



High-Speed Rail Accomplishments

In 2015, considerable engineering, construction, and public outreach took place, including the following:

- **Completed 9 miles** of new double track in Girard
- **Improved bridges** in Bloomington, Springfield, and Joliet
- **Installed 4 passing sidings** in Ridgley, Ballard, Braidwood, and McLean
- **Began construction** of the stations in Dwight and Alton
- **Completed site preparation** for the Lincoln station
- **Installed over 220,120 feet of rail**, 196,265 tons of ballast, 55,830 ties, and 27 turnouts
- **Hosted 14 stakeholder** events throughout the corridor to provide the public with program and construction updates



Illinois High-Speed Rail Construction Nearing Completion



Illinois is working hard to plan for future travel needs throughout the state. The **Illinois High-Speed Rail (HSR) Program** is upgrading the Chicago to St. Louis rail network to provide service at speeds up to 110 mph. From crossing safety improvements to upgraded stations, improvements will create a safer, more convenient rail service for everyone.

GRADE CROSSING AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

As part of the HSR Program, improvements will be made to at-grade crossings located throughout the Chicago to St. Louis corridor. At times, this work will also require that additional improvements be made to the adjacent roadways in order to improve safe travel around local streets.

Roadway improvements anticipated at these particular crossings may include work adjacent to tracks; improvement of roadway approaches to the railroad crossing; new medians and sidewalks; culvert and drainage ditch improvements; curb and shoulder work to tie into existing roadway(s); and new pavement markings and signage.

Temporary grade crossing closures may be needed in order to complete this work and will be coordinated with local communities. A listing of these closures can be found on the Program website: www.idothsr.org.



Fencing

Safety is a key initiative of the HSR Program. To increase safety for pedestrians in the corridor, fencing will be installed within urban areas and select rural areas. The fencing will typically be placed within the railroad's right-of-way. Tree and brush clearing will take place this year in preparation for the fencing installation.



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1-855-IDOT HSR
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New and Upgraded Stations

The HSR Program is moving forward with upgrading stations to provide more conveniences for passengers, which may include improved parking, boarding platforms, and upgraded facilities. Station work is planned to occur in the following locations:

JOLIET

The City of Joliet received a discretionary grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to construct a multi-modal facility. **Construction is being led by the City and is ongoing.**

DWIGHT

A new station will be built south of the current location on property owned by the Village. **Construction is ongoing and is anticipated to be complete this summer.**

PONTIAC

A new station will be built southwest of the existing station on property owned by the City. **Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2016.**

NORMAL

A second platform and upgrades to the south waiting room are planned. **Construction is anticipated to begin summer 2016.**

LINCOLN

The existing station and related facilities will be upgraded. Site preparation was completed, including the removal of historic railcars. **Construction is anticipated to begin summer 2016.**

SPRINGFIELD

Potential upgrades to the Springfield station are in the planning stage.

CARLINVILLE

A new station is planned to be built near the current facility.

ALTON

A new station and multi-modal facility will be built northwest of the existing station on property owned by the city. **Site preparation is nearing completion and construction is anticipated to begin spring 2016.**



Significant construction will take place in 2016 as the Program nears completion. In 2016, construction activities will include:

Bridge Improvements

- Forked Creek - Wilmington
- Kankakee River - Wilmington
- Water Street - Wilmington
- Route 16 - Shipman

Siding Reconstruction

- Dwight

New Siding Construction

- Braidwood to Mazonia
- Normal
- Shipman to Godfrey

New or Shifted Track Installation

- Joliet
- Wilmington
- Normal
- Elkhart

Grade Crossing Improvements

- Upgraded crossing warning devices to four quadrant railroad gates
- Warning devices at pedestrian crossing locations
- Fencing at locations with pedestrian use, or evidence of trespass, for increased safety
- Crossing roadway improvements as needed

Coming Soon



Siemens is building the new high horsepower diesel locomotives. The first locomotives will be delivered this year.

