



STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
MARCH 26, 2014

PROJECT REVIEW

- **Safety** – There are 68 at-grade rail crossings throughout the City and 24 miles of unfenced right-of-way
- **Reduce Congestion** – Vehicle delays due to trains blocking crossings are projected to increase from 200 hours per day today to 600 hours per day in 2030
- **Enhance Livability and Commercial Activity** – Each of the rail lines through Springfield generate noise and create barriers in commercial areas and residential neighborhoods

TRAIN TRAFFIC

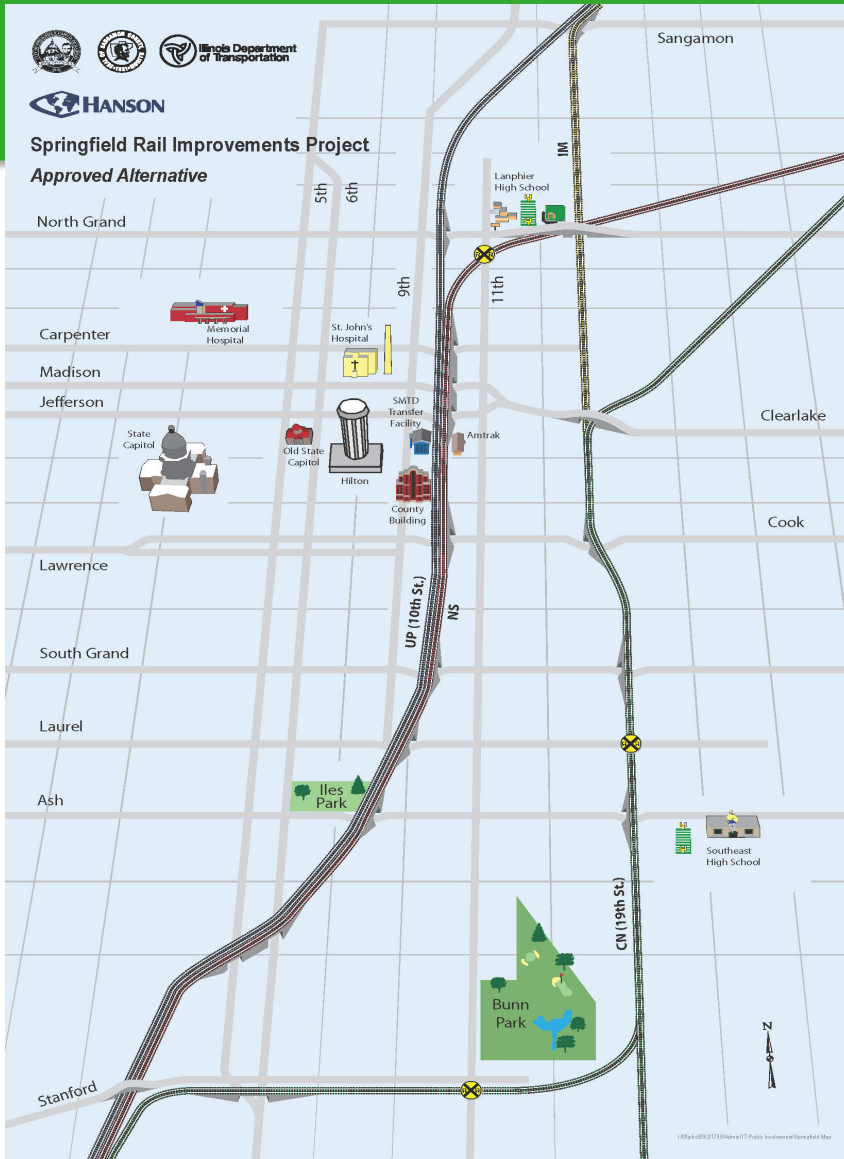
	Current (2010) Rail Traffic	Projected (2030) Rail Traffic
Union Pacific 3rd Street	15	45
Norfolk Southern 10th Street	16	27
Canadian National 19th Street	4	9
TOTAL	35 Trains	81 Trains

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EXISTING RAIL LINES



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APPROVED ALTERNATIVE

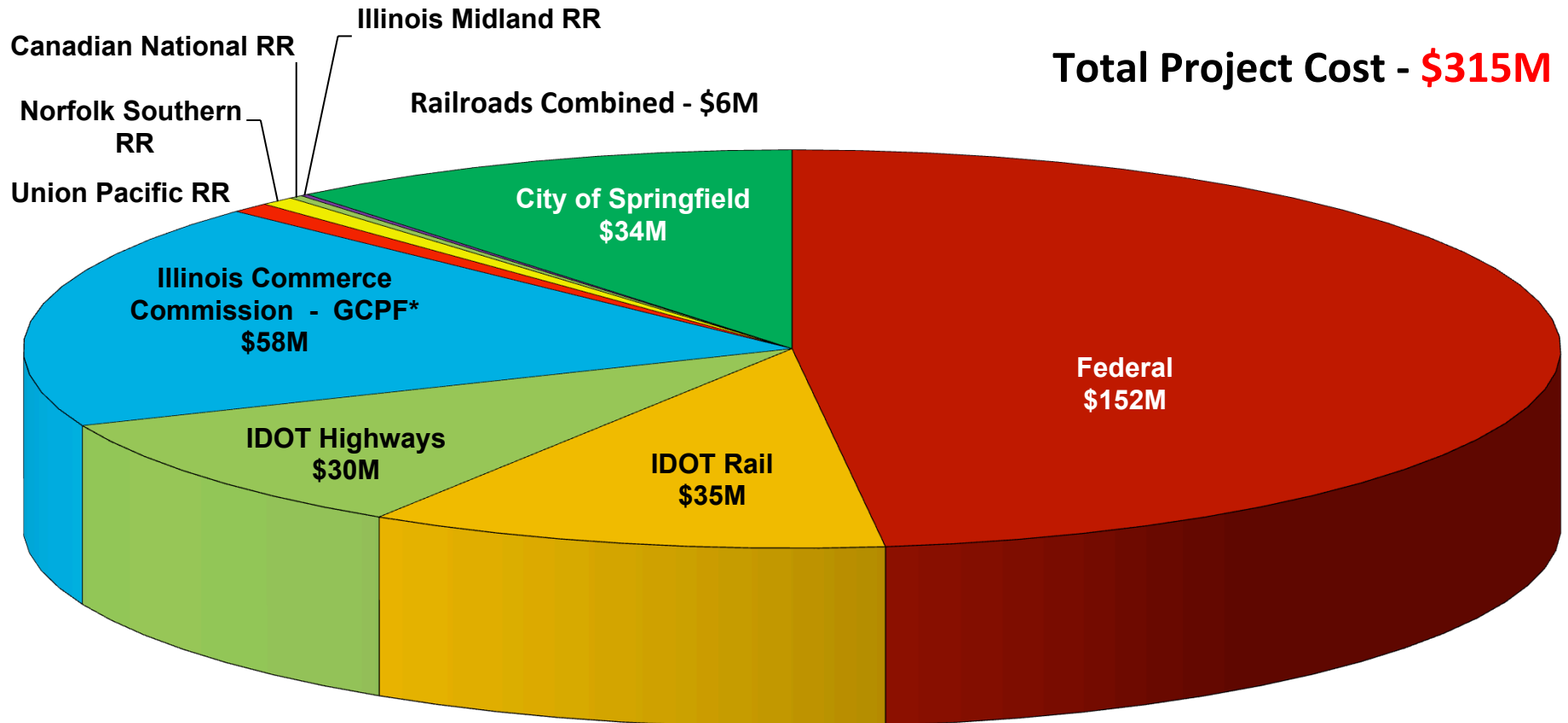
The Federal Railroad Administration issued their Record of Decision in December 2012

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS SUMMARY

- Right-of-Way required – 42.0 acres
- Residential Displacements – 117
- Commercial Displacements – 50
- Access Changes – 29
- Residential Noise Reductions – 7,767 homes

PROJECT FUNDING



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Springfield Rail Improvements Project Tentative Schedule

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	City, County & IDOT Sign Intergovernmental Agreement (\$8.65 M) (Awarded)								
Design									
	Federal Tiger Grant (\$14.4 M)								
Land Acquisition⁽¹⁾									
		Illinois Commerce Commission (\$4.9 M)							
			Carpenter St. Underpass		Ash St. Underpass		Trackwork & Remaining Grade Separations		
Construction⁽¹⁾									

1) Schedule assumes the necessary funding is available.

DESIGN TEAM - LOCAL FIRMS

- **Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc.** – Underpass Design
- **Allen Henderson & Associates** – Roadway Design
- **Professional Services Industries** – Drilling
- **Infrastructure Engineering** – Construction Observation
- **Andrews Environmental Engineering** – Hazardous Waste Surveys
- **Fever River Research** - Archaeology

INITIAL CONSTRUCTION SECTION

CARPENTER STREET

- **Schedule**
 - **TIGER Grant Selection – September 2013**
 - **Design – Fall/Spring 2013/2014**
 - **Construction – Fall 2014**
 - **100% Plans Approved – March 2014**
 - **Letting Date – June 2014**

CARPENTER STREET



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DBE GOALS FOR CONSTRUCTION

- The Illinois Department of Transportation is estimating a DBE goal of 12 percent
- Approximately 6,000 trainee hours assigned to the Carpenter Street project by IDOT
- NS Railroad is reviewing local workforce participation for their track work

MINORITY TRAINING PROGRAMS

- **IDOT – Highway Construction Careers Training Program** at Lincoln Land Community College
 - Courses in various skills:
 - Skid Steer
 - Fork Lift
 - Mobile Crane
 - Crane Signaling
 - Aerial Lift
 - First Aid/CPR/AED
 - O.S.H.A. 10 Hour Safety

Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)

- **Goal** – promote Apprentice to Journeyman status
- **Pass** - Apprenticeship exam
- **Hire** - Contractors will be reimbursed \$15 per hour for hiring HCCTP graduates by IDOT

COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT (CBA)

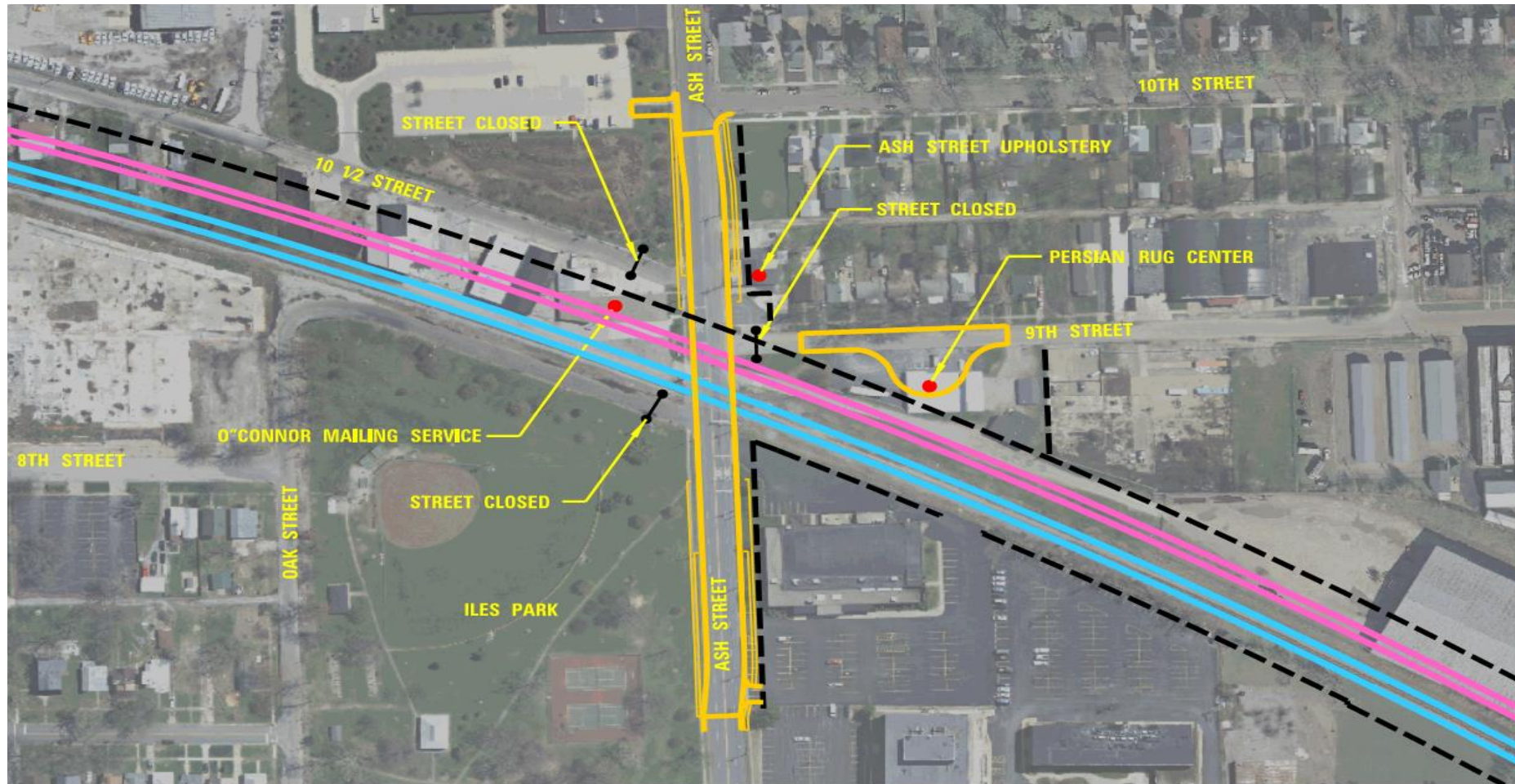
Faith Coalition for the Common Good – CBA:

- ✓ Relocation Assistance
- ✓ Local Jobs
- ✓ Training Money
- Green Space
- Small Business
- ✓ Safety/Noise
- ✓ Planning/Monitoring Committee

- CBA signed by Mayor Houston and Sangamon County Board
Chairman – Andy VanMeter

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ASH STREET UNDERPASS



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ASH STREET DISPLACEMENTS

Commercial

- O'Connor Mailing Service
- Ash Street Upholstery
- Persian Rug Center

Residential

- Key Properties, LLC (undeveloped)

ASH STREET UNDERPASS

- City is actively searching for funding sources
- Preliminary plans to be completed in April 2014
- Construction schedule dependent on securing funding

LAND ACQUISITION PROCESS

- **Property Survey and Plat Preparation**
- **Appraisal and Review**
 - Independent licensed appraisers
 - Fair market value
- **Negotiation for Purchase**
 - Offer price equal to appraised value
- **Acquisition / Payment**
- **Relocation**
 - Residential and Commercial property, based on federal eligibility and financial regulations

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

- **Vector's Engagement Activities Since August 2013**
 - Created and disseminated Fall 2013 newsletter to 3,000+ community members
 - Presented at bi-monthly Steering Committee Meetings
 - Conducted community presentations
 - Updated project website
 - Responded to public correspondence
 - Host fall 2014 public meeting



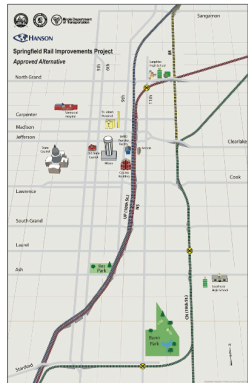
PROJECT NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE



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Future Rail Corridors Map



For More Information

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Rail Improvement Efforts Underway

After years of study, community discussion and federal review, efforts to consolidate the City of Springfield's rail traffic are finally underway. The new Springfield Rail Improvements Project will relocate all passenger and freight traffic from the Third Street corridor to Tenth Street; construct grade separations (roadway underpasses and one overpass) at critical rail crossings on both the Tenth and Nineteenth Street corridors; and eliminate train horns in the City between Stanford Avenue and Sangamon Avenue. The City of Springfield, in cooperation with Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), is leading this \$315 million, multi-phase project. The first phase is focused on planning and design and is being partially funded through \$8.65 million from IDOT. The remaining phases, which include land acquisition and construction, will be completed as funding becomes available.

Support for rail consolidation peaked in response to anticipated increases in freight and passenger rail traffic. Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern and Canadian National Railroads plan to increase their rail traffic in the next 15 to 20 years, more than doubling the number of trains that presently move through the City. The chart below shows current and projected rail traffic for Springfield. It indicates that by 2030, an additional 35 to 40 trains may pass through the City each day as a result of heightened railroad activity.

Railroads	Current (2010) Rail Traffic	Projected (2030) Rail Traffic
Union Pacific (3 rd Street Corridor)	10 Passenger 5 Freight	18 Passenger 27 Freight
Norfolk Southern (10 th Street Corridor)	16 Freight	27 Freight
Canadian National (19 th Street Corridor)	4 Freight	9 Freight
TOTAL	35 Trains	81 Trains

The increase in rail traffic will bring with it a significant increase in the amount of time vehicles are delayed at train crossings. Currently, vehicles spend almost 230 hours per day delayed at railroad crossings in Springfield. In 2030, vehicles could spend nearly 800 hours per day

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COMMUNITY / STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATIONS

ORGANIZATION	DATE	MEETING TYPE
Springfield Public School Board	8/5/13	Community Presentation
The State Journal Register	8/9/13	Media Briefing
Jim Leach Radio Show on WMAY AM	8/19/13	Media Briefing
Faith Coalition for the Common Good	8/26/13	Community Presentation
Peter Gray of WUIS Radio	8/28/13	Media Briefing
Illinois Times	8/28/13	Media Briefing
Tony Delgornio – County Board Member	9/19/13	Community Presentation
Springfield Public School Board	9/26/13	Community Presentation
Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting	3/26/14	Stakeholder Briefing
Rotary Club	5/20/14	Community Presentation

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PUBLIC MEETING – Fall 2014



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Minority Participation Plan

City of Springfield
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Hanson Professional Services Inc.
December 16, 2013



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Hanson Professional Services Inc. in conjunction with the City of Springfield, Sangamon County of Transportation, is committed to the continued involvement and disadvantaged businesses as part of the Springfield Rail Multimodal Facility. Our goal with this program is to create a mentoring minority youth towards full time employment in related fields. This plan describes a multi-pronged approach to strategies and ideas to further develop the minority participation for

Organizations Workshop

Hanson Professional Services Inc., will coordinate with minority-based organizations and community to identify middle school through college-aged students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) that are interested in engineering, science or related fields. The Springfield School District and middle school principals will be solicited for minority students willing to participate in these programs. In addition to students, parents will be requested to attend the workshop with ideas on how to support these programs.

City for Black Engineers
Black Chamber of Commerce

National – Junior Frontier's Program
Organizations & Sororities
Alpha
Phi Theta
Chi

Community College/UIS

Minority Participation Workshop

February 3rd, 2014



Minority Participation Workshop

- About 40 Attendees
- Representing about 25 Minority Organizations & Schools
- Received 24 Student Referrals

EOH 2014



ENGINEERING OPEN HOUSE VISITOR'S GUIDE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

MARCH 14-15, 2014



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U of I Engineering Open House 2014



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Upcoming Activities

- Currently Interviewing Summer Interns
- Subcontractor – PSI Committing to Summer Intern
- Expanding Your Horizons, sponsored by the American Association of University Women – March 29, 2014
- Michigan Tech Summer Youth Program – July 27 – August 2, 2014

ASSOCIATED SPRINGFIELD RAIL PROJECTS

- **HSR Chicago – St. Louis** – Tier 2 level studies continuing for:
 - Joliet to Chicago
 - Alton to St. Louis
- **Springfield Flyover** – new track to separate UP and NS trains to avoid rail congestion between Stanford Ave, and I-72. Public meeting planned for spring 2014.
- **Third Street Improvements** – construct safety improvements including 4-quadrant gates, fencing, bridges, and roadway improvements in 2015.

QUESTIONS?

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