

# Roosevelt Road & Union Pacific Railroad Grade Separation

June 2023

## SCOPE OF WORK

The project eliminated the at-grade crossing of Route 38 (Roosevelt Road) and the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in West Chicago, IL. This was accomplished by the realignment of the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Kautz Road on an overpass above the UPRR tracks. IL Route 38 was shifted south of the old alignment and now crosses the UPRR tracks on a new overpass structure west of the old grade crossing. Kautz Road was realigned to intersect IL Route 38 at 90 degrees on the new overpass. A bike path along the west side of Kautz Road was also realigned as part of this project. The traffic signal was modernized and the turning movements are improved by the new 90 degree alignment of the intersecting highways. An enclosed storm sewer system is used to convey stormwater runoff.

## BENEFITS

Daily, 33,600 vehicles cross the tracks on Roosevelt Road. This project reduced vehicle delays and improved safety at the location where Roosevelt Road, a primary arterial road and state-designated truck route, previously crossed the UPRR at a very skewed angle. Approximately 3,800 vehicles were once delayed at this location daily. This project eliminated 18,490 annual motorist hours of delay. By separating the roadways from the railroad tracks, the potential for crashes due to the long, skewed at-grade crossing has been eliminated.

## PROJECT PHOTOS



GS25 overpass, looking north



Roosevelt Road, looking west

## Location

Roosevelt Road just east of  
Kautz Road, West Chicago, IL

## Daily Trains Affected

52 Freight Trains  
58 Metra Trains

## Communities Benefited

West Chicago, IL

## PROJECT STATUS

<b>Phase I</b> NEPA – Preliminary Design	<b>Phase II</b> Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates	<b>Phase III</b> Construction
Completed	Completed	Completed July 2015

## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

