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<b>Project Type (Choose one)</b>	Phase II Engineering and Construction
<b>Select all that apply to your project:</b>	ADA accessibility improvements (curb ramps, detectable warning surfaces, slope correction) Intersection improvements (crosswalks, curb extensions, refuge islands, pedestrian signal heads, etc.) Other innovative projects (Provide detail in description below)
<b>1. Plan or study name (Please provide a link to the referenced planning document):</b>	Downtown Itasca Strategic Action Plan <a href="https://www.itasca.com/DocumentCenter/View/11671/Village-of-Itasca-2022-Downtown-Strategic-Action-Plan">https://www.itasca.com/DocumentCenter/View/11671/Village-of-Itasca-2022-Downtown-Strategic-Action-Plan</a>
<b>2. Status (e.g. complete/underway):</b>	Complete
<b>3. Please provide the relevant page numbers of the plan:</b>	Pages 51, 72, 74

**1. Please provide a narrative describing the project that includes the location and the type of improvement(s) proposed. (250-350 words):**

The Village of Itasca is proposing to install pedestrian gate crossings at the Walnut Street railroad crossing, just north of IL-19 (Irving Park Road), along with pedestrian activated flashing beacons at two locations along IL-19 (Irving Park Road) to enhance the safety of the existing pedestrian crossings. The pedestrian railroad crossing gates will be installed on each side of the railroad tracks at the existing sidewalk crossings along Walnut Street. In addition, the crossings will be upgraded to meet current ADA requirements as necessary. The improvements will also incorporate additional signage. Pedestrian gates that control sidewalk access to the railroad tracks when trains are present, would enhance safety and help to implement the Village's adopted Downtown Itasca Strategic Action Plan. In particular, This proposed infrastructure would respond to Access & Mobility Action 2 of the plan, which in part calls for increasing the safety of walking and biking in Downtown Itasca.

The pedestrian activated flashing beacons will be installed at the intersection of IL-19 (Irving Park Road) and S. Maple Street and at the intersection of IL-19 (Irving Park Road) and S. Rush Street. Installing pedestrian activated flashing beacons would implement adopted goals of the Village as described in the Downtown Itasca Strategic Action Plan. Access & Mobility Action 4 of the plan calls for transforming Irving Park Road into an Urban Boulevard with a focus on streetscape elements, sidewalk and crossing improvements, bicycle access, traffic calming, and safety-focused elements including through enhancing signalized and unsignalized crossing locations. The proposed beacons would supplement existing pedestrian infrastructure, increasing the safety of residents and visitors navigating Downtown Itasca on foot through enhanced visibility.

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**2. Please describe how this project will help to increase transit ridership and make transit more accessible to riders. Please include the specific bus routes, bus stops, or train stations that will be impacted by the improvement(s). (200-300 words):**

Safety is always a top priority of the Village of Itasca along with improving the walkability and transit ridership of the community, not only in the downtown area but throughout the Village. The proposed pedestrian gates at the railroad crossing at Walnut Street will have a direct impact on transit ridership of the METRA train system. The proposed pedestrian gate crossing is due east of the Itasca METRA station and directly adjacent to the platform. Providing pedestrian gates at this location will improve the safety of both pedestrian and bicycle crossings of the railroad tracks at Walnut Street, whereby allowing the community a safer access to the METRA station for their daily commutes. ADA enhancements at the crossing will also improve the accessibility for METRA riders.

Similarly, the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of IL-19 and Maple Street is another direct access to the METRA station. The enhancement of this direct access to the METRA station would provide a safer crossing of IL-19 (Irving Park Road), thus promoting additional use of transit at the METRA station for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The second pedestrian crossing at the intersection of IL-19 (Irving Park Road) and S. Rush Street, where the Village also proposes to install pedestrian activated flashing beacons, provides direct access to the Village's Park District facilities. This crossing enhancement would also provide a safer crossing and encourage transit users to utilize the Village amenities and facilities. The proposed improvements will enhance the pedestrian network and experience to increase the attractiveness and safety of walking and biking to the METRA station and within the community. Enhancing the existing rail safety infrastructure that is already available for vehicular traffic will improve Itasca's transportation system and walkability while encouraging transit use through decreasing opportunities for conflicts between pedestrian and rail traffic.

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<b>1. Estimated Phase II Engineering cost:</b>	61000.00
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<b>2. Estimated Construction cost:</b>	914000.00
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<b>3. Estimated total project budget (Phase II Engineering cost + Construction cost):</b>	975000.00
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<b>Estimated Phase I Engineering cost:</b>	81000
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<b>What is your Phase I Engineering status?</b>	Have not started
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<b>When is Phase I Engineering scheduled to begin?</b>	Phase 1 Engineering is scheduled to begin in early 2024 with approval by November 2024.
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**RE: Access to Transit Improvement Program**

**Pedestrian Railroad Gates and Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacons**

**Village of Itasca**

Dear Mr. Vaishnav:

The existing METRA Station in Itasca's downtown area provides convenient travel and commuting to the City of Chicago's downtown work force who reside in the Village of Itasca. As part of this project, the Village seeks to enhance access to the METRA station by upgrading the pedestrian crossings of both Irving Park Road and the railroad crossing on Walnut Street. The crossing enhancements will provide a safer means of access to the METRA station and encourage additional use of the station.

In order to provide enhanced transit access to the Metra Station and downtown area by pedestrian and bicycle traffic, the Village of Itasca is proposing to provide a safer means of access across the heavily traveled IL-19 (Irving Park Road) and the METRA railroad crossing at Walnut Street. The improvements would increase the safety of pedestrian and bicycle access to the METRA Station which is located on the north side of IL-19 (Irving Park Road), just west of Walnut Street.

The proposed improvements would incorporate some of the recommendations and goals from the Village's Downtown Itasca Strategic Action Plan through enhancing unsignalized crossing locations. As the Village looks to redevelop the downtown area, additional pedestrian and bicycle traffic is envisioned, and these proposed improvements will allow for increased safety and access to the existing METRA Station and transit.

The Village is committed to the enhancement of the downtown area with improved transit access and is committed to providing the local match requirement for this project.



The total cost for engineering and construction of the proposed Pedestrian Railroad Gates and Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacons project is estimated at \$975,000.00. A more detailed breakdown is shown below:

➤ Pedestrian Gate at Walnut Street & Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacons:	\$813,000.00
➤ Construction Engineering / Layout:	<u>\$101,000.00</u>
Sub Total Construction:	\$914,000.00
➤ Phase II Engineering:	<u>\$61,000.00</u>
<b>❖ TOTAL COST:</b>	<b><u>\$975,000.00</u></b>

We will be starting our Phase 1 Engineering for the proposed pedestrian gate and pedestrian activated beacon improvements with 100% Village funds.

If there are any questions about the technical components of the proposed improvements please feel free to contact Mark Wesolowski, our consulting engineer at Robinson Engineering, Ltd. at 708-210-2710.

Sincerely,



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## Village of Itasca

### Access to Transit Improvement Program

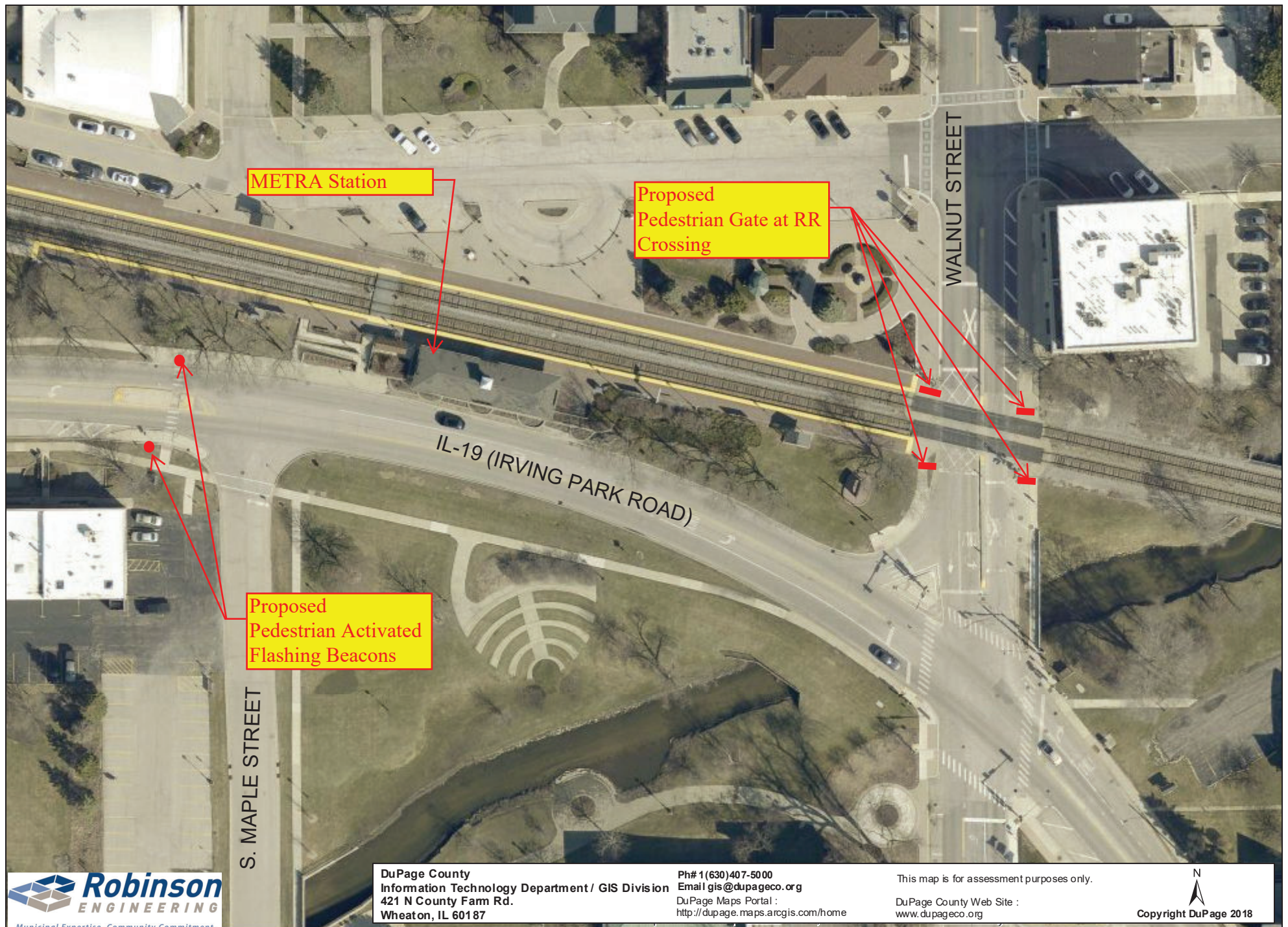
### Pedestrian Railroad Gates and Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacons

REL Project # 13-077

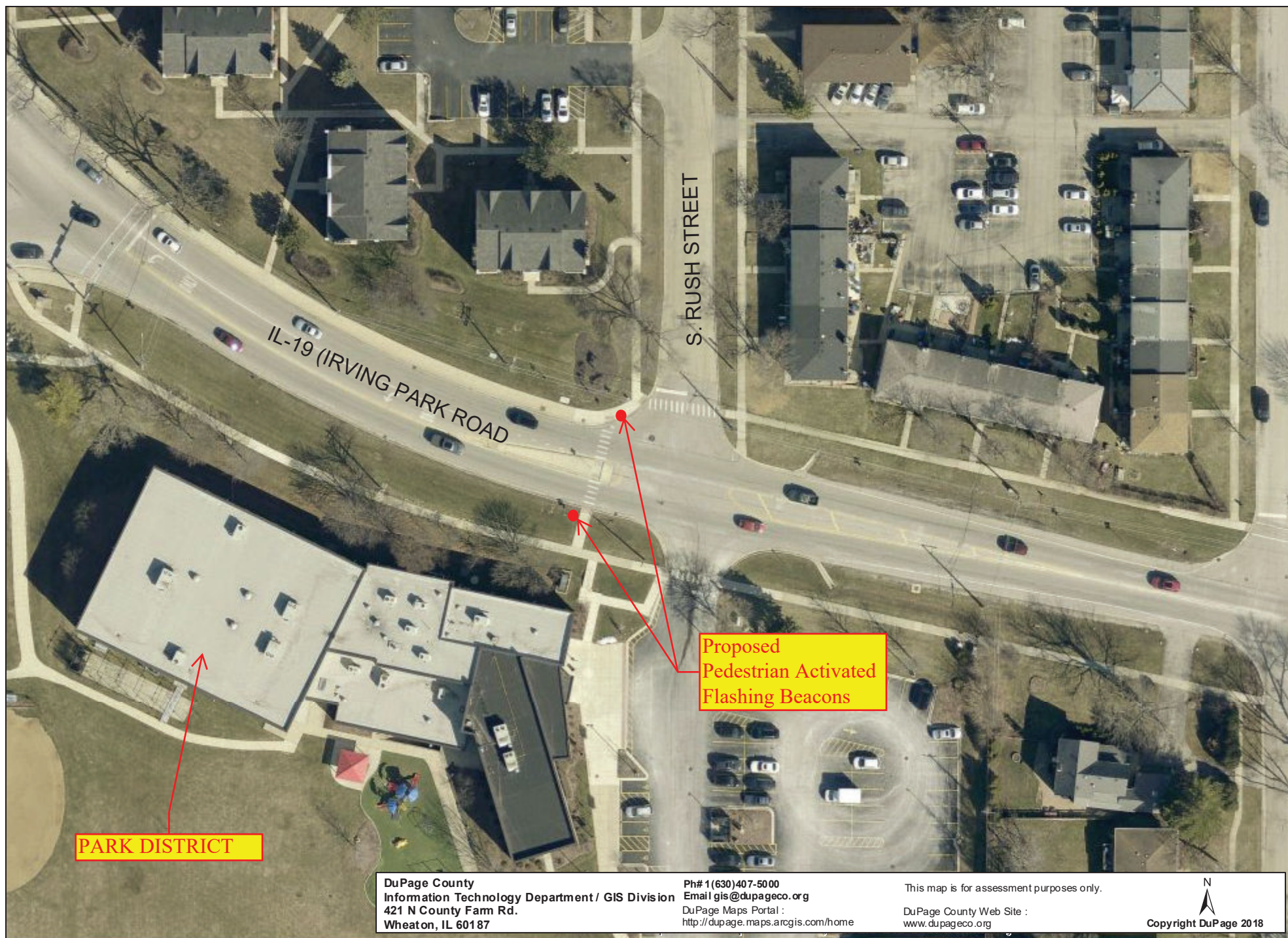
#### DETAILED ESTIMATE OF COSTS

ITEM NO.	ITEMS	UNIT	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Mobilization	LSUM	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
2	Pavement Removal	SQ YD	50	\$40.00	\$2,000.00
3	Curb & Gutter Removal	FOOT	100	\$20.00	\$2,000.00
4	Sidewalk Removal	SQ FT	200	\$10.00	\$2,000.00
5	Brick Paver Removal and Reinstallation	SQ FT	100	\$50.00	\$5,000.00
6	Aggregate Base Course, Type B 12"	SQ YD	50	\$60.00	\$3,000.00
7	HMA Binder Course, N50, 5"	TON	15	\$150.00	\$2,250.00
8	HMA Surface Course, N50, 2"	TON	6	\$150.00	\$900.00
9	Combination Concrete Curb and Gutter, Type B6.12	FOOT	100	\$40.00	\$4,000.00
10	Portland Cement Concrete Sidewalk, 5 inch	SQ FT	350	\$20.00	\$7,000.00
11	Thermoplastic Pavement Lines, 12"	FOOT	200	\$10.00	\$2,000.00
12	Detectable Warning Plates	SQ FT	80	\$40.00	\$3,200.00
13	Topsoil, Furnish and Place, 6"	CU YD	30	\$60.00	\$1,800.00
14	Seeding, Class 1A	SQ YD	50	\$15.00	\$750.00
15	Erosion Control Blanket	SQ YD	50	\$20.00	\$1,000.00
16	RR Pedestrian Crossing Complete	EACH	2	\$320,000.00	\$640,000.00
17	Pedestrian Activated Flashing Beacon Complete	EACH	4	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00
18	Railroad Protective Liability Insurance	LSUM	1	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
19	Traffic Control and Protection, Standard 701006	LSUM	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
20	Traffic Control and Protection, Standard 701301	LSUM	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
21	Traffic Control and Protection, Standard 701501	LSUM	1	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
22	Traffic Control and Protection, Standard 701701	LSUM	1	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00
23	Traffic Control and Protection, Standard 701801	LSUM	1	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
24	Changeable Message Sign	CAL MO	6	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00
25	Construction Engineering / Layout	LSUM	1	\$101,000.00	\$101,000.00
<b>TOTAL COST OF ITEMS</b>					<b>\$914,000.00</b>

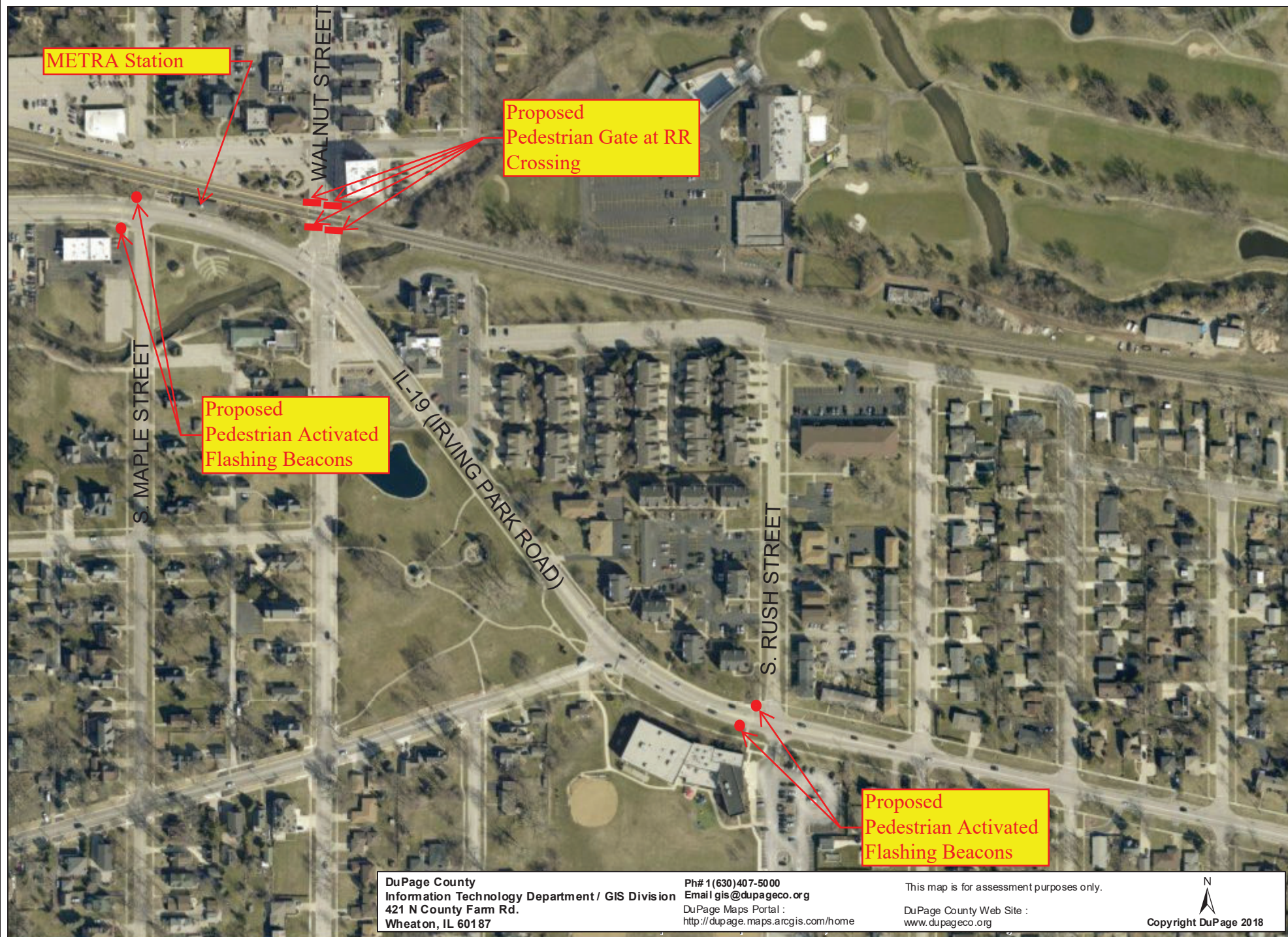












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PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF METRA RR TRACKS AT WALNUT STREET  
WEST SIDE  
(LOOKING SOUTH)



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF METRA RR TRACKS AT WALNUT STREET  
WEST SIDE  
(LOOKING NORTH)









**LINK TO  
VILLAGE OF ITASCA  
DOWNTOWN ITASCA STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN**

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