

WELCOME!

SPRINGFIELD FLYOVER

Tier 2 Environmental Assessment

Open House



**ILLINOIS
HIGH-SPEED RAIL**
CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

Previous Study

The Chicago to St. Louis High-Speed Rail Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement preceded the Springfield Flyover Tier 2 Environmental Assessment. The Record of Decision in December 2012 proposed a rail grade separated overpass, or flyover, be studied as part of high-speed rail service through the City of Springfield.



Study Goals

- Determine facility requirements based on the railroads' design criteria
- Develop reasonable alternatives focusing on structure type and design speed
- Evaluate environmental impacts of alternatives
- Select recommended alternative

Study Schedule

Study Timeline

Summer/Fall 2014	Purpose and Need Development
Fall 2014	Public Meeting #1
Summer 2014 – Spring 2015	Alternatives Analysis
Fall 2014 – Summer 2015	Drainage and Geometric Studies
Winter/Spring 2015	Structure Type Studies
Fall 2014 – Summer 2015	Environmental Assessment
Spring 2015	Public Meeting #2
Fall 2015	Public Meeting/Hearing #3
Winter 2016	FRA Decision & Design Report



Where We Are Now

- Improving existing bridges and structures, including Third Street
- Upgrading signals and installing fencing along right-of-way in select locations
- Improving at-grade crossings with four quadrant gates
- Conducting several Tier 2 environmental studies such as the Springfield Flyover Tier 2 Environmental Assessment



Purpose and Need Statement

- A purpose and need statement explains why a project is necessary for the public's benefit.
- Documenting the project's need provides the basis for evaluating reasonable alternatives and their impacts.

Purpose of Springfield Flyover

- Enhance high-speed passenger service
- Reduce railroad delays and congestion from using shared track
- Improve passenger service schedule reliability
- Increase number of daily Amtrak round trips



Need for Springfield Flyover

- Reduce delays for passenger trains
- Increase safety for trains and passengers
- Meet IDOT's high-speed rail on-time performance requirements

Environmental Assessment Process

- Develop Purpose & Need Statement
- Alternatives Analysis
- Assess Environmental Consequences
- Prepare Environmental Assessment
- Hold Public Meeting/Hearing
- FRA Decision

Environmental Resource Assessment

- Wetlands/waters of the U.S.
- Endangered and threatened species
- Cultural resources
- Noise/vibration
- Special waste
- Community impacts
- Section 4(f) lands (parks)
- Agriculture impacts



Springfield Rail Improvements Project

- Carpenter Street underpass
 - Construction underway
- Ash Street underpass
 - Design underway
 - Land acquisition waiting for additional funding



Springfield 3rd Street Corridor

- Design phase
- Environmental Assessment ongoing
- Third Street Corridor Public Hearing will be held this fall

Your Input is Needed

- Complete a comment form
- Visit the project website and leave comments
- Invite the project team to speak at your community meeting



FRA, in cooperation with IDOT, will consider public input when making decisions.

Contact Us

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Next Steps

Tasks
Alternatives Analysis
Drainage and Geometric Studies
Structure Type Studies
Environmental Assessment
Public Meeting #2
FRA Decision and Design Report

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