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**Subject:** RE: FREIGHT TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Good Afternoon Doug:

Thank you for your email. I apologize for the delay in my response, but the welcome the opportunity to do so now.

Transport Canada's top priorities are safety and security. Under the Railway Safety Act and the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, the Department is responsible for regulating the safety of rail operations, including the transportation of dangerous goods across Canada.

For your information, the rail line referred to in your correspondence is the Mactier Subdivision belonging to Canadian Pacific Railway (CP). This rail line is an integral part of CP's system on which trains operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This zone speed for this area is 50 mph, with the exceptions of miles 111 to 112.7 where the speed is reduced to 45 mph, and at crossing mile 112.7, where the speed is 35mph.

As a federally regulated railway, CP is governed by many rules, regulations, and orders respecting train operations in Canada. A listing is available on our web site at the following address; <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/legislation.htm>

Through various Transport Canada safety programs, compliance to operating requirements is monitored by Transport Canada Railway Safety Inspectors (RSI). Transport Canada monitors train speeds in this area and a review of monitoring results indicate no exceptions. In addition, CP also monitors its employees performance through company efficiency and proficiency tests, performed by railway supervisors. Railway officials report that information contained in their efficiency and proficiency test program indicates no exceptions to this maximum speed.

I can understand your concerns regarding the speed of the freight traffic. I have taken the liberty of sharing them with the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Lisa Raitt.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Bruce