PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project is located in the City of Aurora, 1.5 miles west of Illinois Route 59, where Ogden Avenue crosses the EJ&E/CN Railroad, at-grade. EJ&E railroad was acquired by the CN Railroad according to the 12/2008 ruling by the US Department of Transportation’s Surface Transportation Board (STB). CN Railroad acquired EJ&E to improve rail operations in the Chicagoland area. The acquisition will result in an increase in the number of trains throughout the corridor. The STB stipulated the need for construction of a grade separation structure at this location to mitigate impacts caused by the increased rail traffic.

The project is needed to reduce traffic delays and to support efficient response by emergency service providers. It will address traffic delays and safety concerns due to trains crossing Ogden Avenue at-grade. The project is tentatively scheduled for letting in late fall of 2013 subject to plan readiness, land acquisition and funding availability through our Annual Legislative Appropriations.

The link below has been created to provide one location where the public can get details about the US Route 34 Bridge Construction project scope and the construction staging and schedule. The information is intended to help you understand what we will be doing and when the work is anticipated to take place. As the Department works to make this section of roadway safer for the future, we want to make sure users, residents and local business owners have up to date information on the progress of the project. If you have any questions about the project that have not been answered with the information on this Flyer, please use the “Contact Us” section on the webpage and a response will be sent to you.

For any questions or concerns regarding the US 34 (Ogden Ave.) Grade Separation project, please visit www.dot.il.gov/us34ogden/index.html