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**RE: Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority
Illinois Commerce Commission Docket T90-0022
Project Status Report - October 2005**

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
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VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS,)
Petitioner,)

vs.)

No. T90-0022

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.)

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Railroad Grade Separation

Inventory Number:
DOT 689-633D

Railroad Milepost:
15.05

Project Completion Date:
December 31, 2007

PROJECT STATUS REPORT - OCTOBER 2005

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

Land Acquisition

Final just compensation on one (1) of the two (2) previously remaining parcels acquired by “quick take” proceedings was determined in a condemnation action in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Currently one (1) action to determine final just compensation on one (1) remaining parcel acquired by “quick take” proceedings remains pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Tax exemption petitions for the parcels acquired in fee simple have been processed and are pending before the Illinois Department of Revenue. There are no right-of-way parcels remaining to be acquired to construct the project. A Petition for a Sixth Supplemental Order has been filed to determine the payment of compensation between the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad and the Canadian National Railroad for the operation and maintenance of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad tracks that have been relocated onto Canadian National Railroad right-of-way.

Demolition

Demolition work has been completed.

Construction

- Lorig Construction Company (Lorig) and Lindahl Brothers, Inc. (Lindahl) continued construction of the project.
- MJ Electric, as subcontractor to Commonwealth Edison, relocated the overhead electric utility lines along Grand Avenue. Meade Electric, as subcontractor to Commonwealth Edison, has relocated the overhead electric utility lines along the railroad right-of-way to

their permanent locations. SBC relocated their telephone lines from the abandoned Commonwealth Edison utility poles.

- Montemayer completed the sewer and new 12" water main in the Willow alley. Lorig, Bouie and Plote completed the reconstruction of the Willow alley.
- Lorig, Bouie and Plote completed the Parklane parking area.
- Lindahl, Lorig, Montemayer, Bouie, Plote and Superior Striping completed Birch Street.
- Lorig placed concrete in the parking area between Cherry Street and Willow alley.
- Lindahl completed the excavation and subgrade, and Lorig completed the concrete on the Grand Avenue Frontage Road and parking area.
- Montemayer installed rail underdrains along Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad track number 2 south of Grand Avenue.
- Lorig located, plugged and filled the utility tunnel on the former Joslyn site. Environmental remediation of the right-of-way across the former Joslyn site was completed.
- Lindahl, Lorig, Montemayer and Mega Steel completed construction of retaining walls A and B and the Phase I north and south bridge abutments. Lindahl has excavated the soil between the Phase I bridge abutments.
- American Bridge fabricated and delivered the first phase (east half) of the bridge steel. Accurate Steel erected the first phase of the bridge steel in July 2005. Nondestructive Testing Group inspected and continues to inspect steel fabrication in Reedsport, Oregon. The fabrication of the second phase (west half) of the bridge steel has begun.

- The east half of the bridge structure was completed. The Canadian National Railroad completed temporary signalization, and the east half of the bridge structure accepted rail traffic on September 7, 2005.
- Lorig has commenced removal and installation of temporary sheeting to allow installation of cassettes for the west half of the bridge structure.
- Swanson has installed turnouts between the Canadian National Railroad track and the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad track number 1 north of Chestnut Street. Turnouts numbered 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been completed. Lindahl and Swanson have completed rail construction on both the north and south ends of the project area.

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. The Fourth Supplemental Order was issued on May 4, 2005. A Petition for a Fifth Supplemental Order was filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission on September 27, 2005.

PROJECT EXPENDITURES
(Through September 1, 2005)

Item	Expenditure	Totals
Design Engineering		
Phase I Engineering	\$ 427,144.23	
Phase II Engineering	\$ 2,586,906.18	
Total Design Engineering Expenditures		\$ 3,014,050.41
Land Acquisition		
Title Services	\$ 63,699.50	
Appraisal Services	\$ 179,842.50	
Negotiation Services	\$ 172,231.52	
Legal Services	\$ 333,382.98	
Cost of Right-of-Way & Relocation Costs	\$10,623,787.70	
Total Land Acquisition Expenditures		\$11,372,944.20
Construction		
Demolition	\$ 156,107.70	
Construction Contract	\$ 6,800,946.68	
Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Force Account	\$ 175,699.25	
Canadian National Railroad Force Account	\$ 0.00	
Canadian Pacific Railroad Force Account	\$ 0.00	
METRA Force Account	\$ 0.00	
Construction Engineering	\$ 852,885.22	
Total Construction Expenditures		\$ 7,985,638.85
Project Administration		
Program Management	\$ 582,561.32	
General Legal Services	\$ 335,156.74	
Auditing Services	\$ 41,305.00	
Project Signs, Legal Notices, Consultant Services	\$ 22,412.10	
Total Project Administration Expenditures		\$ 981,435.16
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$23,354,068.62

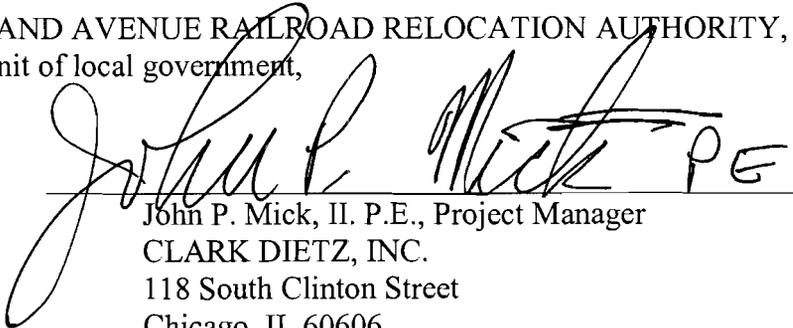
PROJECT COMPLETION

	Percent Complete	Comments
Design Engineering	100%	Design engineering completed on May 14, 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	99%	All right-of-way has been acquired. Final compensation on two parcels is pending.
Demolition	100%	Advance demolition work was completed on September 30, 2004. Demolition work by the construction contractor is pending.
Construction	40%	Construction of the project commenced on October 11, 2004. The project is currently on schedule.

Dated: October 30, 2005

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

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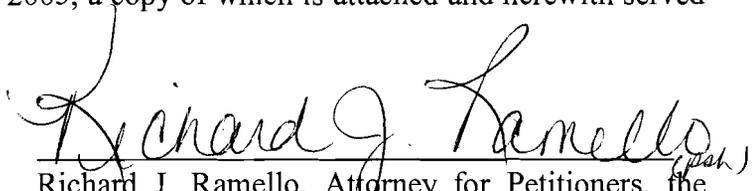
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 4, 2005, I filed on behalf of Grand Avenue Railroad Relocation Authority in the office of the Director of Processing, Transportation Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission, Leland Building, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, a Project Status Report - October 2005, 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.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) *ss.*
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that she served the foregoing Project Status Report - October 2005 by mailing a true and accurate copy of same to:

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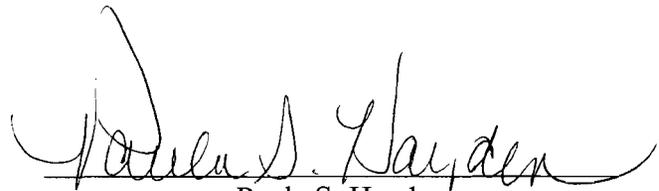
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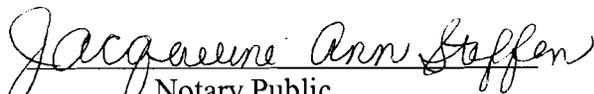
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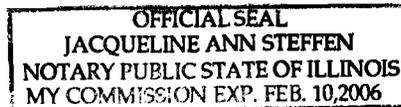
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by depositing same, proper postage prepaid, in the U.S. mail located at 9501 W. Devon Avenue, Rosemont, Illinois, at or before 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd day of November, 2005.


Paula S. Hayden

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3rd day of November, 2005.


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