

Union Pacific To Upgrade Infrastructure

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Union Pacific railroad says it's strengthening transportation infrastructure in Missouri and Iowa by investing ten-point-five million dollars in the rail line between lock springs, Missouri and Allerton, Iowa.



The project, funded entirely by Union Pacific without taxpayer dollars, began in late July and is scheduled to be completed by the end of October

Union Pacific will replace 67-thousand railroad ties and Install 41-thousand 600 tons of rock ballast. In addition, crews will renew the surfaces at 57 road crossings and install more than two miles of rail in the rail yard at Trenton

The project is among nearly 15-hundred Union Pacific is to complete this year in its 32-thousand mile network. The railroad says it will help improve train operating efficiency, reduce motorist wait times at crossings, and enhance safety.

Union Pacific says improved and additional freight rail capacity helps reduce highway congestion and contributes to a cleaner environment. The railroad said one Union Pacific train can take up to 300 trucks off the nation's roads, and Union Pacific can move one ton of freight nearly 500 miles on a single gallon of diesel fuel.

Union Pacific reports from 2007 through last year, it invested 18 billion dollars in its network and operations. That figure includes three-point-seven billion dollars last year.