



63rd and State (Englewood) Flyover

Fact Sheet

Project Number: P1

Location: Chicago, from 57th Place to 69th St. along the Metra Rock Island District. (near State Street). Project is located within the Englewood and Greater Grand Crossing Community Areas.

Scope of Work: This project will build a rail-rail flyover to carry the north - south Metra Rock Island line over the east-west NS/Amtrak line. The project will construct bridges that will accommodate 3 tracks to carry Metra operations over the four tracks of NS and a possible future fifth track for a high speed intercity passenger rail connection to points east and/or south.

Daily Trains Affected:

Metra Rock Island – 78 trains per day

Amtrak – 14 trains per day: Michigan Services (10 trains per day), Capitol Limited (Chicago/Pittsburgh/Washington - 2 trains per day), Lake Shore Limited (Chicago/Albany/ New York/Boston - 2 trains per day)

Freight - Approximately 46 Norfolk Southern trains per day

Benefits:

This project will eliminate conflict between 78 Metra Rock Island trains and approximately 60 freight and Amtrak trains that presently cross at grade through the Englewood interlocking each day. This is a significant source of delay for existing Amtrak trains from Michigan and points east, as well as for NS freight trains. At this location, Metra riders experience more than 7,500 annual passenger hours of delay, which will be relieved. By eliminating many of these delays, the project will reduce locomotive engine idling, cutting emissions and improving air quality.

P1 also must be built and in operation before two adjacent CREATE projects add additional trains to the two lines at this location. The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project, including CREATE projects EW2, P2, P3 and GS19, will divert Metra SouthWest Service trains to the Rock Island District south of Englewood. The Grand Crossing Project (CREATE Project P4) will divert 6 daily Amtrak trains to the NS Chicago Line east of Englewood. Without the Englewood Flyover in place, implementation of these other projects would greatly increase delays at the existing Englewood interlocking.

Communities Benefited

- Communities along the Metra Rock Island Line
- Cook County and Will County

Project Status:

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II – Final PS&E*	Phase III - Construction
<i>Complete</i>	<i>Underway</i>	

*Plans, Specifications & Estimates

Project Location Map

