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# 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Union Pacific Grade Separation

### Location

25<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Lake Street and  
St. Charles Road  
Bellwood, IL

### Daily Trains Affected

52 freight trains  
59 Union Pacific West Metra trains

## Scope of Work

The project will eliminate the at-grade crossing of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the Union Pacific Railroad in Bellwood, IL by creating an overpass for vehicles using 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 525 feet on Grant Street. The resurfacing of Main Street from 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 19<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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\$250-\$500 FINE FOR ANY  
MOTORIST OR PEDESTRIAN

## Project Status

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II – Final Plan Specifications & Estimates	Phase III - Construction
Complete	Complete	Underway

## Project Location Map

