would stop emergency vehicles such as police, fire and ambulance from quick access to residents. Also our school has walkers to three schools in our community. We have a crossing guard at Elm and West Jersey Ave that would now have to safely cross children over railroad tracks.

The new Master Plan includes a housing project and train station and now train yard to be added to our small 1.5 square mile community. These changes would drastically impact our small community in a negative manner. The need for more police services and resources would negatively impact the taxpayers, who already have one of the highest tax rates in Gloucester County.

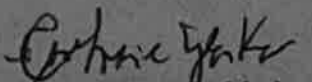
The Borough Hall and public grade school is located directly beside the railroad tracks. The train traffic would cause a major distraction to both students, teachers and Borough workers and meetings. Houses on both sides already rock and roll when the train goes by. My china cabinet in my home clangs as the train goes by every day and night. Every half hour train traffic would prove to be a disruption to the school, borough hall and homes on both sides of the tracks.

A train station would add more traffic to the already busy Glassboro Road and Elm Ave. The traffic would have to go through the residential area to reach the county roads. Many roads have underground streams in the area and already experience flooding. More development of the wetland areas could increase the problems.

The Train Station would be within blocks of the Drug Free Zone of the grade school. Concerns of persons coming and going in that area would call for more police presence at a greater cost to the small community. And once again a greater tax burden to taxpayers.

I hope these concerns are added to your environmental impact statement.

Sincerely Yours,


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