

# Belmont Road and Metra/BNSF Grade Separation

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## SCOPE OF WORK

This project eliminated the at-grade crossing of the BNSF tracks at Belmont Road (County Route 2) by constructing an underpass for motor vehicles. Metra Commuter Rail and Amtrak also operate on these tracks. Belmont Road now consists of two lanes of traffic in either direction, with a tunnel for pedestrians on the west side of Belmont Road.

## BENEFITS

This project increased safety by eliminating the risk of a collision between trains and motorists, pedestrians or bicyclists. More than 140 trains pass through this location every day, and no longer block traffic on Belmont Road, which handles approximately 18,000 vehicles per day. Because vehicles no longer sit idling and waiting for trains to cross, vehicular emissions are reduced, improving the quality of life for area residents.

### Location

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

### Daily Trains Affected

50 Freight Trains  
79 Metra Trains  
8 Amtrak Trains

### Communities Benefited

Downers Grove, IL

## PROJECT PHOTOS



Completed grade separation looking south

## PROJECT STATUS

Phase I NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Phase III Construction
Completed	Completed	Completed October 2012

## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

