

Resolution No. 1059-2024

By Council Member Polensek

FOR ADOPTION
September 30, 2024

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Opposing CSX railroad company's plans to reduce train stops and crew members at its Collinwood Rail Yard and supporting Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown's opposition to those plans.

WHEREAS, CSX railroad company recently announced that it planned to reduce train stops and crew members at its Collinwood Rail Yard in the City; and

WHEREAS, in a letter to CSX opposing the plans, Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown states CSX intends to move its Cleveland workers to Buffalo, New York or Willard, Ohio, or to lay them off, not only disrupting these workers and their families, but also damaging the reliability of CSX's operations in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, such a move by CSX would cause more trains on the rail network to be delayed or stranded, increasing the risk of blocked railroad crossings; and

WHEREAS, removing train operators from the Collinwood site will cause more trains to sit idle as they wait for crews to come in from Buffalo or Willard; these idle trains will block railroad crossings causing delays in delivery of goods by trains, and causing hours-long delays and disruptions on public roads; as well as negatively effect air quality because the trains idle with engines running; and

WHEREAS, the SMART Transportations Division union states that CSX's initial plans would immediately affect about 40 train operators and the union fears that eventually CSX will reduce staffing and operations at Collinwood Rail Yard, resulting in job losses for mechanics and track workers if the yard is used by fewer trains; and

WHEREAS, this Council strongly encourages CSX to keep these jobs and maintain current operations at the historic Collinwood Rail Yard; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council opposes CSX railroad company's plans to reduce train stops and crew members at its Collinwood Rail Yard and supports Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown's opposition to those plans.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to CSX railroad company and to Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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