

# Brunswick Railroad Crossings: Issues and Solutions



Over the past four years, the City of Brunswick, Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Frederick County, CSX, and many other partners have been working to find a solution to the issue of longer-term blocked crossings. With the proximity of the Maple Ave. and C&O Canal crossings to the Brunswick Rail Yard, the building of longer trains can block access in both directions for extended periods of time.



## What's Happening?

Improvements to Current At-Grade Crossing



Feasibility and Design for Separated Grade Crossing



Construction of Pedestrian/Bike Bridge over Tracks



### Improvements to Current At-Grade Crossing

Summer/Fall 2024	Installation of equipment to align train signal at crossing with traffic light at W. Potomac St. and Maple Ave. Reducing traffic back-up through the area and improving safety.
Summer/Fall 2024	New traffic pattern through parking lot to improve traffic flow and safety.
Summer/Fall 2024	New pedestrian travel markings in parking lot and creation of cross walk areas between parking rows.

### Feasibility and Design for Separated Grade Crossing

Completed in 2022.	Initial Feasibility Study to look at solutions to the blocked crossing issue. Recommendation: Build a pedestrian/Bike bridge over tracks.
Completed in April, 2024	Alternatives Analysis Report generated by MDOT evaluating options presented in the feasibility study mentioned above.
Completed in April 2024	Decision made on recommended option for pedestrian/bike bridge to be located between the existing railroad crossings and the existing vehicular bridge crossing the Potomac River.
Currently taking place	MDOT confirms the funding for initial design (30% design) of the pedestrian/bike bridge.
Currently taking place with grant awards late 2024.	MDOT and City of Brunswick partner on several grant applications to fund remainder of design.

### Construction of Pedestrian/Bike Bridge

2025-2029	Design Finalized and bridge construction completed (pending availability and securing of funding through grant applications and other means).
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