Location

Principally within the Metra Milwaukee District West right-of-way (shared by the Canadian Pacific) between the grade crossings of Scott Street and Ruby Street. Also, on the Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) and CN tracks between Chestnut Street and Grand Avenue.

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Daily Trains Affected

12 freight trains (CP)
58 Metra trains (Milwaukee District West)

Scope of Work

Install five crossovers and associated signaling on the Metra tracks serving the Metra Milwaukee District West Line and Canadian Pacific. Install another crossover between the IHB and CN tracks. A crossover is a pair of switches that connects two parallel rail tracks, allowing a train on one track to crossover to the other.

Benefits

Currently freight trains must pass through the Bensenville Yard to access IHB main line track. With this improvement 12 daily through freight trains will be able to bypass the Canadian Pacific Railroad Bensenville Yard on existing Metra tracks. This project will reduce the number of freight trains within the yard and reduce delays at nearby at-grade crossings. The potential for delay to Metra trains due to conflict with slow moving freight trains entering the yard will be reduced.

Communities Benefited:

- Franklin Park
Project Status

Project Completed December 2020

Project Location Map