

James A. Giblin

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Professional Background

Mr. Giblin has more than 35 years' experience in rail, truck and intermodal freight transportation, warehousing and logistics, much of it in the greater Chicago area. He has lived in the Chicago area most of his adult life and is intimately familiar with the region's freight and passenger rail infrastructure.

For six years he is proud to say, "he made his run and made his pay on the Atchison Topeka and the Santa Fe."

In recent years, his professional experience has expanded and diversified to include numerous public sector clients and projects in communities and municipalities across Chicago's south suburbs. He believes he was the first person to have come up with the original concept of a cargo-dedicated or cargo-oriented airport as a replacement for the original ill-starred South Suburban Airport concept. (The replacement name of Chicago Southland International Airport was definitely his creation.)

He submitted written testimony as regional rail industry expert in favor of CN/EJ&E merger to Surface Transportation Board (FD 35087), and testified at the STB's September 2008 Chicago hearing in favor of transaction

Giblin began his professional free-lance writing career in 1997 with first professional publication in 1998. He has been published in TRAINS Magazine, Progressive Railroading and Crain's Chicago Business.

Since 2013 Giblin has provided technical expertise and advice (on a pro bono basis) to the Village of Downers Grove Public Safety staff on public health and safety issues related to the transportation of crude oil by rail unit train along the main rail line passing through Downers Grove, Illinois.

From 2008 to 2010 Giblin represented Du Page County on the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) where he actively participated in the preparation of the Region's first long range comprehensive plan known as GOTO 2040.

Former multi-year Chair of the Education Committee of the Traffic Club of Chicago.

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