



IDOT is committed to rail improvements in Springfield, as shown by these three projects:

Immediate:

Safety enhancements and opportunity for a quiet zone on the Third Street corridor, the current Amtrak route.

Near-Term Springfield Flyover:

Railway flyover to eliminate rail traffic congestion with the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

Future 10th Street Improvements:

Springfield is leading the 10th Street efforts; IDOT is working with the city and has contributed \$8.6 million for half of the design work cost.



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Chicago to St. Louis High-Speed Rail Project: Springfield

CURRENT PROGRAM:

Springfield Third Street

Work will commence on upgrades to the railroad and grade crossings along Third Street, the current Amtrak route through Springfield. Benefits include new grade crossing approaches, crossing safety devices, fencing, and bridge upgrades. These improvements will enhance overall safety in the corridor.

The safety enhancements implemented through the High-Speed Rail project satisfy the requirements to be eligible for a quiet zone designation. Quiet Zones are areas in which passing trains are restricted in the use of their horns and are popular in residential areas near railroad crossings. Should the City of Springfield apply for this designation, it would not be expected to incur the expense related to infrastructure improvements as they will have been funded through the High-Speed Rail project.

These improvements are funded by awards received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in 2010 and were approved by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) after environmental documentation was completed in 2004 and 2011.



PROPOSED FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS:

Springfield Flyover

Improvements identified as part of a 2012 Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) include the Springfield Flyover Study. This proposed project, when constructed, would consist of a new track alignment and a railway flyover near Southern View to grade separate Union Pacific/Amtrak operations from Norfolk Southern operations to eliminate train congestion and improve crossing delays for vehicular traffic. Hanson Professional Services Inc. has been selected to conduct a detailed environmental analysis of this project on behalf of IDOT; however, no funding is available for the construction of this project at this time.

Tenth Street Improvements

As part of a Tier 2 EIS analysis completed in December of 2012, the relocation of trains from Third Street to a combined corridor on Tenth Street was evaluated and identified as the preferred alternative. The proposed improvements, when constructed, would consolidate all freight and passenger traffic and will include construction of new grade separations. A new passenger rail station would also be located adjacent to the Tenth Street rail corridor.

The relocation of both freight and passenger rail operations to the Tenth Street corridor, along with its associated improvements, is not currently funded. Springfield is leading the Tenth Street efforts; IDOT is working with the City and has contributed \$8.6 million for half of the design work cost. The funding has been made available through Governor Quinn's Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Plan. The City of Springfield has led the effort in seeking and applying for funding and will lead design study efforts.

Springfield High-Speed Rail Projects

3rd Street Improvements

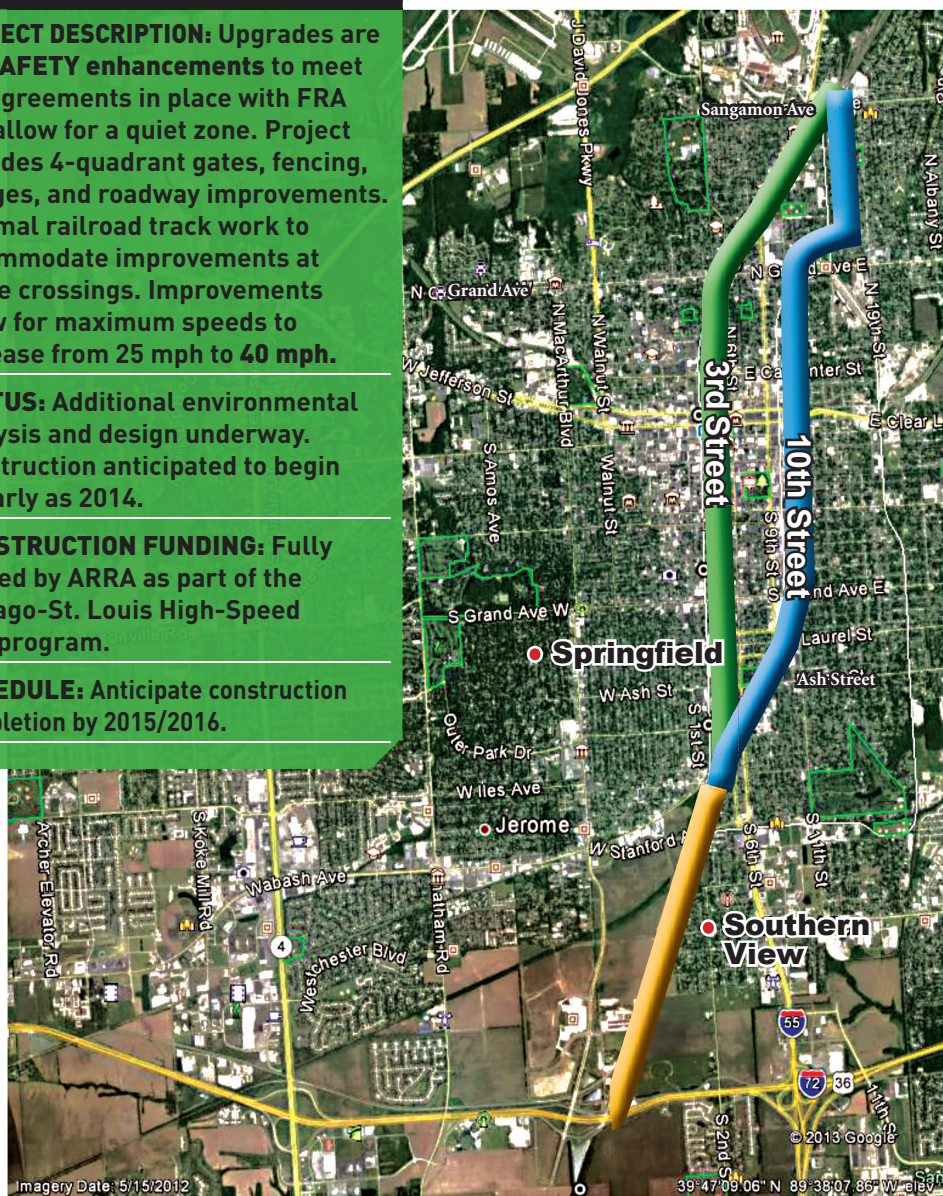
- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Upgrades are for **SAFETY** enhancements to meet the agreements in place with FRA and allow for a quiet zone. Project includes 4-quadrant gates, fencing, bridges, and roadway improvements. Minimal railroad track work to accommodate improvements at grade crossings. Improvements allow for maximum speeds to increase from 25 mph to 40 mph.
- **STATUS:** Additional environmental analysis and design underway. Construction anticipated to begin as early as 2014.
- **CONSTRUCTION FUNDING:** Fully funded by ARRA as part of the Chicago-St. Louis High-Speed Rail program.
- **SCHEDULE:** Anticipate construction completion by 2015/2016.

10th Street Improvements

- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** City of Springfield's long-term vision is to move passenger and freight trains from 3rd Street to a consolidated rail corridor on 10th Street.
- **STATUS:** Environmental analysis complete; design underway. Springfield is leading the 10th Street efforts; IDOT is working with the city and has contributed \$8.6 million for half of the design work cost.
- **CONSTRUCTION FUNDING:** No funding at this point.
- **SCHEDULE:** To be determined, based on funding availability.

Springfield Flyover

- **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** New track alignment and a railway flyover structure to separate the Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific/Amtrak at-grade crossover to improve capacity and reliability along the Chicago-St. Louis corridor.
- **STATUS:** Environmental analysis and preliminary design underway. Additional planning and design required prior to construction.
- **CONSTRUCTION FUNDING:** No funding at this point.
- **SCHEDULE:** To be determined, based on funding availability.



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