

Safety Benefits of the CREATE Program

- The 25 grade separations for CREATE are estimated to save 15 lives and many more injuries due to auto crashes during the 25 years after construction is completed.
- Six of the 25 grade separations identified in CREATE are among the crossings with highest likelihood of incidents in Northeastern Illinois.
- Seven of the at-grade highway crossings that will be separated by CREATE are designated as City of Chicago "911 Critical Crossings," which are defined as integral to the movement of emergency services vehicles.
- Potential rail-highway crashes involving trucks will also be eliminated at the 12 grade separations that occur on designated truck routes.
- Potential conflict between passenger and freight trains will be eliminated at the locations of the six passenger/freight rail separation projects.

Safety of the Rail Mode

- Freight rail transport is much safer than truck transport
 - Freight rail transport incurs approximately 12 percent of the fatalities that trucks do per trillion ton-miles.
 - Freight rail transport incurs approximately six percent of the injuries that trucks do per trillion ton-miles.

