Welcome

Public Meeting
February 16, 2022
5:00p-7:00p

Normal Uptown Connector (Underpass Project)
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Existing Conditions

- Double track location
- Uptown Station on the north side of the tracks
- Second boarding platform and Auxiliary Train Depot on the south side of the tracks
- Detour between platforms using Broadway at-grade crossing
- Constitution Trail detour using Linden St at-grade crossing
Project Goals

- Improve Safety around Railroad Tracks
- Leverage Regional Rail Efficiencies
- Improve Transportation Connections
- Foster Redevelopment and Investment in Uptown
- Provide Easy Access to Second Boarding Platform
- Allow Traffic to Flow Freely and Safely Beneath Railroad Tracks
- Reconnect the Constitution Trail
- Promote the Walkability of Uptown
Project Schedule

PHASE II (Design)

- January 2022: Begin Phase II
- February 2022: Public Meeting
- March 2022: 60% Plan Submittal
- September 2022: 90% Plan Submittal
- December 2022: Final Plan Submittal

PHASE III (Construction)

- March 2023: Contract Award – Start of Phase III Construction
- December 2024: Construction Completed

We are here
## Project Funding Sources

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BUILD – Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development

ICC – Illinois Commerce Commission

FRA – Federal Railroad Administration

IDOT – Illinois Department of Transportation
Overall Proposed Improvement

- South Plaza
- Underpass
- North Plaza
- Children’s Discovery Museum
- Auxiliary Train Depot
- Uptown Station
North Plaza – Accessible Route

Legend:
- Accessible Route

- Ramp at 8.33% Max Longitudinal Slope, 2% Max Cross Slope. Handrails Both Sides. Max Run Length 30’ Each Segment
- Landing at 2% Slope All Directions. 5' Min. Depth
- Sloped Walkway 2% - 5% Max Longitudinal Slope, 2% Max Cross Slope
- 60” Dia. Turning Radius

Note:
Accessible Routes Shall Conform to all ADA Codes.
South Plaza – Accessible Route
Accessible Route between Plazas
North Plaza – Active Play Space

Potential Amenities
- Water Elements
- Interactive / Thinking Play
- Moveable Seating
- Public Art Installations
South Plaza – Performance and Gathering Space

Potential Amenities
• Flexible Uses (Markets, Performances, Education Experiences)
• Amphitheater Seating
• Stage
• Landscaping
Underpass – Gateway to Uptown

Opportunities for:
• Permanent Art Installation
• Special Lighting
• Changeable Art Installations
South Side Drop-Off / Pick-Up Area

- Dedicated Drop-off / Pick-Up on South Side
- Access from Linden Street
- Provides accessible and safe crossing of the railroad
- Access to the Children’s Discovery Museum from south side parking lot
Share your feedback with the team!

Is there anything else you want the project team to know?

THREE WAYS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Speak with the project team

Provide comments on the form provided.

Take our online survey!