



Archer Avenue & Belt Railway of Chicago Grade Separation

Fact Sheet

Project Number: GS9

Location: Archer Avenue at Kenton Avenue (East of the Archer Avenue/Cicero Avenue intersection), in the City of Chicago

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

Daily Trains Affected:

- 42 freight trains

Benefits: Daily, 18,000 vehicles and 259 CTA buses (#62) pass through the crossing. This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this location. The grade crossing separation will eliminate delay to more than 2,600 vehicles daily, resulting in alleviation of nearly 58,000 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 – Archer Heights and Garfield Ridge community areas

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:



View facing Southwest on Archer Avenue



View facing northeast on Archer Avenue