



Belmont Road & Metra/BNSF Grade Separation

Fact Sheet

Project Number: GS7

Location: Belmont Road between Warren Avenue and Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL

Scope of Work: The project will eliminate the at-grade crossing of the BNSF tracks located at Belmont Road (County Route 2) by constructing an underpass for motor vehicles. Metra Commuter Rail and Amtrak also operate on these tracks. The Village of Downers Grove and DuPage County have been the project leaders for this crossing separation.

Daily Trains Affected:

- 50 freight
- 79 Metra
- 8 Amtrak

Benefits:

The long-awaited, \$59 million project will increase safety, eliminating the risk of motorists being stuck on the tracks after the gates come down and reducing the risk of pedestrian accidents. More than 130 trains pass through the grade crossing every day, resulting in heavy congestion and lengthy delays on a major north-south road. This location accommodates almost 20,000 vehicles a day. Nearly 3,500 vehicles are delayed at this location daily, resulting in 20,800 annual motorist hours of delay that would be alleviated by this project. The new underpass will reduce congestion and vehicular emissions, improving the quality of life for area residents. When the project is completed, Belmont Road will consist of two lanes of traffic in either direction, with a tunnel for pedestrians on the west side of Belmont Road.

Communities Benefited

- Downers Grove, IL

Project Status:

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% PS&E*)	Phase II – Final PS&E	Phase III - Construction
<i>Completed</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>In Progress</i>

*Plans, Specifications & Estimates

Project Rendering:



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