

Indiana Harbor Belt Signal Improvements



CREATE Project B8, which upgraded the 40 year-old signal system along the Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Corridor from Bedford Park to Summit, Illinois, was completed in March 2009. Each weekday, six Metra Heritage Corridor trains serving a total of nearly 3,000 passengers daily and 10 Amtrak trains serving a total of 1,300 passengers daily operate on tracks crossing the IHB. Prior to the \$4.5 million project, passenger trains often experienced delays due to slow moving freight trains that could not clear the intersection of two rail lines, resulting from the antiquated signal system. This project's upgraded signalization has significantly reduced cross traffic interference and reduced passenger delays.