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IMMEDIATE CASH PAYMENT
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We are looking for silver items including: silverware, silver jewelry, and more. We pay top dollar for your items. Free evaluation. Call today!





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Cruce Ives de Chicago River



El Ayuntamiento de Chicago está considerando un proyecto de construcción de un puente peatonal y de bicicletas que cruce el río Chicago en la zona de Ives. Este proyecto tiene como objetivo mejorar la conectividad y la seguridad para los peatones y ciclistas que utilizan esta zona. El puente se construirá en una zona que actualmente es un cruce peligroso y poco accesible. El proyecto incluye la construcción de un puente de acero que será accesible para personas con discapacidades. Además, se incluirán senderos para bicicletas y áreas de descanso para peatones. El proyecto también incluye la mejora de la iluminación y la señalización de la zona. El Ayuntamiento de Chicago está solicitando comentarios de la comunidad sobre este proyecto. Los interesados pueden contactar al equipo de planificación urbana del Ayuntamiento de Chicago al teléfono 312-744-3111 o visitar el sitio web www.chicago.gov.

¿Cómo tomar un gel/breves con remedio casero?

Remedio casero para evitar la caída de cabello

El cabello cae naturalmente y es normal perder entre 50 y 100 cabellos por día. Sin embargo, si estás perdiendo más de lo normal, puede ser un signo de un problema de salud. Hay muchas razones por las que puedes perder el cabello, como el estrés, la dieta, los cambios hormonales y el uso de ciertos medicamentos. Si estás experimentando una pérdida excesiva de cabello, es importante que consultes con un médico para determinar la causa y recibir el tratamiento adecuado. Hay remedios caseros que pueden ayudar a reducir la pérdida de cabello y promover el crecimiento nuevo. Algunos de los remedios más comunes incluyen el aceite de ricino, el aceite de coco, el aceite de oliva y el aceite de almendra. Estos aceites pueden aplicarse directamente al cuero cabelludo para ayudar a mantenerlo hidratado y saludable. También puedes probar a aplicar jugo de limón o vinagre de manzana diluido en agua al cuero cabelludo. Estos remedios caseros pueden ser efectivos si se usan de manera consistente y se combinan con una buena alimentación y hábitos saludables.

THE OAKS

Residencia de lujo en el corazón de la ciudad.

El Ayuntamiento de Chicago está considerando un proyecto de construcción de un edificio residencial de lujo en la zona de The Oaks. Este proyecto tiene como objetivo proporcionar viviendas de alta calidad y mejorar el entorno urbano de la zona. El edificio será un edificio de 10 pisos que incluirá apartamentos de lujo, un gimnasio, una piscina y un espacio comunitario. El proyecto también incluye la mejora de la infraestructura de la zona, como la construcción de un nuevo parque y la mejora de la iluminación y la señalización. El Ayuntamiento de Chicago está solicitando comentarios de la comunidad sobre este proyecto. Los interesados pueden contactar al equipo de planificación urbana del Ayuntamiento de Chicago al teléfono 312-744-3111 o visitar el sitio web www.chicago.gov.



April 6, 2021

Re: Grand Avenue at Metra/Canadian Pacific Railroad
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Dear Resident:

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It is the policy of the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Elmwood Park to provide the public an opportunity to become acquainted with highway improvement proposals of potential concern to them and to provide an opportunity for their input.

The Grand Avenue rail crossing ranks in the top few most dangerous crossings in Illinois. Safety is the top priority. Village efforts over a number of years has secured funding for the studies currently being undertaken, as well as a portion of the funding for the next phase of the project. Through these efforts, the project now has multiple partners. Progress will not cease until the safety concerns at this crossing are addressed.

The purpose of the project is to alleviate congestion and improve safety and mobility to all transportation users at the Grand Avenue and Metra/Canadian Pacific Railroad crossing. In addition to improving safety, project improvements are expected to increase mobility throughout the region. The proposed improvement alternatives being evaluated include, for example, a new grade separation where Grand Avenue crosses the Metra train tracks.

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Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angelo 'Skip' Saviano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angelo "Skip" Saviano
Village President
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Village of Elmwood Park

19th March · 🌐



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Village of Elmwood Park

March 23 · 🌐



The Grand Gateway project is underway!

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**STAY UP
TO DATE**



Register online for project updates

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Village of Elmwood Park has a event added.

April 7th at 3:06 pm · 🌐



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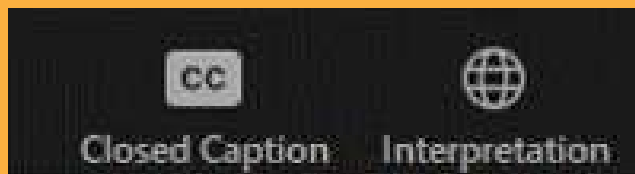
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Virtual Public Information Meeting

April 21, 2021



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 - 9. Next Steps**

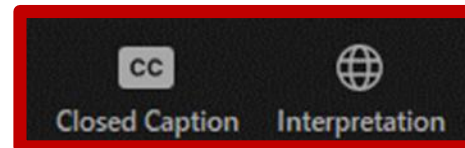
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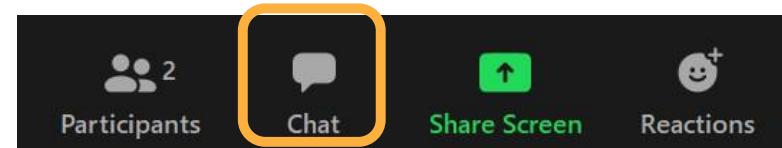


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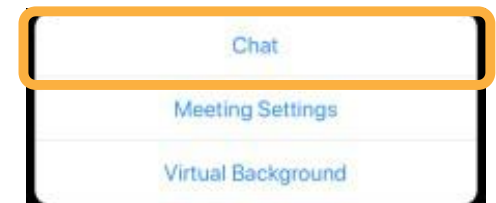
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INTRODUCTIONS

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INTRODUCTIONS

Project Team



KNIGHT

Engineers & Architects



GSG CONSULTANTS, INC.
Engineers & Scientists



ALTUSWORKS INC.

INTRODUCTIONS

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Planner



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Chris Leow

ESI Consultants, Ltd.
Engineering Design Manager



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

History

2005

Metra accident at Grand Avenue Crossing

2007

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Feasibility Study

2008

National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Safety
Recommendation and Mandate

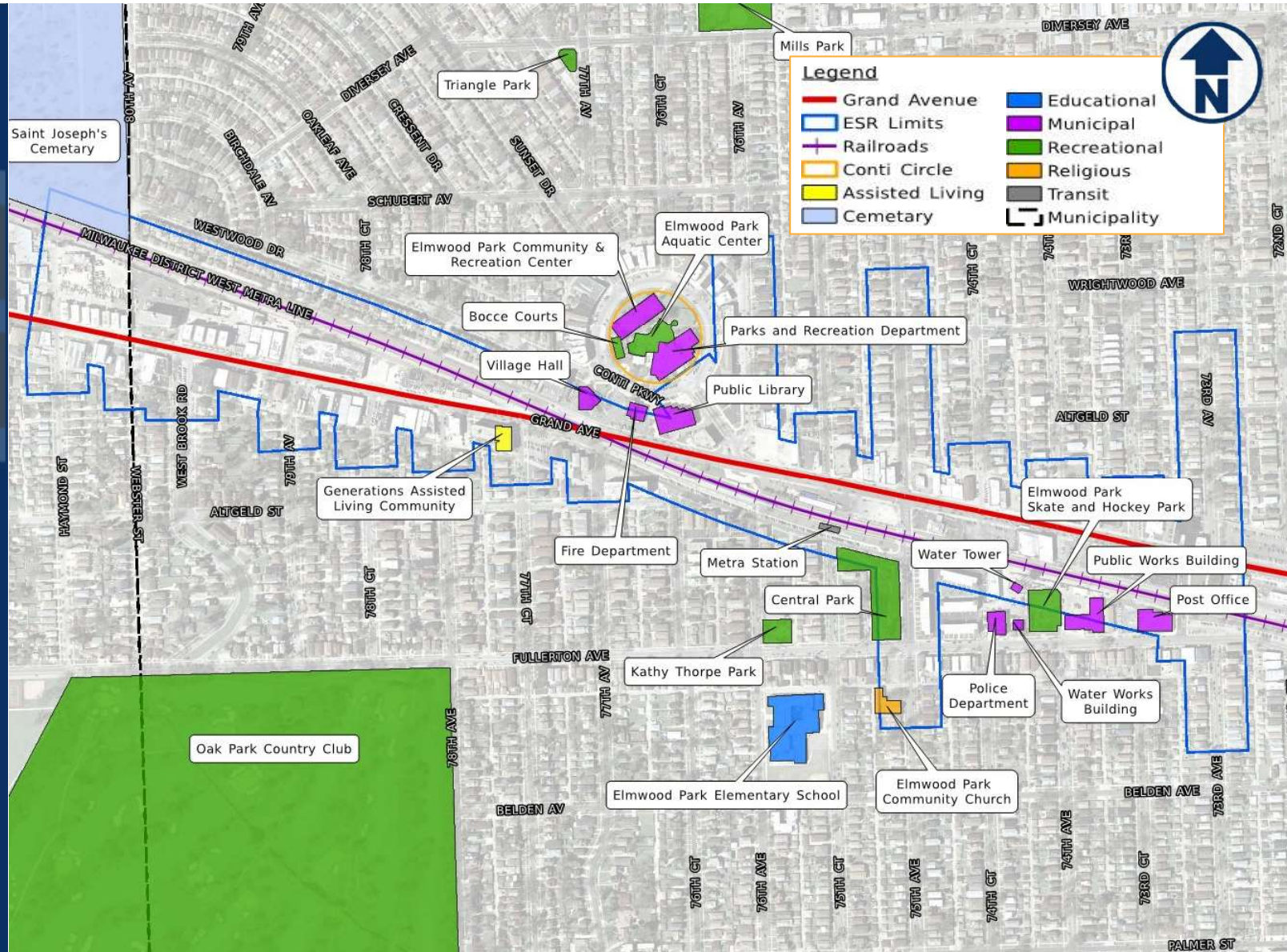
2011-15

Crossing Safety Improvements

2020

Notice to Proceed - Phase I Preliminary Engineering
Study

PROJECT AREA MAP



PROJECT OVERVIEW



A grade separation is a highway or railway crossing that uses an underpass or overpass by means of raising or lowering one surface where it meets another to prevent conflicting flows of traffic. Grade separations are often implemented to increase safety amongst opposing traffic for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrian alike.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Examples of Grade Separation



A grade separation is a potential alternative being evaluated for further consideration. Potential grade separation options include, but are not limited to:

① Street over the railroad

② Street under the railroad

③ Combination of lowering street and raising the railroad

④ Railroad over street

⑤ Railroad under street

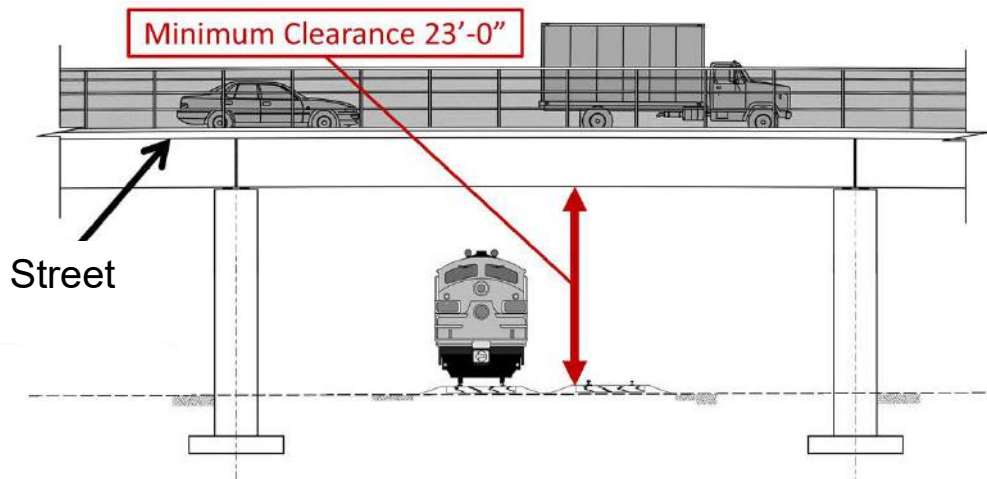
⑥ Combination of lowering railroad under and raising street

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Examples of Grade Separation



Roadway Overpass Example*



**Drawing is an example of a typical cross section*

PROJECT OVERVIEW

*Project Objective/
Potential Benefits*



Increased Safety



Quicker Response Time from the Fire and Police Departments



Improved Mobility for All Modes of Transportation



Reduced Congestion and Delays



Reduced Vehicle-Train Conflict

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Timeline

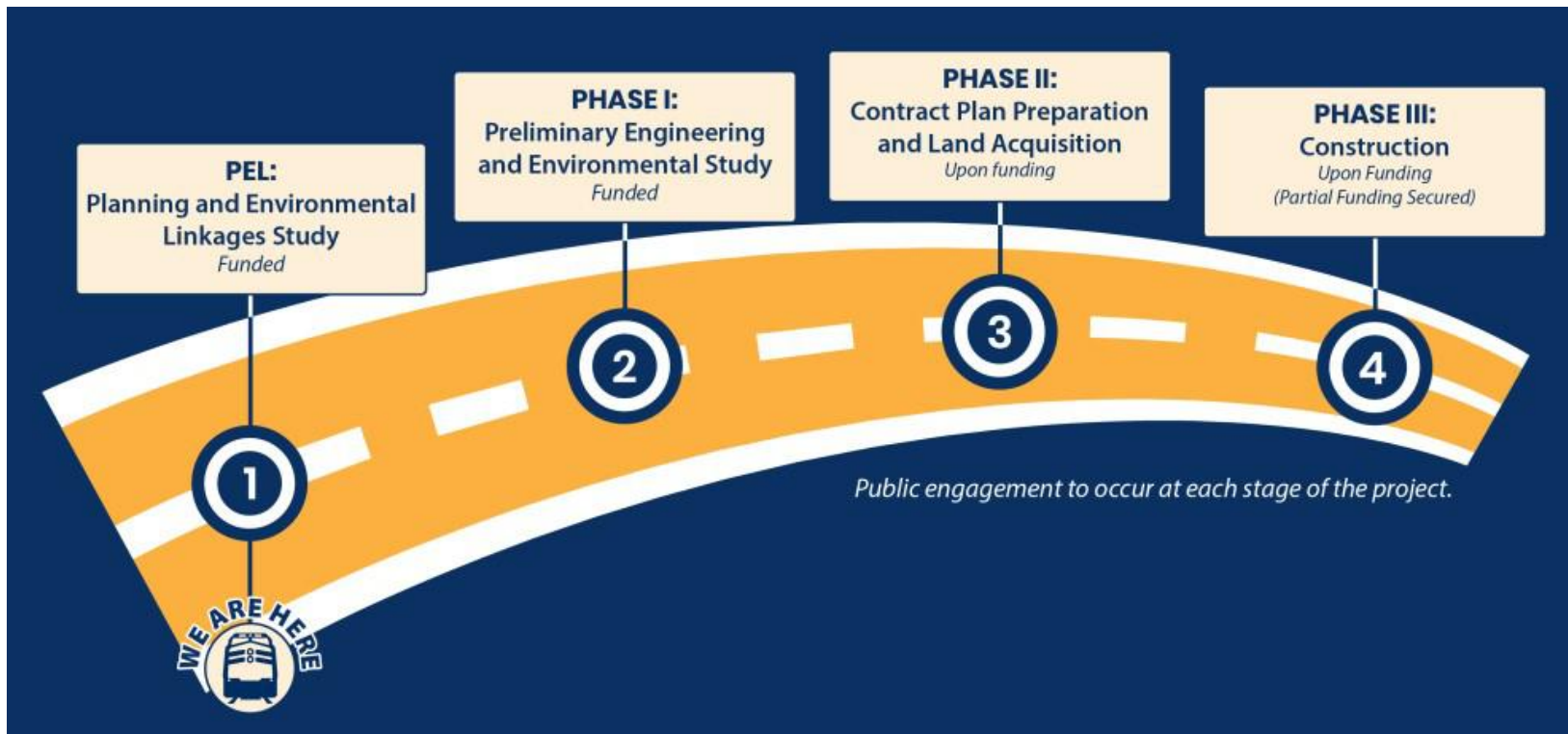


CAG	Community Advisory Group Meeting	PUBLIC COMMENTS CLOSE	Targeted Public Comments Closing
PIM	Public Information Meeting	DESIGN APPROVAL	Targeted Design Approval
PH	Public Hearing		

Subject to change

PROJECT OVERVIEW

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS





PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) PROCESS OVERVIEW

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WHY USE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL)?



WHY USE PEL?



Public/ Stakeholder Input

Provides the public with an early opportunity to provide meaningful input into projects



Analysis

Examines transportation, environmental, community and economic goals in the planning process



Collaboration

A collaborative approach to transportation decision-making



Efficiency

Delivers an efficient and smooth decision-making process that encourages working relationships between local government, agencies and transportation departments



Information

Information developed during planning is used to *inform and expedite* the environmental review process



DRAFT PROBLEM STATEMENT

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DRAFT PROBLEM STATEMENT PROCESS



**PUBLIC
INVOLVEMENT**

**COMMUNITY
CONCERNS**

**TRANSPORTATION
NEEDS**

**PROBLEM
STATEMENT**

**TECHNICAL
EVALUATION**

**PURPOSE
AND NEED**

DRAFT PROBLEM STATEMENT



The Grand Avenue crossing includes the following surrounding land uses:



Residential



Commercial



Institutional



Open Space



Transit

The transportation problems surrounding the Grand Avenue crossing to be solved by this project include:

- Traffic congestion / Reliability
- Multi-modal transportation
- Safety
- Access

Solutions should include community connectivity and character as well as congestion relief for all modes of travel:

- Vehicles
- Pedestrians
- First Responders
- Transit
- Rail



DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED

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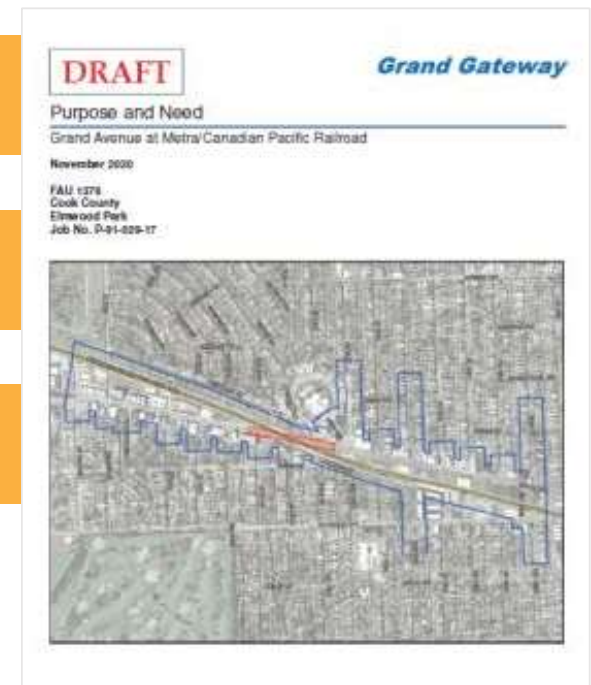
DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED

The project **Purpose & Need (P&N)** is a technical document, which presents a concise introduction of transportation system needs as a result of **system limitations, deficiencies, service and operations.**

»»» Outline and justification

»»» Draft P&N will be revisited by CAG

»»» FHWA and IDOT review as part of the PEL process



DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED



»» PROJECT NEED

- As the suburban population of the Chicago metropolitan area grows, transportation **usage is expected to increase** on Grand Avenue and the Metra/Canadian Pacific Railroad.
- In addition to future traffic demand, factors contributing to **safety deficiencies** include:
 - the acute angle of the Grand Avenue intersection and the rail tracks,
 - the long distance required to traverse the tracks.
- Subsequent to a **severe train/vehicle crash** that occurred in November 2005, the National Transportation Safety Board's official safety **recommendation** to the Governor of Illinois and the Illinois Commerce Commission was that **a grade separation be constructed** at the Grand Avenue grade crossing.

DRAFT PURPOSE & NEED



»» PROJECT PURPOSE

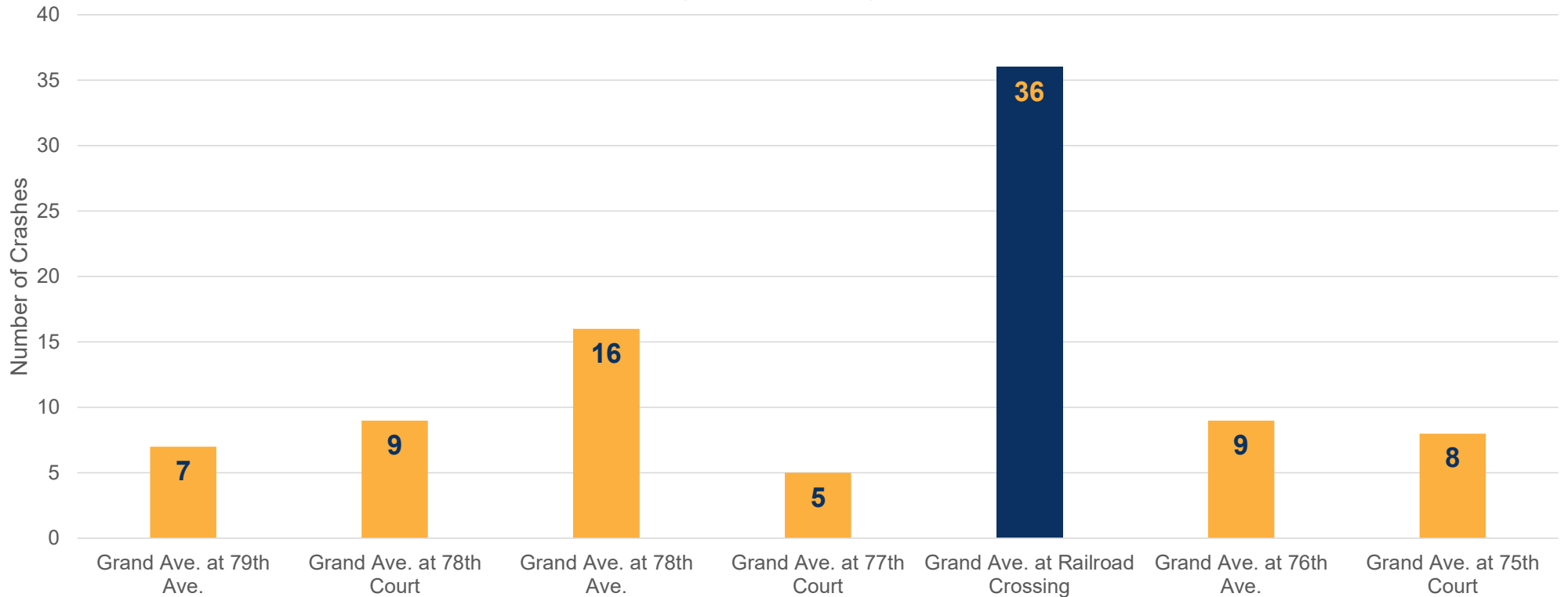
The purpose of the project is to **alleviate congestion** and **improve safety** and **mobility** roadway traffic users at the Grand Avenue and Metra/Canadian Pacific Railroad crossing. In addition to improving safety, project improvements are expected to **increase mobility throughout the region**.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Crash Data Summary



CRASH STATISTICS BY INTERSECTION (2014 to 2018)

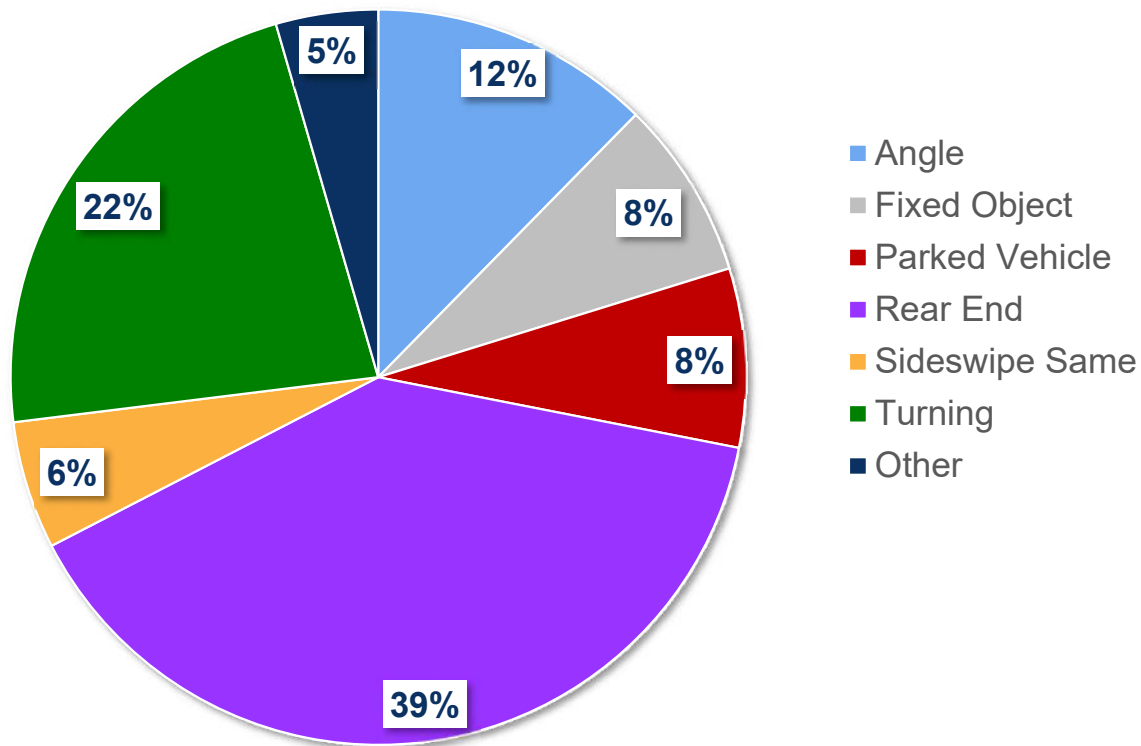


PROJECT OVERVIEW

Crash Data Summary



CRASH STATISTICS BY TYPE (2014 to 2018)



**Total Number of Crashes
from 2014 to 2018 = 90**

Others Include:

- Other Non-collision
- Other Object
- Pedestrian
- Sideswipe Opposite Direction



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BREAKOUT SESSION

Recap





QUESTION AND ANSWER

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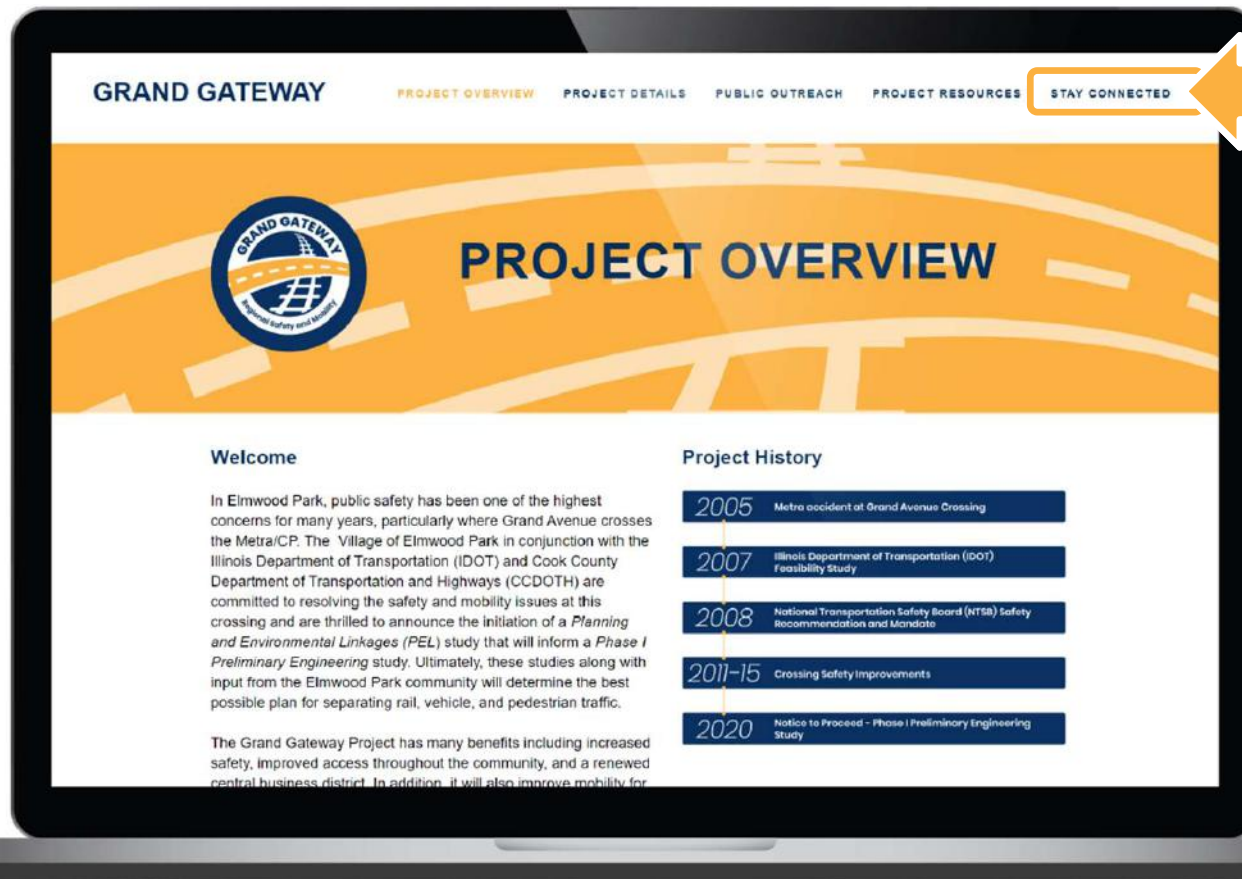
The Next Public Information Meeting is to be tentatively held in the Fall of 2021

Request public comments on:

- Project updates
- Proposed alternatives



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Grand Gateway Homeowner Inquiry Log

5/4/2021

Date	Channel	Name	Address	Phone	Email	Inquiry	Official Response
4/8/2021	Email	Beatriz Lopez				Should we submit questions before the event?	Hello Beatriz, Thank you for your inquiry. We will gladly accept questions before, during and after the virtual public meeting on April 21 at 6pm. If you have any questions or comments regarding the project please contact Mandi Jennings, Grand Gateway Outreach Liaison, at info@grandgatewayep.com or 630-534-6400 ext. 105. Please visit the project website at grandgatewayep.com for project updates and related information. Thanks again! We look forward to hearing from you.
4/8/2021	Email	Colleen Pease				Will this allow trains to pass without blowing the horn? Will this be a solution to the train horns blaring?	Hi Colleen - Thank you for your inquiry. When a grade separation is constructed and fully operational, it will not be necessary for trains to sound horns for safety reasons when passing the Grand Avenue corridor. If you have any questions or comments regarding noise and/or the project please join us for a Virtual Public Meeting on April 21 at 6pm to provide your feedback. We would like to hear from you. If you have any further questions please contact Mandi Jennings, Grand Gateway Outreach Liaison, at info@grandgatewayep.com or 630-534-6400 ext. 105. Or visit the project website at grandgatewayep.com for project updates and related information. Thanks again! We look forward to hearing from you.
4/9/2021	Email	Brenda Reid				Team, will homes be torn down? Will the circle be impacted and how will it be impacted.	Hello Brenda, Thank you for your inquiry. We are still in the preliminary stage of the project. Upon completion of our study, a report will be prepared describing the proposed work and submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for approval. After approval is received, we will proceed with the land acquisition phase. In that phase, a representative from the Village of Elmwood Park and/or IDOT will contact you regarding any necessary acquisition. If you have any questions or comments regarding the project please contact Mandi Jennings, Grand Gateway Outreach Liaison, at info@grandgatewayep.com or 630-534-6400 ext. 105. Please visit the project website at grandgatewayep.com for project updates and related information. Thanks again! We look forward to hearing from you.
4/12/2021	Email	Mena Minardi				Will the project affect the 7650 W.Altgeld Bldg?	Hello Mena, Thank you for your inquiry. As we are still in the preliminary phase of the project, the project team is still determining locations that may be potentially impacted. As the design is further developed, we will attempt to avoid any impacts. However, if impacts are unavoidable, they will be identified and quantified; these impacts will be presented to the public and other stakeholders for review, comment, and input prior to finalizing the proposed design. Upon completion of the study, a report will be prepared describing the proposed work; it will then be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for review and approval. In the event that land acquisition is required, a representative from the Village of Elmwood Park and/or IDOT will contact property owners regarding any necessary acquisition. For more information, please visit the project's website at http://grandgatewayep.com/index.html
4/13/2021	Call	Domenica Paonessa				2517 N. 78th Street. Domenica received a letter and was inquiring about property impacts. Mandi stated we are in early phase of the project and we have not yet identified potential property impacts. The project team will be looking at all alternatives and will take land impacts into consideration when determining viable options for the grade separation. Domenica requested to pick up a copy of the presentation at Village Hall prior to the meeting	N/A
4/14/2021	Email	Peter Vandemotter				As a regular on the North Central, which uses the MD-W on its final approach to Union station, I am concerned with this crossing. I am worried someone will get too close or traffic will back up to the tracks causing a collision. I also note it is s hazard to cyclists even with no train. I am glad to see a tunnel under the tracks is being planned. But one consideration is lighting. As the Engineer of Record on several tunnel lighting projects I have noticed many tunnels have inadequate lighting. I hope this is taken into consideration.	Hello Peter, Thank you for your inquiry. The project team will take this input into consideration during the planning and design phase. To stay up to date on project updates, please visit the project's website at grandgatewayep.com/index.html and sign up for public updates at grandgatewayep.com/stay-connected.html
4/14/2021	Call	Jim				7819 Westwood Drive. Mandi spoke to Jim. Jim recieved a letter as he is in the project area. He had questions about design and remembered seeing a design on a board at Village Hall years ago but it would have impacted properties. Asked if homes will be acquired. Mandi stated we are in early phase of the project and we have not yet identified potential property impacts. The project team will be looking at all alternatives and will take land impacts into consideration when determining viable options for the grade separation. Jim likely won't be attending meeting.	N/A
4/14/2021	Email	Rabi Jaber				Will traffic be rerouted onto Fullerton avenue when the project gets underway and if so how long is the expected project time?	Hello Rabi, Thank you for your inquiry. As we are still in the preliminary phase of the project, the project team is still determining potential local impacts. As the project advances out of the preliminary phase, the project team will begin to assess potential alternative reroutes prior to moving into construction. To stay up to date on project updates, please visit the project's website at http://grandgatewayep.com/index.html and sign up for public updates at http://grandgatewayep.com/stay-connected.html
4/14/2021	Email	Barb Fabino				My name is Barb Fabino. I live in Elmwood Park. I think the Grand Gateway is an excellent idea. I don't know logistics involved like cost or how easy it would be for all the work. But I'm for it. Keep me updated	Hello Barb, Thank you for your interest and support of the Grand Gateway project. To stay up to date on project updates, please visit the project's website at http://grandgatewayep.com/index.html and sign up for public updates at http://grandgatewayep.com/stay-connected.html
4/15/2021	Call	Daphne Henriquez				Please send Daphne invite as their Mayor plans to attend.	Hello Daphne, Thank you for the Village of Franklin Park's interest in our upcoming public information meeting. Please find below information to join our meeting. To join the live meeting via the online virtual platform (Zoom) at tinyurl.com/grandgatewayepPIM (Meeting ID: 977 8453 6184), via phone at 1-312-626-6799 or view the meeting on Facebook Live at facebook.com/ElmwoodPark/.
4/20/2021	Email	Carmen Quercio				A concern about in the process of the underpass if we can also consider the traffic tie up of a major roadway at the hand car wash facilities on the north side and south side of Grand Avenue west of the tracks plus maybe a traffic light with turn lanes by Eastbrook and Westbrook streets on Grand Avenue to help traffic turn on and off of Grand Avenue. Also the tie up of a major roadway Grand Avenue east of the tracks at the automated car wash. These suggestions will be very helpful and safety of this Grand Avenue corridor through Elmwood Park. Please take serious consideration about this. Thank You.	Hello Carmen, Thank you for your inquiry. The project team will take this input into consideration during the planning and design phase. To stay up to date on project updates, please visit the project's website at grandgatewayep.com/index.html and sign up for public updates at grandgatewayep.com/stay-connected.html
4/20/2021	Call	Jason Merel				Matt called from Nadig Newspaper (a small NW side/Jefferson Park Neighborhood) requesting the presentation be emailed. He was asking questions about the project and will be attending the meeting. He asked if there were any renderings they could use for their publication.	Mandi to send pdf copy of presentation.

Traffic GRAND GATEWAY
Date Pulled 29-Apr-21
Report Range 1-Jan-21 29-Apr-21
Grouping day

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