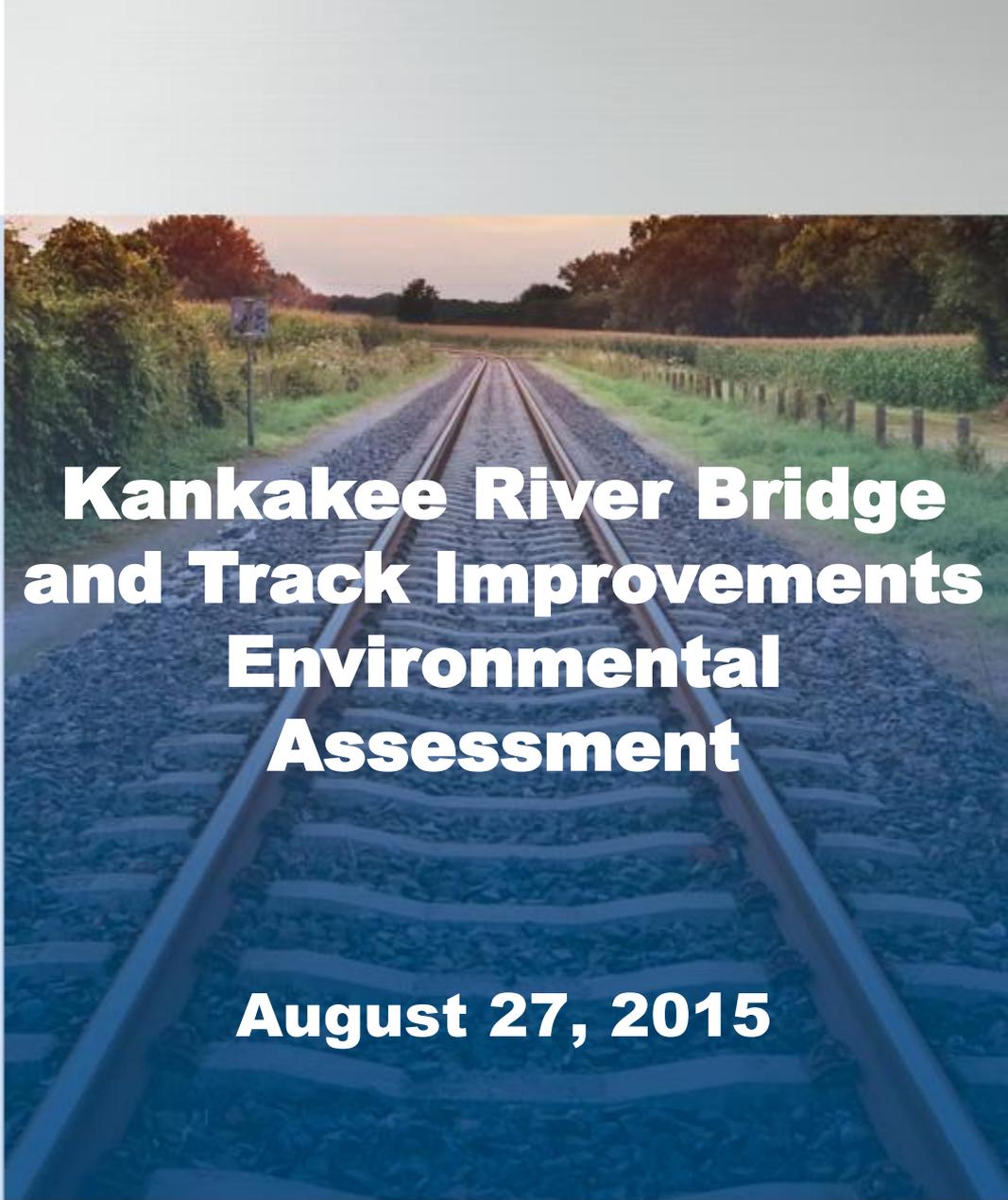


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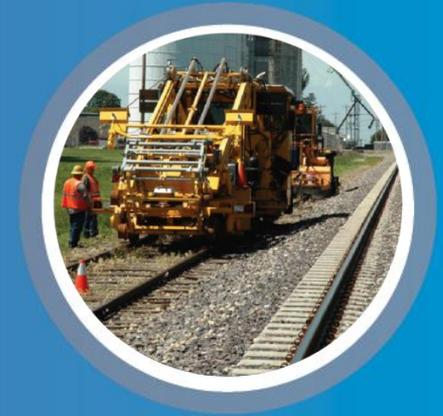
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Illinois High-Speed Rail Chicago to St. Louis Program Overview



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Chicago-St. Louis Corridor Goals

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- » Address growing need for passenger rail
- » Enhance passenger experience
 - Reduce travel time
 - Improve reliability
 - New and upgraded stations and trains
- » Improve safety



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Who's Involved?

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Project Partners

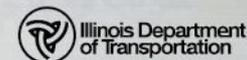
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)
- Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR)
- Amtrak
- Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)
- Others

Support

- Parsons Brinckerhoff - Program Manager
- IDOT Consultants (PTB Advertisements)
- UPRR Contractors/Consultants



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High-Speed Rail Program Schedule

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2010-2012

- Track reconstruction and upgrades

2012

- Procurement process for new high-speed rail cars
- Operation of trains up to 110 mph between Dwight and Pontiac

2013

- Procurement process for new high-speed rail locomotives

2015-2017

- Infrastructure in place to operate at speeds up to 110 mph
- Springfield Third St. improvements
- Delivery of the new cars and new locomotives

Current Program Budget: \$1.53 Billion

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> Track & Structures	\$681 Million
> Real Estate	\$24 Million
> Stations	\$33 Million
> Rolling Stock / Equipment	\$211 Million
> Signaling & Communications	\$202 Million
> Miscellaneous <i>(Grade Crossing Approaches, Overhead Bridges, Fencing, etc)</i>	\$176 Million
> Professional Services <i>(Program Management, Environmental/Design, Construction Oversight)</i>	\$203 Million

Note: This summary does not include Tier 1 and Tier 2 EIS's, Joliet Multimodal, or other individual projects.



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Passenger amenities



Reliable schedule

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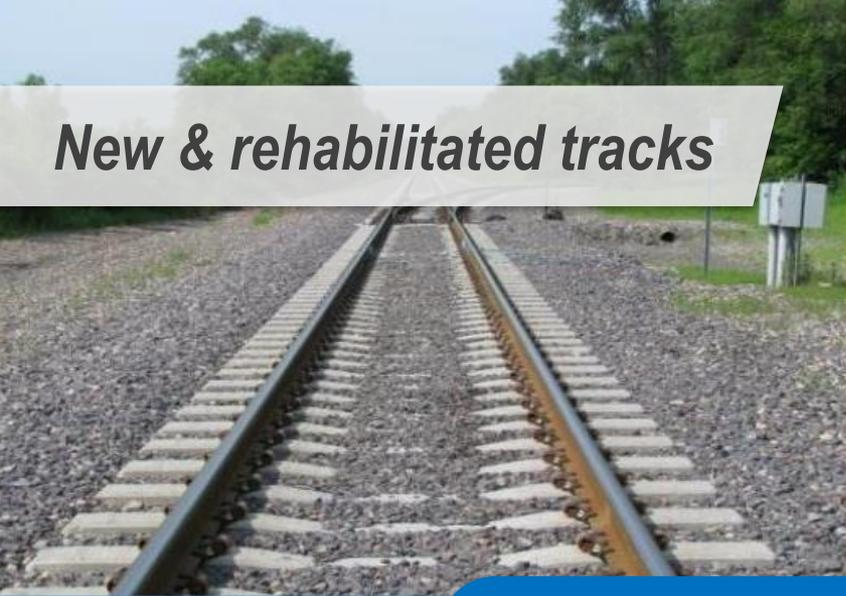


New & upgraded stations



Reduced travel time

New & rehabilitated tracks



Fencing



IMPROVE SAFETY

Upgraded crossings



Bridge improvements



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Kankakee River Bridge and Track Improvements Project



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Project Location

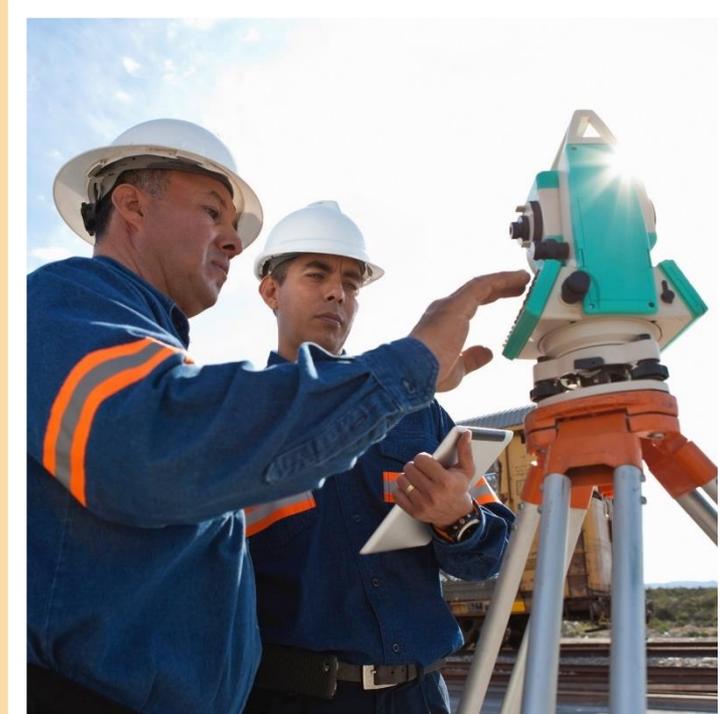


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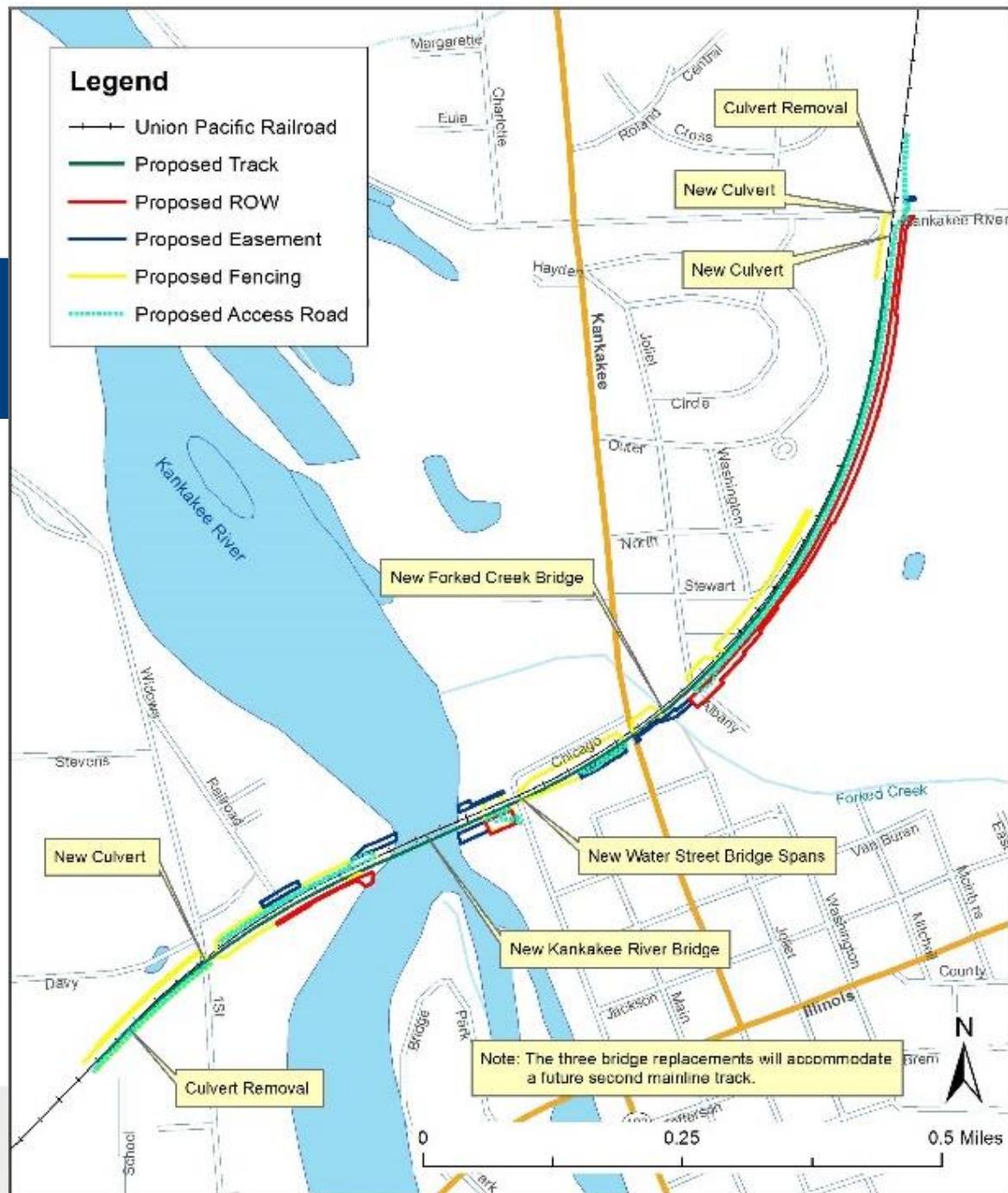
Purpose and Need

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- » Improve passenger rail service
- » Improve/replace deteriorating or functionally obsolete transportation components
- » Fulfill the need for additional mainline track
 - Enhance operations
 - Increase reliability



Build Alternative Map



Supports the Purpose and Need of the Project

- » **Replace Kankakee River, Water Street and Forked Creek bridges** to improve safety and reliability
- » **Second mainline track** will support operations and increase reliability
- » **Crossing improvements and new fencing** will improve safety

No-Build Alternative

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- » No change to single mainline track
- » Routine maintenance only
- » No change to existing infrastructure and track signal equipment

Environmental Assessment

- » Evaluation of potential impacts on natural and human environments
- » Study area spans approximately 1.31 miles within the City of Wilmington
 - Kankakee River Drive on the north
 - N. 1st Street on the south
- » Compares the potential impacts between the Build Alternative and the No Build Alternative

- » **Evaluates potential effects on federally listed species, designated and proposed critical habitats**
- » **Potential impacts found for:**
 - 2 federally listed threatened or endangered species
- » **Coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for mitigation**

Summary of Potential Impacts

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- » Train noise
- » Acquisition and temporary easements
 - No home or business displacement
- » Vegetation loss
- » Wetlands
- » Water quality
- » Protected species
- » Construction



Key Proposed Mitigations

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- » Train noise – quiet zone
- » Aesthetics – re-vegetation after construction
- » Vegetation and Habitat – restore ground surface
- » Wetlands – mitigation banking for permanent impacts
- » Water Quality – Construction Best Management Practices
- » Threatened and Endangered Species – construction timing and relocation
- » Construction/travel impacts – coordination with City of Wilmington, including emergency services

Comments on the
Kankakee River Bridge
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Assessment will be
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