



**N. Seminary Street Overpass
Project Update
May 11, 2010**

Phase I Engineering is underway for this project. The Seminary Street Overpass is located inside a Historic District and thus requires more studies in order to evaluate the impacts of the project on the Historic District. Due to the potential historic impacts, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires a formal Environmental Assessment (EA) to be completed on this project. This involves coordination with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency (IHPA) as well as the local Landmark Commission. In addition, the EA evaluates other environmental issues such as impacts to biological, wetlands, contaminated soils, and noise. In addition to the EA, other Phase I engineering studies include; developing a proposed plan and profile for the overpass, traffic analysis, geotechnical (soils) analysis, basic structure designs for the bridge and retaining walls, and evaluation of right-of-way impacts.

Proposed Project Schedule:

- Hold public meeting on Historic Impact Document (June 2010)
- Hold public meeting on Draft EA document (August 2010)
- Submit final EA document to IDOT & FHWA (August 2010)
- **Receive approval of all Phase I Engineering documents (October 2010)**
- Begin Phase II engineering (November 2010) – Estim. completion September 2011
- Begin property acquisition process (February 2011) – Estim. Completion August 2011
- Begin utility relocations (May 2011) – Estim. Completion September 2011
- **Begin Construction of Overpass (November 2011) – Estim. Completion June 2013**

The North Seminary/Kellogg Street project is jointly funded from Federal, State (ICC and IDOT), Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), and local funds. Funding has been secured to cover the entire cost of the project and it is currently included in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Highway Improvement Program as well as the Illinois Commerce Commission's Program.