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### Great Lakes Basin rail plan goes through Winnebago, Ogle, Lee – excludes Boone County

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY (WREX) - Great Lakes Basin Transportation Inc. released a new route proposal Thursday.

The Great Lakes Basin Transportation (GLBT) proposal includes a route that would go through Winnebago, Ogle and Lee counties, but does not run through Boone County, as the last two proposals included.

In documents released Thursday, the company says the Rock River provides access to industrial development, does not go through any residential areas or near any schools in the route between Rockford and Janesville.

The developer says the line would help speed up existing train routes, creating thousands of jobs and potential development.

The main change for residents in the Stateline is the route moving completely out of Boone County. The GLBT documents say the response from the public meetings held earlier this year helped them adjust its network design and create a new preferred route.

During those public hearings many residents from across Boone, Ogle and Rock counties argued the rail would cut through wetlands, hurt farmers and result in unwanted industrial development.

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