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New Fence to be Added to Third Street Railroad Corridor

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that as part of the ongoing Chicago-to-St. Louis passenger rail improvements, the Union Pacific Railroad will begin installing new fencing along the Third Street railroad corridor beginning Monday, July 17. The work is expected to be completed by the end of 2017.

The fence is being installed to improve safety along the corridor by preventing pedestrians and bicyclists from crossing the tracks except at designated areas. The work is not expected to impact traffic or train schedules.

The fence will be installed within the Union Pacific right-of-way, between Ridgely Avenue and Hazel Dell Road. Additional fencing will be placed between Stanford and Highland avenues, between Highland Avenue and Ash Street, between Ash Street and Madison Street, and between Madison Street and Ridgely Avenue.

Later this year, construction will commence on safety improvements to 18 crossings throughout the Third Street corridor.

The upgrades are part of the project to introduce faster speeds and increase safety and reliability for passenger rail service between Chicago and St. Louis. Visit www.idohtsr.org for additional details on the project.

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