



PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Village of Burnham, with assistance from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways (DoTH), has initiated the Burnham Avenue Railroad Crossing Study which will focus on eliminating the at-grade crossing near the intersection of Burnham Avenue and Brainard Avenue, where the roadway intersects with five (5) railroad tracks. Currently, the Village of Burnham experiences 8,200 vehicles per day at this location and an average of over four (4) hours of downed gate time daily. This at-grade crossing leads to safety, congestion, mobility, and environmental issues for the community and commuters.

In 2019, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) identified this as a priority location as part of the Northeastern Illinois Priority Grade Crossings due to road and pedestrian safety concerns with potential rail operations. The purpose of the Burnham Avenue Railroad Crossing Study is to evaluate several alternatives that will resolve these issues and improve the quality of life for the community.

Project Map



Project Benefits



Increased Safety



Improved Community Mobility



Reduced Vehicle and Pedestrian Congestion



Decreased Carbon Emissions

Existing Conditions Photographs



This image shows the entire area of the Burnham Avenue Railroad Crossing Study, where Burnham Avenue intersects with five (5) railroad tracks.



This image shows vehicles traveling on the opposite side of the roadway while waiting for downed gates near Burnham Avenue and S. Chippewa Avenue.



This image shows vehicles and a Pace Bus idling while downed gates are activated at the northern end of the project corridor, near Burnham Avenue and Brainard Avenue.



This image shows pedestrians using the existing sidewalk accommodations while downed gates are activated.

