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IDOT Section 130 Funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are Being Used Locally in Lockport

LOCKPORT, ILLINOIS - The Illinois Department of Transportation, CN Railway, and the City of Lockport are pleased to announce accepted and signed agreements for just over \$2 Million for Section 130 grants on two at-grade crossings for the installation of flashing LED light signals, 4-quadrant vehicle gates, and pedestrian gates at the Lockport Metra Station on the CN Railway at 13th Street and pedestrian gates and new signals at 8th Street. Funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are being used locally.

Lockport would like to thank Senator Duckworth of the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee's Surface Transportation Subcommittee, for the availability of programs that offer 80% federal funding through IDOT. It's especially appreciated that the shared 20% local match was provided from the CN Railway which will help cover 100% of the costs in the amount of \$1,403,279.00 in grant funding for the 13th Street Metra Station upgrades, with zero match requirement from the City of Lockport.

This grant award is in addition to an earlier announcement of an award made in July 2022 that the CN Railway's 8th Street RR Crossing will receive Section 130 grant funds for pedestrian gates and LED signal upgrades for \$597,238.00, with 80% funding from federal dollars and 20% local match from the CN Railway.

"I'm pleased to see the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law at work right here in Illinois. I was proud to help pass this historic law and I'm glad to see Lockport using the investments in it to make these important rail crossing safety improvements. I'll keep working to make sure Illinois has the support it needs to make these necessary infrastructure improvements," said U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL).

"With such close proximity to the residents in the Downtown area, the City of Lockport appreciates its partnership with CN and IDOT as rail safety is a priority in Lockport," said Mayor Steve Streit. "The City of Lockport is thankful that CN Railway provided over \$200,000.00 in local match funds, as well as the full installation time and labor for both installations," said City Administrator Ben Benson. The installation is expected to commence in 2023 and be completed by 2024.

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