# Project Status

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Grant Program

- $100 Million for five CREATE projects:
  1. UP Third Mainline track and Proviso Yard approach reconfiguration (B2)
  2. IHB LaGrange/Broadview Signalization (B4/B5)
  3. IHB Blue Island Track Signalization (B15)
  4. Grade Crossing Separation at 71st Street and IHB (GS14)
  5. 14 Viaduct improvements throughout Chicago neighborhoods

- All funding was obligated by Dec. 15th – less than six months after the grant agreement was signed
Looking East at flyover bridge from the abutment at bent #19 – 6/7/11
B2 – Union Pacific Third Mainline – Proviso Yard, Melrose Park, IL

Looking Southwest at flyover structure – 6/7/11
CREATE Program ARRA-TIGER Project: IHB LaGrange/ Broadview Signalization (B4/ B5)

- Upgrades 21 hand thrown switches to computerized systems
- Increases maximum train speed from 1-20 mph to 30 mph
- Reduces delays to traffic at grade crossings in two suburbs
- Saved 35 signal design jobs from imminent furlough
CREATE Program ARRA-TI GER Project: IHB Blue Island Track Signalization (B15)

- Installs signal systems and crossovers; eliminates hand-thrown switches
- Increases maximum train speed from 15 mph to 30 mph
- Construction started this Spring
CREATE Program ARRA Project: Viaduct Improvement Program

- 14 locations in the City of Chicago
- Improved roadways, sidewalks and drainage under railroad viaducts
- Enhanced safety and security for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians
- Bid in mid 2011
- Construction during 2011-2012
City of Chicago
Viaduct Projects
ARRA HSR - $133 Million for a rail-rail flyover at 63rd/State in Chicago that eliminates conflict between:

- 78 daily Metra commuter trains
- 14 daily Amtrak trains between Chicago and points east
- 46 daily NS freight trains
130th & Torrence - Groundbreaking Summer 2011

Rendering of the Roadways Realignment and Grade Separation
GS7 – Belmont Road & Metra/BNSF

Looking south - On-going excavation of Belmont Rd. below Burlington Ave.
GS16 – IL-19/Irving Park Road at York Road

Benefits:

• 25 freight trains
• 37,000 vehicles
• 31 Pace buses

• Governor announced funding 2010
• Expected bid construction Fall 2011
GS25 – Roosevelt Road/Kautz Road & UPRR

Benefits:

- 21,000 vehicles
- 75 freight trains
- 54 Metra trains

- Expected bid construction Fall 2011
GS2 – Central Ave/54th St., Chicago

- Expected bid Phase I Summer 2011
75th St. Corridor Improvement Program - Existing Conditions

- Forest Hill Junction & 71st Street Grade Crossing
  - North-south CSX tracks cross east-west tracks of three other railroads and one city street
- Belt Junction
  - Five tracks cross paths and converge into two tracks
  - Multiple freight & passenger routes cross paths
- 80th Street Junction
  - Six tracks cross paths and converge into two tracks
75th Street CIP – Planned Improvements

- Reduce conflict between trains:
  - 30 Metra SouthWest Service trains per day
    - Improve service reliability with dedicated Metra tracks
    - Expand capacity by rerouting from Union Station to LaSalle Street Station
  - 90 Freight trains per day
  - 2 Amtrak trains per day (to Indianapolis and points East)
- Reduce traffic delays and community disruption at 71st/Bell grade crossing
75th St. CIP - Community Outreach

- Held Community Advisory Groups (May 2011)
- Conducted Public Meetings (June 7 & 9)
  - St. Rita’s High School
  - 1st Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church
- www.75thcip.org
Grand Crossing (P4)EIS

Study Area
Existing Amtrak Route
Existing Illini, Saluki, and City of New Orleans lines

Union Station

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Telling the Story

CREATE
KEEPING THE GO IN CHICAGO

Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program

Quick Links
CREATE in the News
- Recent press releases
- Photos
- Click here to watch "PBS News Hour with Jim Lehrer: Freight Bottlenecks Hinder U.S. Potential"

Resources
- Final Feasibility Study
- CREATE Project Status Summary
- CREATE Role in National Freight Flows

WELCOME

CREATE is a first-of-its-kind partnership between U.S. DOT, the State of Illinois, City of Chicago, Metra, Amtrak, and the nation’s freight railroads. A project of national significance, CREATE will invest billions in critically needed improvements to increase the efficiency of the region’s passenger and freight rail infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for Chicago-area residents.

Program Goals:
- Improve passenger rail service
- Reduce freight rail congestion to boost regional and national economic competitiveness
- Reduce motorist delay due to rail conflict at grade crossings
- Enhance public safety
- Promote economic development
- Create and retain jobs
- Improve air quality
- Reduce noise from idling or slow-moving trains

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CREATE Funding Received

- $100 million - ARRA TIGER Grant
- $100 million - SAFETEA-LU PNRS
- $133 million – ARRA High Speed Rail
- $116 million - Railroad partners
- $210 million - Illinois DOT (PNRS/TIGER match & grade separations)
- $4.2 million - Chicago DOT
- $1.9 million - Federal Rail Line Relocation Funds
- $286.5 million - Pre-CREATE funding (various sources)
CREATE Funding Expected

• Other CREATE Funding Awarded
  - $200 million – Illinois Capital Bill, CREATE Program

• Other CREATE Funding Commitments
  - $25.8 million – Chicago DOT
  - Additional Railroad partner contribution
Next Steps for CREATE Program

- TIGER III Application
- Advocate for freight funding in Transportation Authorization
- Complete remaining Rail Corridor Projects
- Complete remaining Passenger-Freight Rail Flyover Projects
- Complete remaining Grade Separation Projects
- Continue cooperation and integration with Midwest High Speed Rail initiatives
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