

# CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

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## **Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Crossing Maintenance Closure Gilbert Avenue**

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September 10, 2013

The Villages of La Grange and Western Springs would like to advise residents that the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad plans to perform track repairs at the Gilbert Avenue railroad crossing. The scope of work includes replacement of all railroad track, ties, crossing mats and asphalt in order to provide for a smoother crossing. **A complete closure of the crossing will be required for this work starting on Friday, September 20 at 9 am through Friday, September 27 at 5 pm.** Please note that Gilbert Avenue is shared between the Villages of La Grange and Western Springs.

The crossing closure will have an impact on traffic that utilize Gilbert Avenue to cross the BNSF railroad for access to area businesses, Lyons Township High School, and local and regional roadways. During the closure traffic will be detoured to the BNSF crossings at Wolf Road to the west and Brainard Avenue to the east. Traffic should utilize Hillgrove, Burlington and Cossitt Avenues to access these alternate crossings. Signs will be posted in the area designating the detour routes for motorists while the crossing is under construction. Traffic delays and back-ups are likely to occur at the alternate crossing locations. Please allow for additional time to account for these anticipated delays and let employees and delivery companies know of the crossing closure. Should weather delay the project, the closure would occur on a subsequent day.

Pedestrians should use the dedicated below grade crossing at Clausen Avenue approximately two blocks west of Gilbert Avenue or the at grade crossings at Wolf Road and Brainard Avenue to cross the BNSF Railroad. Pedestrians should only cross at these identified, dedicated pedestrian crossings. Police will be monitoring the area for crossing violations.

Residents may also experience a temporary increase in noise levels associated with railroad equipment performing the repairs. The BNSF does not anticipate that train schedules will be affected by the work.

Should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact La Grange Public Works at (708) 579-2328 or Western Springs Public Works at (708) 246-1800.