



## JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE VILLAGES OF GLENVIEW AND NORTHBROOK

Representatives of the Villages of Glenview and Northbrook and area state and federal legislators met Friday morning, July 6, with representatives of Union Pacific Railroad, the Federal Railroad Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation. The wide-ranging discussion focused on public safety – specifically UP’s use of a temporary rail structure to facilitate freight traffic and installation of a permanent viaduct to replace the viaduct that collapsed on Shermer Road Wednesday, July 4, following a train derailment.

The Village and legislative officials requested assurances, through independent inspections and other documentation, that the integrity of the structure be certified safe and that continuous steps are taken to insure that the public is not at risk.

Also a concern was the disruption to businesses between West Lake Avenue and Willow Road caused by the closure of Shermer Road. UP officials said the company had already commenced with the design and procurement of a replacement viaduct, and believed it could be in place in about two months.

Also discussed was the idea of holding a meeting for the communities at which Union Pacific representatives can answer questions about the July 4 incident, about a 2009 derailment and any other safety matters raised. A tentative date of July 16 has been set at a location to be determined. Further announcements regarding the meeting will be provided when available.