Why is this Project Needed?

- Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety
- Reduce Congestion and Delays
- Eliminate Train Horn Noise
- Increase Springfield’s Economic Growth
SAFETY & DELAYS

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## TRAIN TRAFFIC

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Federal: $152M
IDOT Rail: $35M
IDOT Highways: $30M
Illinois Commerce Commission - GCPF*: $58M
City of Springfield: $34M
Railroads Combined - $6M

Total Project Cost - $315M

PROJECTED PROJECT FUNDING
ANTICIPATED PROJECT FUNDING

- **BUILD Grant - $22 Million**
  (Awarded December 6, 2018)

- **State Capital Bill??**
  (Deadline - May 31, 2019)
Carpenter Street Underpass - Completed

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE
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• National Park Service Study
  – Site Visit – April 17th
ARCHAEOLOGICAL MITIGATION

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RACE RIOT SITE OPEN HOUSE

- Public Open House
- **Saturday, June 8th**
- 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
  - Tours of open excavations
  - History of site
  - Artifact photos
  - Active digs
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USABLE SEGMENT II
USABLE SEGMENT II FUNDING

Ash & Laurel Street Underpasses

Total Cost - $50.0 Million

IDOT - $17.5 M
TIGER - $14.0 M
ICC - $15.0 M
FRA - $2.0 M
City - $1.4 M
USABLE SEGMENT II

ASH & LAUREL STREET UNDERPASSES

• Bids opened August 4th, 2017
  – Construction Contract awarded to: Freesen, A Division of United Contractors Midwest, Inc.

• Construction: October 2017 – Fall 2020
ASH STREET CONSTRUCTION
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ASH STREET CONSTRUCTION

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SOUTH GRAND CONSTRUCTION

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USABLE SEGMENT III

MADISON AND JEFFERSON STREET UNDERPASSES

• Funding
  • City (Land Acq) – $5.2 M
  • ICC – $14 M (Funding not yet secured)
  • USDOT – $16 M (Funding not yet secured)
  • IDOT – $11.7 M
    Total - $46.9 M

• Schedule
  • Multimodal Planning Begins – Fall 2018
  • Design Begins – Spring 2019
  • Construction – Winter 2021-Fall 2022
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USABLE SEGMENT IV
USABLE SEGMENT IV
PRINCETON TO STANFORD (5th and 6th STREET BRIDGES)
USABLE SEGMENT IV

PRINCETON TO STANFORD (5th and 6th STREET BRIDGES)

• **Funding** — (Dependent on an approved Capital Bill)
  - City (Land Acq.) – $2.5 M
  - IDOT – $41.6 M
  - Total - $44.1 M

• **Schedule**
  - Design Completed – Summer 2017
  - Land Acquisition Completed – January 2019
  - Project Construction Letting – June 2019
  - Construction Begins – Summer 2019
  - Construction Ends – Winter/Spring 2021
REMAINING GRADE SEPARATIONS

- Ash Street
- Laurel Street
- Jefferson Street
- Madison Street
- North Grand Avenue
- North Grand Avenue Overpass
- South Grand at 19th Street
- Ash at 19th Street

Not Funded
REMAINING USABLE SEGMENTS

• Usable Segment I – Carpenter Street Underpass
• Usable Segment II – Laurel & Ash Streets Underpasses
• Usable Segment IV – New Bridges at existing Fifth & Sixth Street Underpasses

• Usable Segment III – Madison & Jefferson Streets Underpasses
• Usable Segment V – New Bridges at existing Cook Street & South Grand Avenue
• Usable Segment VI – North Grand Avenue Underpass
• Usable Segment VII – Remainder of RR grading track work & cutover of UP traffic
• Usable Segment VIII – Multimodal Facility, including Amtrak Station
• Usable Segments A, B, C – N. Grand Overpass, 19th & South Grand, 19th & Ash St.
Springfield Rail Improvements Project Schedule

**SPRINGFIELD RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**
• Rail Relocation Ombudsman

➢ Contact Information:

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Email: 4railhelp@gmail.com
Vector/FAVOR’s Public Engagement Activities

- Created and disseminated three newsletters to community members
- Hosted eight Public Meetings and eight Stakeholder Advisory Group Meetings
- Present Updates at bi-monthly Steering Committee Meetings
- Prepare media briefings and press advisories
- Update project website
- Respond to public correspondence
- Maintain kiosks at the Community Relations Building and Lincoln Library
- Offer IDOT Career Training Orientations
HCCTP News
HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CAREERS TRAINING PROGRAM

CONSTRUCTION COURSES OFFERED IN VARIOUS SKILLS:
- O.S.H.A. 10 Hour Safety
- First Aid/CPR/AED
- Aerial Lift
- Fork Lift
- Mobile Crane
- Crane Signaling
- Skid Steer

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## Community / Stakeholder Presentations

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Carpenter Street Update

The Carpenter Street Underpass Project is the first funded usable segment of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project and is a recipient of a 2013 U.S. Department of Transportation, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant. The project is intended to reduce congestion, improve safety and provide improved access to area hospitals from locations east of 11th Street.

Work on the Carpenter Street Underpass began in September of 2014. The contractor has completed all of the foundation work for the bridge and walls, completed the Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific bridges, and began excavation for the underpass roadway. Next steps are to complete excavation work and building walls. Construction is on schedule, on budget and is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2016. The project’s National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Record of Decision (ROD) includes a commitment for continuing coordination between Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for the evaluation of potential archaeological resources within the project area. (Learn more about the archaeological site on Page 2.)

Next Construction Segment

Usable Segment II is the next rail piece of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project that is scheduled for construction. This segment will consist of constructing new underpasses at Ash and Laurel Streets in the 10th Street corridor. It will also include construction of railroad embankment, drainage, and track from South Grand Avenue to south of Ash Street. Construction will be staged to allow either Ash Street or Laurel Street to remain open at all times.

Design plans for this portion of the project are nearing completion. The City is continuing to work with state and federal representatives to identify the necessary funding to move this segment forward. The City will proceed with the purchase of residential property for Usable Segment II once the funding agreement is in place.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, February 11, 2016
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Come anytime; there is no formal presentation. The open house is the idea to a regular period of meetings as the city public in formation of the project progress. A forum for further public comments will be provided throughout the event. An open forum for the public comments will be provided at 6:00 p.m. for public comments.

Prairie Capital Convention Center* 1 Convention Center Plaza Springfield, IL 62701
*The facility is ADA accessible.

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GROW OUR OWN
MINORITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

EMPOWERING THE YOUTH OF TODAY WITH THE PROMISE OF TOMORROW

The City of Springfield, Sangamon County and Hanson Professional Services Inc. are entering their fifth year of the Grow Our Own Minority Participation Program. Through this program, the young talents of our city take part in great learning opportunities for brighter futures within our community.

Currently seeking student referrals
Visit www.growourown.net for details
Welcome

Welcome to the Grow Our Own Minority Participation Program website. This program, which is sponsored by the City of Springfield, Sangamon County and Hanson Professional Services Inc. with support from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), is committed to helping Springfield's minority youth attain college degrees and eventually full-time employment in engineering and railroad-related fields. Grow Our Own selects students from middle school through college to participate in mentoring, educational initiatives, job training and internships. Opportunities along each of these pathways help to prepare high-performing youth for successful, prosperous careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.
U of I Engineering Open House - 2019

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JOIN US FOR A FANTASTIC WEEKLONG EXPLORATION!

Rail and Intermodal Transportation explorations all week long, including hands-on and classroom activities! Several field visits will give you a first-hand look at the Rail and Intermodal Transportation industry—the people who keep the world on the move. Learn about railroad track structure, rail yard operations, how truckers do their work, and many more facets of this fascinating industry, all while staying in the beautiful Lake Superior Region of Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

SPACE IS LIMITED SIGN UP EARLY!
Application Deadline: May 1st | Scholarships Available

10TH ANNUAL Summer Youth Program:
JULY 7-13, 2018
FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9-12
HOSTED BY:

JDS Films
BNSF Railway
Cutting Edge Press

FIELD VISITS TYPICAL OF PREVIOUS YEARS:
BNSF’s Superior Yard, Yardmaster’s Office and Repair Shops
LS&I’s Eagle Mills Yard, Dispatching and Maintenance Facilities
CLEVELAND-CLEVELAND CLIFFS’s Tilden Mine Train Loading Facilities
HALVOR LINES’ Superior Terminal, Offices and Truck Simulator
NORTH SHORE SCENIC RAILROAD Train Ride
DULUTH CARGO CONNECT CN’s new Duluth Intermodal Terminal

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US! David Nelson | donnelsio@mtu.edu | 906-487-1734 | www.rail.mtu.edu

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Michigan Tech Rail & Intermodal
Summer Camp Program - 2018
Darion Miller
J’Veon Bardwell
Hanson’s Summer Internship Program - 2019

- Christian Moore
- Jacquez Stewart
- Zaire Harris
- Desiree Hill
OTHER SPRINGFIELD RAIL PROJECTS

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RAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
Third Street Improvements — safety improvements including fencing, bridges, and roadway improvements were completed in 2018. Train speeds are slowly being increased to 40 mph through Springfield.
THANK YOU