

Union Pacific Railroad Track Renewal Project – 2015

Frequently Asked Questions

While this phase of the track renewal project is not as extensive as UP's last endeavor in 2013, the City of Arlington has developed a list of frequently asked questions to help educate residents, businesses and visitors.

When is the Union Pacific Railroad track renewal project returning to Arlington?

According to Union Pacific, crews will begin January 2 in Dallas and are expected to be in Arlington January 16-24 as the project moves west towards Fort Worth.

Which railroad crossings will be impacted?

With only two railroad crossings being closed at a time, here are the anticipated pairings in Arlington:

Street Crossings	Approximate Closure	Approximate Opening
Center/Mesquite	1/16	1/18
Cooper/Davis	1/18	1/20
Great Southwest/Bowen	1/20	1/22
Collins	1/22	1/24

Will this track renewal project impact my rush hour commute?

Yes. Since two roadways will be closed at one time, you will need to find an alternate route while those roadways are closed. For example, the Center Street and Mesquite Street crossings are schedule to be closed January 16 & 17, with the crossing re-opening the morning of January 18. Therefore, if you use Center or Mesquite for your commute, you will need use Collins or Cooper Streets on January 16 and 17.

As much as is possible, the work will coincide with holidays, weekends and other lower traffic days.

What work is included in this phase of the track renewal project?

Each railroad crossing will be completely reconstructed, meaning a smoother approach and crossing for vehicles. Crews will replace the 13-mile stretch of south mainline rail, wooden crossties and ballast. Concrete panels at each roadway crossing will be renewed as well.

How can I plan my commute through downtown Arlington area?

Avoiding gridlock is possible with the [Interactive Webcam Map](#) developed by the City of Arlington. Drivers can view [27 traffic webcams](#) available only at [MyArlingtonTx.com](#). Also, a [Detour Map](#) features a daily status of the railroad crossing closures in Arlington.

How loud will the project be?

Union Pacific wants the public to know noise from passing trains could be an issue during this phase of the project. To ensure the safety of each crew members, passing trains must blow their horns to alert the workers, even in quiet zones during the work hours of 7pm to 4am.

How will emergency crews get to me?

Emergency services will not be impacted by this phase of the rail renewal project. With only two railroad crossing expected to be closed at any given time, crews are prepared to all answer calls without relocating resources or a delay in response times.