



63rd & Harlem Avenue & Belt Railway of Chicago Grade Separation

Fact Sheet

Project Number: GS1

Location: 63rd Street at Harlem Avenue in the City of Chicago and Village of Summit

Scope of Work: The project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of 63rd Street and two Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC) tracks located 370 feet east of Harlem Avenue. This will be accomplished by creating either an overpass or underpass for vehicles using 63rd Street at this location.

Daily Trains Affected:

- 20 freight trains

Benefits: Daily, 17,600 vehicles and 192 CTA and Pace buses (#63W and #386) pass through the crossing, and it is a state designated truck route. This grade crossing is located in close proximity to BRC’s Clearing Yard, one of the busiest in the City of Chicago. Every train passing through this grade crossing is either entering or exiting this yard and must move at very slow speeds (10-25 mph) in this area. Trains are also delayed due to servicing of rail customers along the same line.

This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this location. The grade crossing separation will eliminate delay to more than 1,100 vehicles daily, resulting in alleviation of 10,700 annual motorist hours of delay. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains.

This location is designated a “911 Critical Crossing.” This is a critical location for emergency services to access communities that have a high frequency of train movements or delays. The grade separation will eliminate this issue.

Communities Benefited

- Chicago – Clearing community area
- Summit, IL

Project Status:

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

*Plans, Specifications & Estimates

Project Location Map and Photos:

