

# Forest Ave. Pedestrian Rail Crossing

View looking West across tracks



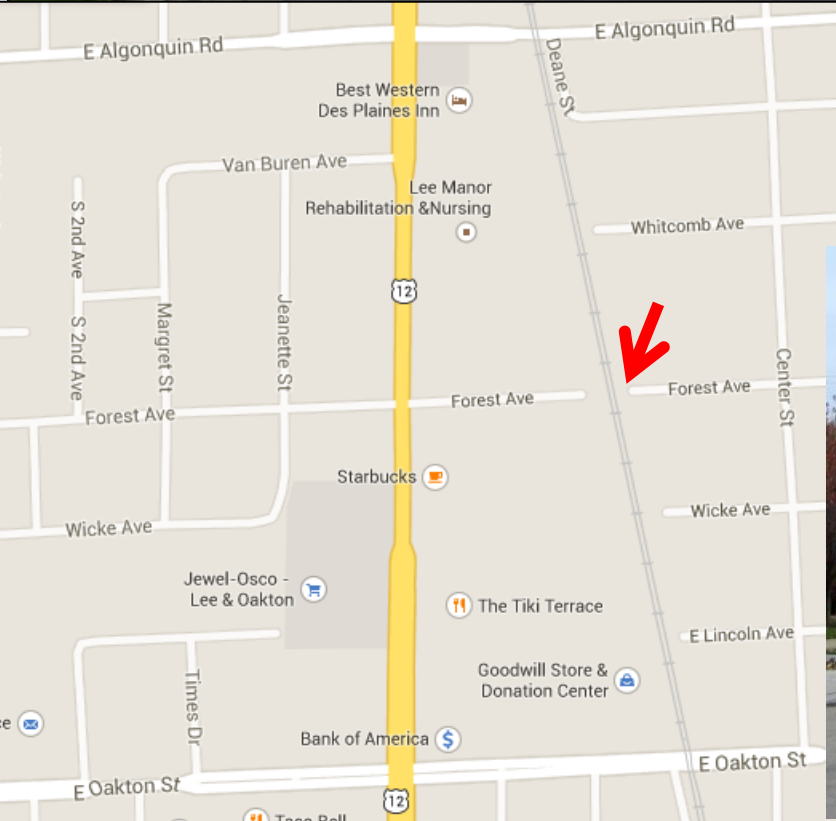
A pedestrian- & bike-only rail crossing of the Canadian National line on Forest Ave. is a great opportunity. Forest is a quiet residential street midway between Algonquin and Oakton.

There is a large residential area East of the track, and on the West is a growing commercial area along Lee, with numerous new shops, Aldi market, Boston Fish Market, etc. A pedestrian-only crossing here would create a short-cut for shopping on foot, and would increase foot traffic at these businesses.

Further West, Forest Ave. provides a safe route to Forest and Algonquin Schools (D62) and Maine West High School. The crossing would thus create a safe route for students to get to these schools without using the much busier Oakton & Algonquin arteries.

A new traffic light planned at Forest and Lee will further enhance the value and safety of this route.

View looking East; to right is Boston Fish Market, left is Aldi.



**View from west of current dead-end on Forest, at the Canadian National tracks. Aldi is to the left, Boston Fish Market is on the right. There is additional shopping and dining along Lee/Mannheim which would benefit from increased foot traffic due to a pedestrian access here.**



**Closer-in looking at the Canadian National tracks at Forest Ave. from the West side, showing evidence of current unofficial crossing activity at arrow. This serves to demonstrate that there is demand for a crossing here.**

