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Subject: Closure of Gage Avenue at Ruby Street

Dear Resident:

The Village was notified by the State of Illinois in October 2008 that the at-grade railroad crossing on Ruby between Franklin and Pacific presents a potential safety hazard to passing vehicles. The railroad crossing has the potential to trap vehicles on the rail road tracks when the signals change on Ruby. To address this issue would require the interconnection of the rail road signals with the north/south traffic signals on Ruby.

Acting to address the safety hazard, the Village obtained a State grant to design and install traffic signal improvements on Ruby at both Franklin and Pacific. The plan for improvements was just recently approved by all governing agencies. However, the Village has learned that the new signal equipment needed at Ruby and Pacific is not eligible for funding through the State's Grade Crossing Protection Funds program. As a result, the Village would have been held responsible for providing the \$225,000 needed to cover the costs of this portion of the project. The Ruby and Pacific signal is currently necessary because Ruby, Pacific and Gage all enter this intersection.

In order to alleviate the project's cost impact on the Village and its taxpayers, the Village is closing Gage at Ruby and installing a four-way stop sign at Ruby and Pacific to replace the traffic signals. This change will improve the efficiency of traffic movement at Ruby and Pacific. The street closure at Gage requires placing a physical barrier where the street meets Ruby.

The purpose of this notice is to inform residents in the vicinity of Gage and Ruby that Gage will be permanently closed commencing September 8, 2015. Should you have questions on the closure, please contact the Village Engineering Department at (847) 671-8304.