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Harlem Avenue & BNSF Grade Separation

Location

Harlem Avenue between 32nd and 35th St.
Berwyn, IL
Riverside, IL

Daily Trains Affected

40 freight trains
94 Metra trains
6 Amtrak trains

Scope of Work

The project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of Harlem Avenue and the three BNSF Railway tracks. Metra and Amtrak also operate intercity and commuter rail service on these tracks. This will be accomplished by creating either an overpass or underpass for vehicles at this location.

Benefits

Daily, nearly 28,200 vehicles and 14 Pace buses (#302 and #307) pass through the crossing. Harlem Avenue (IL-43) is a primary arterial roadway and this project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this location. The grade crossing separation will eliminate delay to nearly 5,000 vehicles daily, resulting in alleviation of over 29,700 annual motorist hours of delay. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains. Since this is also proximate to a Metra commuter station, it will improve mobility and safety for commuter access to and from the station, both pedestrian and vehicular.

Communities Benefited:

- Berwyn, IL
- Riverside, IL

Project Status

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II – Final PS&E*	Phase III - Construction
Pending Funding Availability		

Project Location Map



Existing Condition

11/2015

