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**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS,)
 Petitioner,)
 vs.)
 INDIANA HARBOR BELT RAILROAD COMPANY,)
 SOO LINE RAILROAD CO., WISCONSIN CENTRAL,)
 LTD., and STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF)
 TRANSPORTATION,)
 Respondents,)
 GRAND AVENUE RAILROAD RELOCATION)
 AUTHORITY,)
 Intervenor.)
 PETITION FOR AN ORDER REGARDING A)
 SEPARATION OF GRADES AND OF A BRIDGE)
 CARRYING THE TRACKS OF THE INDIANA)
 HARBOR BELT RAILROAD COMPANY, SOO LINE)
 RAILROAD COMPANY, WISCONSIN CENTRAL,)
 LTD., OVER AN UNDERPASS AT GRAND AVENUE)
 IN THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK)
 COUNTY, ILLINOIS, APPORTIONING THE COSTS)
 THEREOF AND DIRECTING AN APPROPRIATE)
 PORTION THEREOF TO BE BORNE BY THE GRADE)
 CROSSING PROTECTION FUND.)

No. T90-0022

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RAIL SAFETY SECTION

Railroad Grade Separation

Inventory Number:
DOT 689-633D

Railroad Milepost:
15.05

Project Completion Date:
December 31, 2007

PROJECT STATUS REPORT - OCTOBER 2004

To: Mr. David Lazarides
 Director of Processing, Transportation Division
 Illinois Commerce Commission
 527 East Capitol
 Springfield, IL 62794

The Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority, a unit of local government pursuant to the Third Supplemental Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Commission") dated April 21, 2004 submits the following status report of the Grand Avenue Grade Separation Project:

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PROJECT PROGRESS

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Design Engineering

Design engineering was completed on May 14, 2004 by Consoer Townsend Envirodyne Engineers, Inc. Project plans and specifications were made available to prospective bidders by an Invitation for Bids issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation on June 25, 2004.

Land Acquisition

The Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority has acquired forty-two (42) parcels in fee simple, thirteen (13) permanent easement parcels and fifty-five (55) temporary easement parcels. Forty-four (44) parcels were acquired by commencement of eminent domain proceedings utilizing, when required, the authority's "quick take" powers. Final just compensation on nine (9) parcels acquired by "quick take" proceedings remain to be determined in condemnation actions currently pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Tax exemption petitions for the parcels acquired in fee simple are currently being processed and pending before the Illinois Department of Revenue. There are no right-of-way parcels remaining to be acquired to construct the project. The Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad and the Canadian National Railroad are currently negotiating an easement agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad tracks to be relocated onto Canadian National Railroad right-of-way.

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Demolition

Competitive bids were received on July 12, 2004. A demolition contract was awarded by the Village of Franklin Park, Illinois by agreement with the Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority on July 15, 2004, in the amount of \$145,044.00 to Pickus Construction and Equipment Company, Inc. of Waukegan, Illinois, to demolish the following five buildings in the project area:

Parcel No.	Location	Description
OF90014	9200 West Fullerton Avenue Franklin Park, Illinois	One-story metal frame building
OF90003	9245 Cherry Avenue Franklin Park, Illinois	One-story masonry building
OF90056	9312 Franklin Avenue Franklin Park, Illinois	One-story masonry building
OF90057	9326 Franklin Avenue Franklin Park, Illinois	One-story masonry building
OF90050	9364 Franklin Avenue Franklin Park, Illinois	One-story masonry building

The contractor commenced demolition work on September 1, 2004, and completed the work on September 30, 2004. The demolition of the concrete floor and foundation of the building located at 9200 West Fullerton Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois, was removed from the demolition contract by a change order and the work was transferred to the contract for construction of the project when it was determined that the concrete floor and the foundation of the building were integrated with a utility tunnel serving the remainder of the property. The demolition of the building at 9229 Grand Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois, was reserved as part of the contract for construction of the project to permit the construction contractor to have the option of using the building for construction operations.

Construction

Competitive bids were received on July 30, 2004. A contract for construction of the project was awarded by the Illinois Department of Transportation by agreement with the Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority on September 2, 2004, in the amount of \$17,149,365.05 to Lorig Construction Company and Lindahl Brothers, Inc. of Des Plaines, Illinois. The contractor commenced construction of the project on October 11, 2004.

Illinois Commerce Commission Proceedings

The provisions of the Third Supplemental Order dated April 21, 2004, require the Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority to submit Supplemental Petitions requesting the remaining contributions from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund and evidencing that previous contributions from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund have been expended. On July 2, 2004, the Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission its Petition for a Fourth Supplemental Order containing evidence that previous contributions from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund have been expended on the project.

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PROJECT EXPENDITURES
(Through August 31, 2004)

Item	Expenditure	Totals
Design Engineering		
Phase I Engineering	\$ 427,144.23	
Phase II Engineering	\$ 2,140,542.04	
Total Design Engineering Expenditures		\$2,567,686.27
Land Acquisition		
Title Services	\$ 59,368.50	
Appraisal Services	\$ 173,782.50	
Negotiation Services	\$ 172,231.52	
Legal Services	\$ 223,518.27	
Cost of Right-of-Way & Relocation Costs	\$10,509,451.70	
Total Land Acquisition Expenditures		\$11,138,352.49
Construction		
Demolition	\$ 0.00	
Construction Contract	\$ 0.00	
Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Force Account	\$ 5,757.00	
Canadian National Railroad Force Account	\$ 0.00	
Canadian Pacific Railroad Force Account	\$ 0.00	
METRA Force Account	\$ 0.00	
Construction Engineering	\$ 0.00	
Total Construction Expenditures		\$ 5,757.00
Project Administration		
Program Management	\$ 407,620.53	
General Legal Services	\$ 256,305.72	
Auditing Services	\$ 7,295.00	
Project Signs, Legal Notices, Consultant Services	\$ 13,348.10	
Total Project Administration Expenditures		\$ 684,569.35
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$14,396,365.11

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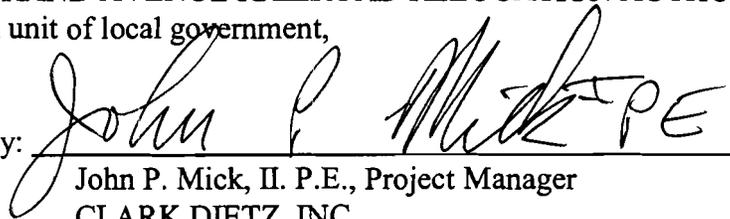
PROJECT COMPLETION

	Percent Complete	Comments
Design Engineering	100%	Design engineering completed on May14, 2004. Final plans and specifications were contained in the Invitation for Bids issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation on June 26, 2004.
Land Acquisition	90%	All right-of-way has been acquired. Final compensation on nine parcels is pending.
Demolition	80%	Advance demolition work was completed on September 30, 2004. Demolition work by the construction contractor is pending.
Construction	1%	Construction of the project commenced on October 11, 2004.

The project is currently on schedule. A copy of the current construction schedule is attached as Exhibit A.

GRAND AVENUE RAILROAD RELOCATION AUTHORITY,
a unit of local government,

By: _____



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EXHIBIT A

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CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

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NOTICE OF FILING

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that she served the foregoing Project Status Report - October 2004 by mailing a true and accurate copy of same to:

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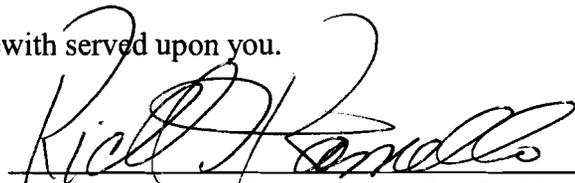
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 21, 2004, I filed on behalf of Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority in the office of the Director of Processing, Transportation Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Leland Building, 527 East Capital Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, a Project Status Report - October 2004.

A copy of which is attached and herewith served upon you.



Richard J. Ramello, Attorney for Petitioners, the
Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority and the
Village of Franklin Park.

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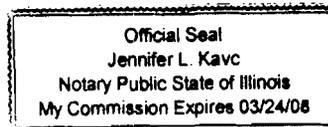
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and depositing same, proper postage prepaid, in the U.S. mail located at 9501 W. Devon Avenue, Rosemont, Illinois, at or before 5:00 p.m. on the 20th day of October, 2004.


Paula S. Hayden

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
20th day of October, 2004.


Notary Public



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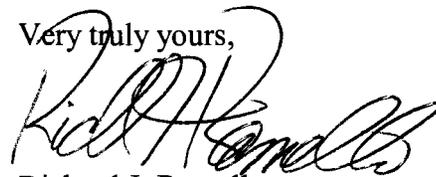
**RE: Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority
Illinois Commerce Commission Docket T90-0022
Project Status Report - October 2004**

Dear Mr. Lazarides:

On behalf of the Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority, I am pleased to transmit to you the Project Status Report required by the provisions of the Third Supplemental Order. Also enclosed is a Notice of Filing. An extra copy of each document is also enclosed to facilitate the return of a stamped copy. I would appreciate if you could please return a stamped copy of each in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Richard J. Ramello

Enclosures

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VILLAGE SECTION 89-00047-01-G5

FEDERAL AID ROUTE NO.	SECTION	COUNTY	TOTAL SHEETS	SHEET NO.
1376	*	COOK	308	32
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FED. ROAD DIST. NO.	ILLINOIS	FED. AID PROJECT		
CONTRACT NO. 83701				

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Name	Date

GRAND AVENUE RAILROAD RELOCATION AUTHORITY
GRAND AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION

CONSTRUCTION SEQUENCING SCHEDULE

Scale: NONE
Date: APRIL 5, 2004
Drawn By: TJW
Checked By: SL

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