



City of McHenry

PRESS RELEASE

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Public Notice

Full Road Closure Notice: McHenry, Illinois

The City of McHenry is informing the public that Illinois Route 120 will be **CLOSED COMPLETELY** in both directions between Crystal Lake Road and Borden Street to repair the railroad crossing. Union Pacific Railroad, with authorization from the Illinois Department of Transportation, will be removing the railroad crossing on Route 120 and replacing it with a new one. This is a state approved road closure that is being handled by Union Pacific Railroad.

Dates of Closure:

Monday, August 1st, 2022, at 9:00 am through Saturday, August 13th, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

State Detour Plan:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has approved Union Pacific's Detour Plan for this closure which will route Commercial (non-local) traffic to Richmond Road, Illinois Route 173 and Greenwood Road. Barricade mounted signs marking the full road closure ahead will be located at Curran/120 and Front and Elm and will read: "Road Closed at Railroad Crossing – Local Traffic Only".

Local Traffic:

Local and area residents and local commercial traffic are encouraged to **plan new travel routes** through McHenry as you travel east and west through town. Charles Miller Road, Bull Valley Road, Crystal Lake Road, Lillian Street, Curran Road, Ringwood Road, Richmond Road and McCullom Lake Road can be used by local traffic only to avoid the closure. **Road weight restrictions for commercial vehicles will remain in effect** on surrounding roads during this time.

Although the City is not a participant in this repair project, we will be closely monitoring the traffic flow around the closure to ensure the successful use of alternate routes. Please plan extra time in your travels to accommodate for the closure and subsequent detour.

Signage:

Signage notifying travelers of this closure will be installed beginning the week of July 25th by Union Pacific's contracted traffic detour engineering firm to ensure travelers have a heads up notice of the closure.

Road Closure Site Plan attached:

End of Notice