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Glen Ellyn ILLINOIS

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**TAYLOR AVENUE UNDERPASS TO REOPEN
TO PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC**

Glen Ellyn, IL – The mark of the new year allows both residents and visitors to Glen Ellyn to celebrate the substantial completion and opening of the Taylor Avenue underpass project. The site, under construction and closed since mid-August, is anticipated to open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the afternoon of Monday, December 31. The \$3.1 million project, substantially funded through a Federal Surface Transportation Program grant, will be substantially completed on time with the Village's share of project costs still tracking on budget.

The project, located on the east side of Taylor Avenue at the existing underpass of the Union Pacific Railroad West Line, created a grade-separated pedestrian crossing of the railroad for safer and enhanced bicycle and pedestrian accommodation. Additionally, the project improved vehicular maneuverability through the existing underpass by removing the sidewalk to maximize the roadway width. This element is particularly relevant for access of public safety vehicles to improve emergency service response times.

This Federal Aid project involved the coordination of multiple entities including the Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Department of Transportation, Union Pacific Railroad, DuPage County Department of Transportation, Illinois Commerce Commission, and Utility Providers including AT&T, Comcast, ComEd, Sprint and WOW.

"The Taylor Avenue underpass project has been a testament to the great collaboration among all parties involved," said Glen Ellyn Village President Diane McGinley. "The end result of successfully delivering this complex project simply would not have been possible without an extremely talented and committed team of professionals."

Although the new underpass will reopen to all traffic, work will continue through the spring including the installation of the permanent tunnel lighting, parkway restoration with sod, staining of the concrete headwalls and completion of punch list items.

"We can't thank the entire Village of Glen Ellyn community enough for its patience and cooperation during the construction process," said McGinley. "While construction posed challenges for the community, we look forward to the benefits the improvements will provide for many years to come."

About the Village of Glen Ellyn

Located just 23 miles west of Chicago, the Village of Glen Ellyn, Illinois offers big city amenities with a small town feel. A historic downtown filled with unique shops, restaurants and seasonal events is just one of many attributes that draw visitors to this award-winning community. For more information about the Village of Glen Ellyn, visit www.glenellyn.org.

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