

25th Avenue and Union Pacific Grade Separation

June 2023

SCOPE OF WORK

The project eliminated 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 provides 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 was also included.

BENEFITS

This \$41 million dollar project has expedited traffic for motorists in the Bellwood and Melrose Park area by reducing roadway congestion and improving safety through the corridor from St. Charles Avenue to Lake Street. 19,000 vehicles pass through the crossing each day and over 3,500 vehicles were delayed at this location daily, resulting in 28,400 annual motorist hours of delay. This project has enabled safer traffic flow and faster response times for emergency vehicles. In addition, access to a proposed relocated Metra station was also improved. By removing this transportation barrier, the project has enabled community development and redevelopment.

Location

25th Avenue between Lake
Street and St. Charles Road
Bellwood, IL

Daily Trains Affected

52 Freight Trains
59 Union Pacific West
Metra trains

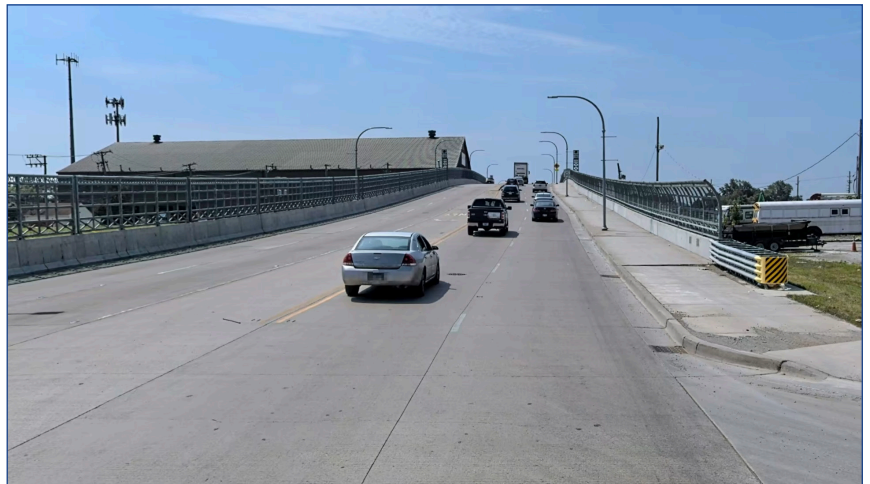
Communities Benefited

Bellwood and Melrose Park, IL

PROJECT PHOTO



Before grade separation, looking west



25th Avenue, looking south, after grade separation

PROJECT STATUS

Phase I NEPA – Preliminary Design	Phase II Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Phase III Construction
Completed	Completed	Completed December 2016

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

