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## WA4

# BNSF Connection – Western Avenue to Ash Street

### Location

From California Avenue to Western Avenue, and 21<sup>st</sup> Street to 35<sup>th</sup> Street

Chicago, IL

### Daily Trains Affected

22 freight trains (Expected Usage)

## *Scope of Work*

Construct new track from 31<sup>st</sup> and California Ave. on the BNSF Chillicothe Subdivision along Western Ave. to 21<sup>st</sup> St. and California on the BNSF Chicago Subdivision. Rehabilitate up to 6 bridges over city streets and over the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Install crossover switches between the BNSF Chillicothe Subdivision and the CN Freeport Subdivision. Install crossovers between the new track and CSX Blue Island Subdivision. Install Centralized Traffic Control signalization over the length of the project.

## *Benefits*

Currently a direct connection does not exist between the BSNF Chicago and BNSF Chillicothe Subdivisions. This project will construct a new direct connection to allow movements between BNSF's Corwith and Cicero Yards, eliminating the safety and delay issues of long reverse moves that currently take place. This project will also build new connections from the CN Freeport Subdivision to the CREATE Western Avenue Corridor.

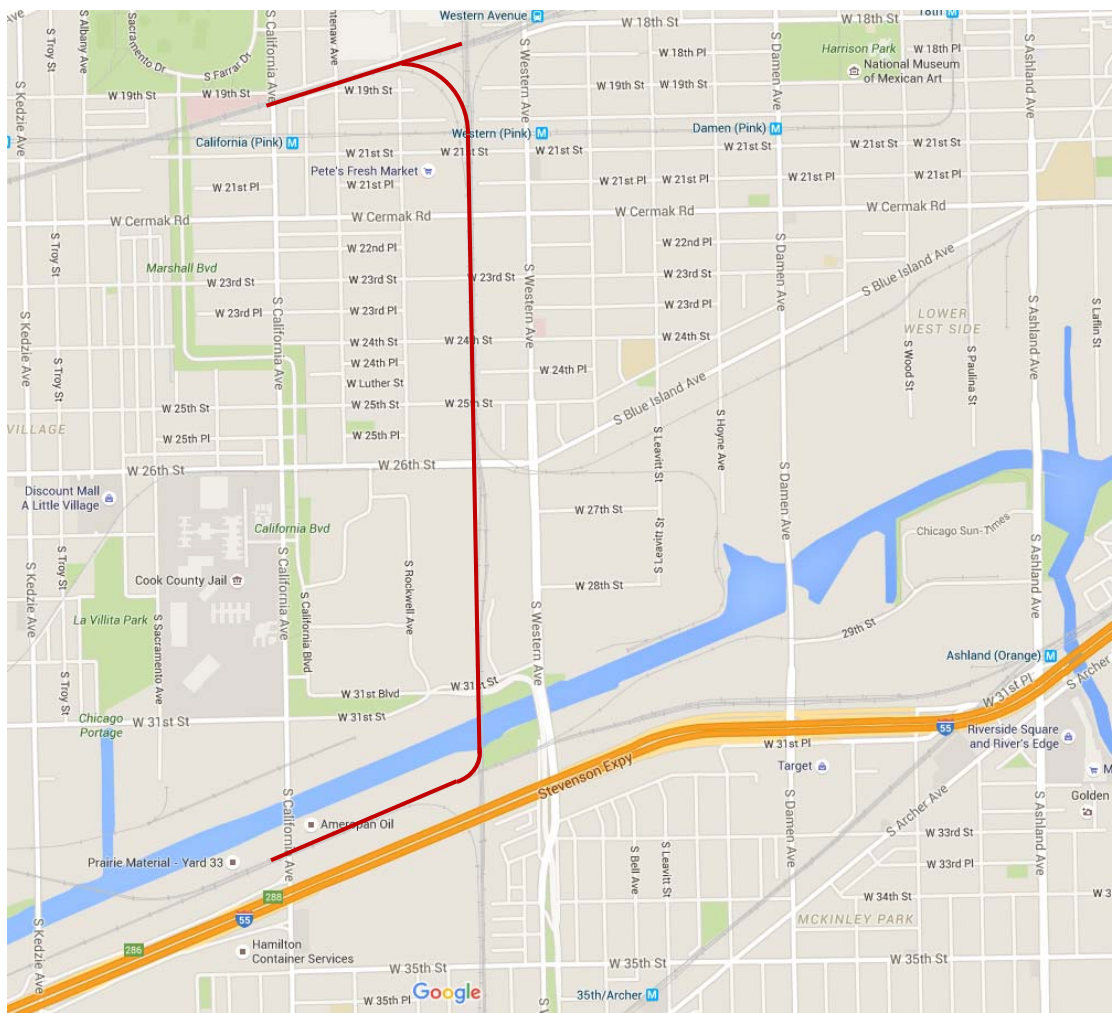
### **Communities Benefited:**

- Chicago Community Areas: Douglas Park, South Lawndale, Little Village, and Brighton Park

## Project Status

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II – Final PS&E*	Phase III - Construction
Complete	Complete	Underway

## Project Location Map



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