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Downers Grove Platform Construction to Resume April 13

CHICAGO (April 6, 2015) – Metra riders who patronize the Downers Grove Main Street Station should be advised that beginning Monday, April 13 construction is set to resume at the station, closing the east ends of the inbound and outbound boarding platforms to commuters.

The work, which is expected to last three months, will replace the east ends of the station's inbound and outbound platforms with new concrete. Riders should note that access to the platform from Washington Street will be restricted for the duration of the project with the west side of the Washington Street crossing closed to pedestrians. However, both at-grade crossings near the station (Main Street and Washington Street) will remain open. Onboard announcements advising Downers Grove commuters to prepare for the change in their commuting routines will begin the week of April 6.

Last summer, Metra and its contractor, John Burns Construction, replaced the west ends of the inbound and outbound platforms. When completed this summer, the station will have all new platforms and a pedestrian diversion on the east end of each platform at Washington Street. Pedestrian diversions are safety features designed to guide pedestrians away from the tracks to designated safe crossings.

For the duration of the \$1.1 million project, some commuter parking at Downers Grove Main Street has been temporarily taken out of service so that the contractor can stage material and equipment.

Metra, the BNSF Railway and John Burns Construction have worked closely with the village throughout the planning and development of this project. The village plans to provide residents with project updates through its website <http://www.downers.us/>

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