

# PRESS RELEASE

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### ***UNION PACIFIC TO COMMENCE WITH TRAIN STATION STAIRWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, JULY 11, 2013***

The Village of Lake Bluff has just been made aware of the planned removal and reconstruction of the eastern and western stairways leading from the sidewalk along the north side of IL Rt. 176 to the inbound and outbound Metra train station platforms ("Project"). This Project will be performed by Union Pacific Railroad and will commence on Thursday, July 11, 2013. Access to the railroad platform via the stairways will be limited throughout the Project duration. Union Pacific reports that they will be maintaining pedestrian traffic along the Illinois Route 176 sidewalk everyday throughout construction; however, there will be periods of time where users of the Route 176 sidewalk may be delayed for several minutes. Therefore, users of the sidewalk on the north side of Route 176 in the vicinity of the Railroad Underpass should allow for several minutes of delay. Signs will be posted and flag personnel will be present to direct pedestrians safely through the Project site.

Union Pacific Railroad workers will begin by removing and reconstructing the eastern stairway followed by the western stairway. All users of this staircase will have to either utilize the switchback ramp located to the east, or the westerly staircase, in order to access the northbound platform. Once the easterly staircase is completed reconstruction of the westerly staircase will commence. The Union Pacific is indicating that the project will take 3 to 4 weeks to complete. Commuters should exercise extra precaution and follow construction informational signage, as well as Union Pacific workers and Metra announcements, regarding stairway and sidewalk closures throughout the Project. The Project is expected to be completed in mid-August.

Updates on the status of the Project will be provided as they become available from Union Pacific. Additional information regarding the Project is available by contacting Union Pacific Project Manager, Jonathan Smith, at 312-496-4909.

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