



Chicago Ridge Flyover Project Fact Sheet

Project Number: P7

Location: On either side of the current Chicago Ridge Interlocking where the NS/Metra SouthWest Service line crosses the IHB railroad (between I-294 on the west and Mayfield Avenue on the east) in Chicago Ridge, IL.

Scope of Work Construct a structure to carry two NS/Metra SouthWest Service Line tracks either over or under the Indiana Harbor Belt (two existing tracks and a future track). The project may include improvements to the existing at-grade crossing at Ridgeland Avenue in Chicago Ridge, as well as associated signal work, and possibly Metra Station improvements.

Daily Trains Affected:

- 30 Metra SouthWest Service
- 76 freight trains (IHB, CSX, NS, BNSF, UP, CN, CP)

Benefits: This project will eliminate freight/Metra rail conflicts and delay at the Chicago Ridge Control Point in Chicago Ridge, IL. The flyover will eliminate delays between the CREATE Beltway Corridor and Passenger Corridors. Commuter train speeds will be able to increase from 50 mph to 79 mph upon completion of the infrastructure improvement. A potential new highway-rail grade separation at Ridgeland Avenue may eliminate traffic delays at this rail crossing. Metra passengers may benefit from an upgraded Chicago Ridge Metra station. This project will alleviate more than 6,000 Metra passenger hours of delay experienced annually due to freight conflict at this location.

Communities Benefited:

- Chicago Ridge, IL
- Communities along Metra SouthWest Service
- Cook County and Will County

Project Status: **Project Status:** Project initiation pending funding availability

Project Location Map



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