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**Railroad Crossing Improvements Starting March
25th**

Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR) will be upgrading the railroad crossing on S. 32nd Street near Virginia Avenue and the railroad crossing on 42nd Street at the entrance to International Paper. **The work on the S. 32nd Street crossing is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. March 25th and continue on the 26th,** in coordination with Springfield School District's Spring Break. **The work on the 42nd Street crossing is scheduled from 8 a.m. on March 27th to 8 a.m. on the 28th.**

Traffic Impacts

S. 32nd Street Crossing: UPRR will require a two-day road closure to complete the replacement of this crossing. The road closure will primarily affect local residential neighborhoods between Virginia Avenue and Jasper and S. 32nd Street to S. 42nd Street. The detour route includes S.42nd Street for access between Main Street and Jasper Road with Virginia Avenue used as a detour for motorists heading south on S. 32nd Street. It is expected that Virginia Avenue and S. 42nd Street will experience heavier than normal traffic during the two-day road closure. No night work is planned.

42nd Street Crossing: The work at this crossing will require a one day (24 hour) full road closure. The primary detour route will include Olympic Street, 35th Street, and E Street and Commercial Avenue, all of which are designated as truck routes. Although UPRR has requested a 24-hour road closure, they do not anticipate needing to work overnight so the road may be able to be opened to traffic sooner.