

RESOLUTION NO. R-18-10

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CLOSURE OF
THE CHASE STREET RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING
BY THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD**

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad owns and operates a railway which transverses the City of Wheaton in a general east-west direction; and

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates a roadway commonly referred to as Chase Street which crosses the Union Pacific's railway at an improved at-grade crossing with automatic warning devices; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific Railroad has requested the City of Wheaton consider closing of the Chase Street railroad grade crossing for the purpose of installing a track crossover switch; and

WHEREAS, the Union Pacific has stated that the purposes of the track crossover switch are to reduce train delays, to increase the average train speed, to reduce train occupancy of at grade railroad/roadway crossings, to reduce the number of slow moving freight trains, and to reduce the railroad/roadway crossing gate downtime.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheaton that the City supports the Union Pacific's proposal to close the Chase Street railroad grade crossing with the following conditions.

1. The Union Pacific shall construct a pedestrian underpass at the Chase Street crossing to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle movements under the railroad tracks; the Union Pacific shall allow input from the City, Wheaton College, and the public regarding the general design of the pedestrian underpass.
2. The Union Pacific shall construct the pedestrian underpass regardless of securing funding from the Illinois Commerce Commission or other possible or anticipated funding sources; if the Union Pacific does not commit to construct the pedestrian underpass the City will not give its consent to vacating the Chase Street railroad grade crossing.

ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2010.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily M. Englehart
City Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Councilman Suess
 Councilwoman Corry
 Councilman Mouhelis
 Mayor Gresk

Nays: Councilman Prendiville
 Councilman Scalzo

Absent: Councilman Levine

Motion Carried