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 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 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
### Project Status

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### Project Location Map

[Map showing Union Pacific Proviso Railyard and GS 6 Project Location]

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