

RAILROAD CROSSING ALTERNATIVES FACTORS / IMPACTS

Illinois Department of Transportation		PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE	
	AT-GRADE CROSSING	IL 60/83 HIGHWAY OVERPASS	IL 60/83 HIGHWAY UNDERPASS
Daily Train/Car Risk Exposure Volume (ADT x Trains/Day)	27,000 X 20 = 540,000	0	0
Railroad Blockage Vehicle Delay	Vehicular Delay Due to Railroad Operations Is Still Present	All Vehicular Delay due to Rail Traffic Eliminated at Crossing	All Vehicular Delay due to Rail Traffic Eliminated at Crossing
Property Access Impacts Right-Of-Way / Easements	 Access to Adjacent Streets and Commercial Entrances Similar to current access Requires Complete Take of One Property 	 Maple Ave Access Modified (via Frontage Rd) Multiple Access Driveways are Impacted with Possible Full Acquisition 	 Requires Permanent Closure of Maple Avenue Multiple Access Driveways are Impacted with Possible Full Acquisition
Emergency Services	 Least Favorable Option as Blockages and Vehicular Delays Still Exist No Suitable Alternate Route Exists 	 Elimination of Blockages and Vehicular Delays Greatly Improves Emergency Response Times 	 Elimination of Blockages and Vehicular Delays Greatly Improves Emergency Response Times
Environmental Impacts	- Minimizes Land / Acreage Disturbance	- Some Acreage Disturbance	- Significant Acreage Disturbance Due To Excavation
IL 60/83 at Diamond Lake Road Intersection & RR Crossing	 Diamond Lake Road Impacts Minimized Capacity Improved but Queuing into Diamond Lake Road Intersection Still Anticipated due to High Vehicle Volume 	 Minor Impacts to Diamond Lake Road Intersection Blockage Issue at Intersection is Eliminated 	 Significant Impacts to Diamond Lake Road Intersection Blockage Issue at Intersection is Eliminated
Railroad Operations	 Construction Impacts Minimized Required Active Warning Devices in Proposed Condition 	 Temporary Active Warning Devices Required During Construction No Warning Devices Required in Proposed Condition 	- Would Require Temporary Closures
Long-Term Maintenance/Structures	 Proposed Closed Storm Sewer System No Pump Station or Bridge Structure Required Maintenance of At-Grade Railroad Crossing, Gates and Warning Devices Required 	 Overhead Structure Requires Maintenance Bridge Approx. 1,200 feet of Retaining Walls 	 Proposed Closed Storm Water System Pump Station High Cost High Maintenance Responsibility Approx. 2,500 feet of Retaining Walls Railroad Bridge Structure to Maintain
Construction Duration	 Three Main Stages, Temp crossing signals and gates required Duration of Construction 24 months 	 Two Pre-Stages Three Main Stages Temp crossing signals and gates required Diamond Lake Road Temporary Closures / Detour Duration of Construction 36 months 	 Three Main Stages Main Stages 1 & 2 Divided into Nine Sub-Stages Each Temp crossing signals and gates required; Diamond Lake Road Temporary Closures Duration of Construction 48 months
Constructability	- Standard Construction Methods	- Standard Construction Methods	- Complex Construction Methods
Utilities	- Potential Utility Impacts Resulting From Roadway Improvements	- Overhead Utility Relocation Required	Underpass Lighting RequiredPotential Utility Impacts
Construction Cost	\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$\$