



Towers

Fact Sheet

Project Numbers: T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, T12

Locations: Throughout greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Scope of Work: Upgrading of signal systems at major at-grade railroad crossings. May involve communication upgrades to enable remote operation.

		Primary Responsible Entity	Community Benefited	Date in service	Daily Trains Affected (A-Amtrak, M-Metra, F-Freight)	Passenger (A-Amtrak M-Metra)
T1	21st Street	Amtrak	Chicago	2/15/05	12-A 36 - M 12 F	A, M
T2	Blue Island Jct.	CN	Blue Island		110 - F	
T3	Rondout	CP/Metra	Rondout		8 - A 60-M 12 F	A, M
T4	A-5	CP/Metra	Chicago		8 - A 140- M 6 - F	A, M
T5	B-17	CP/Metra	Franklin Park		58 - M 26 - F	M
T6	Calumet Tower	IHB	East Chicago, IN		125- F	
T7	16th Street	Metra	Chicago		6 - A 68 - M	A, M
T8	Gresham	Metra	Chicago	1/31/10	68 - M 2 - F	M
T9	Blue Island	Metra	Blue Island		68 - M 2 - F	M
T10	Kensington	Metra	Chicago	12/12/08	6- A 193 - M 6 F	A, M
T11	Hick	NS	East Chicago, IN	7/18/10	14 - A 78 - F	A
T12	Deval	UP	Des Plaines	5/8/05	87 - M 50 - F	M

Benefits: Reduces the signal systems' failure rate due to antiquated infrastructure. Increases reliability of train operations at key crossings throughout the region. Reduces Amtrak and Metra delay due to periodic signal failures, which require hand flagging of the interlocking.

Communities Benefited due to Improved Passenger Rail Service

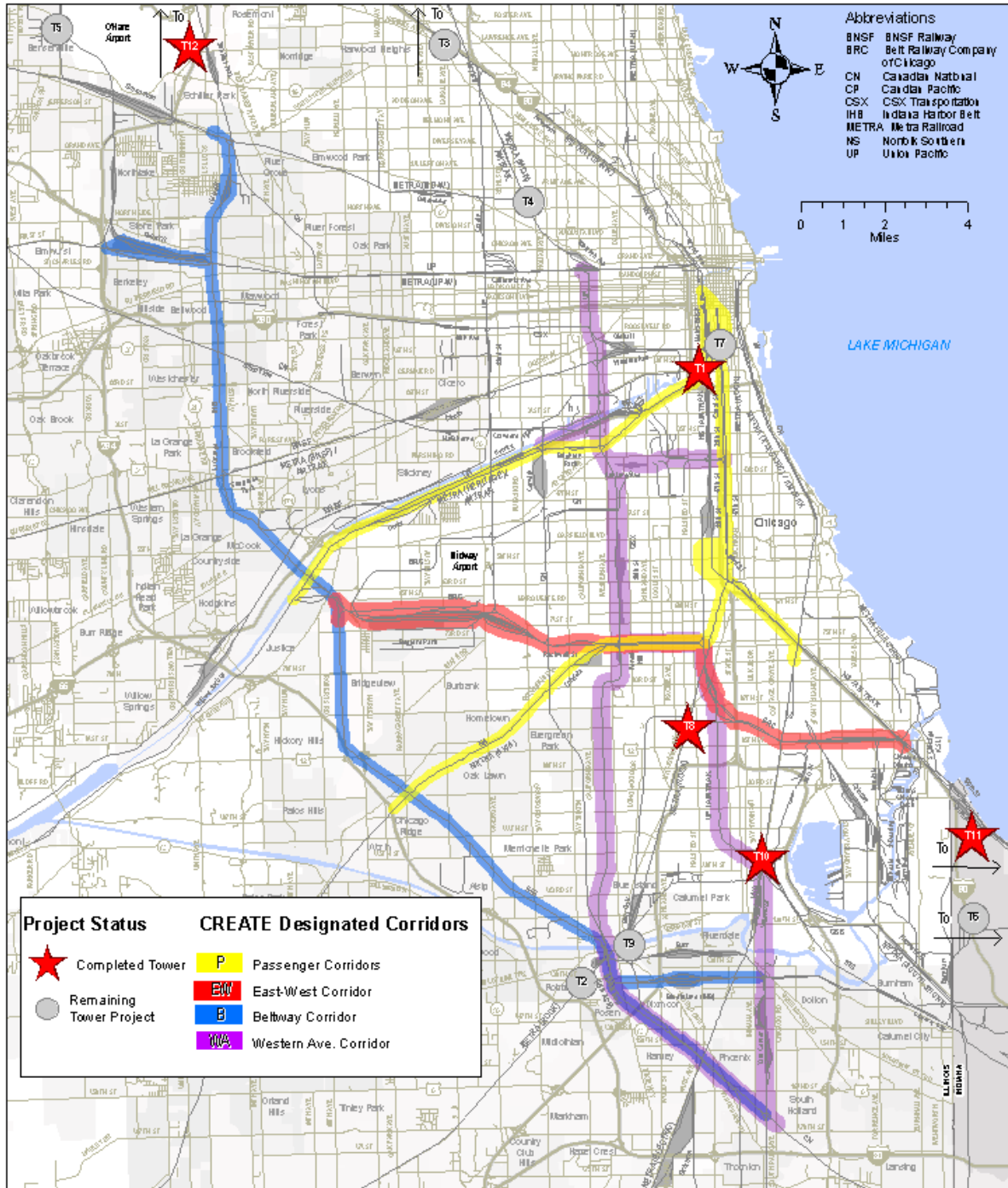
Communities along the following Metra routes:

- Metra Milwaukee North
- Metra Milwaukee West
- Metra North Central
- Metra Electric
- Metra Rock Island
- Metra SouthWest
- Metra Heritage
- UP Northwest

Communities served by all Amtrak routes to/from Chicago (except the BNSF California Zephyr and Southwest Chief routes to the West)

Project Location Map

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