

# **Rail-crossing delays risky**

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Re: "Bad decision in LRT beating," by Jim Thomson, Letters, Jan. 4.

If the decision by Edmonton Transit to move the LRT train to Clareview Station was partly based on a CN freight train blocking traffic at the Belvedere Station, perhaps city council and transportation planners should finally admit Edmonton has a level-crossing problem.

Every day, thousands of motorists are inconvenienced by trains on level crossings throughout the city on CN and CP rail lines.

It is virtually impossible to get to Mill Woods without crossing a major rail line that is blocked many times each day by long trains running at "yard" or "local" speed.

One can only speculate how many times ambulances carrying critical cases have been delayed by trains at level crossings or how many fire and police calls took far too long for responders to arrive at emergencies.

It is long past time to solve the level-crossing problem before more deaths occur.

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