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Wheaton Metra Station

Another Train Warning System

Beginning January 26th, a new pedestrian grade crossing system will be activated at the Wheaton station along the Union Pacific West Line. The new system, called the Another Train Warning System (ATWS), is part of a \$165 million project that aims to improve the flow of commuter and freight traffic on the heavily used line, as well as to allow trains to safely operate past a station when a commuter train is stopped there.

Metra and Union Pacific studied station improvement initiatives across the country and the West Line safety infrastructure is incorporating the best practices, creating the most comprehensive safety system of any commuter rail operation in the United States.

The Another Train Warning System uses audible and visual alerts to warn pedestrians at crossings near the stations that a second train—in addition to the one that is stopped at the station—is approaching or present.

Improvements at the Wheaton station will not only include the ATWS at West Street but also new pedestrian paths to safely guide commuters away from the tracks to a gated crossing. Additional enhancements also include



supplementary pedestrian fences to improve separation between pedestrians and trains.

Other completed enhancements include an upgraded rail signal system that improves train flow, new crossovers that make it easier to route a train around congestion or an emergency and the future completion of a third set of tracks in two areas that are now bottlenecks.

Safety around trains and railroad operations is everyone's responsibility. Metra and Union Pacific strongly encourage passengers, pedestrians, motor vehicle operators and all members of the public to obey all railroad signals and follow safety guidelines.

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The new warning system uses visible and audible alerts to warn pedestrians that another train is present or approaching the station.

If a train is present and another is approaching:

- A red "Danger" sign illuminates and flashes continuously
- A white "Another Train Coming" sign illuminates steadily
- An audible warning sounds continuously

The system stays active as long as there is more than one train in the area of the station.

For further information and to view a brief video on the Another Train Warning System, please visit: <http://www.metraupwest.com/index.shtm>

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