25th Avenue & Union Pacific Grade Separation

Scope of Work

The project will eliminate the at-grade crossing of 25th Avenue by the Union Pacific Railroad in Bellwood, IL by creating an overpass for vehicles using 25th Avenue at this location. The overpass will provide two thru-lanes of traffic in each direction with a project length of approximately 2,000 feet along 25th Avenue and 525 feet on Grant Street. The resurfacing of Main Street from 25th Avenue to 19th Avenue is also included.

Benefits

The Proviso Freight Yard begins 790 feet to the west of the crossing, and high train volumes, coupled with yard staging of trains, leads to long closures of 25th Avenue. Daily, 19,000 vehicles pass through the rail-highway crossing, and over 3,500 vehicles are delayed at this location daily, resulting in 28,400 annual motorist hours of delay that will be alleviated by this project. Constructing a grade separation in this area will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety through the corridor from St. Charles Avenue to Lake Street. Access to a proposed relocated Metra station will also be improved. By removing this transportation barrier, the project will enable community development and redevelopment.

Communities Benefited:
- Bellwood and Melrose Park, IL

Project Status

Project Completed December 2016