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Proposed Railroad Improvement at 63rd and State Streets

Public Information Meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2007
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Improvements at 63rd and State Streets

- Current Proposal
- Potential Impacts
- Project Schedule
- Employment Opportunities
- Next Steps
Existing Conditions

- Metra - 2 tracks
- Norfolk Southern - 3 tracks
- Daily Weekday Train Traffic
  - 80 Metra trains
  - 50 NS freight trains
  - 16 Amtrak trains
Basic Proposal

- Metra Tracks over NS Railroad
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Noise & Vibration

- During Construction
  - Pile driving
  - Excavation
- After Construction
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Traffic Access & Road Closures

• Temporary Road Closures & Detours
• Driveway Access
• No Impacts to Transit Services
• Proposed Permanent Closures of 60th and 66th Street Viaducts
Proposed 66th Street Viaduct Closure
Proposed 60th Street Viaduct Closure
Viaduct Closure Study

No impacts to:
- Police & Fire response
- Public facility access

Nearby alternate routes
- Within 1 block
- Good existing grid of streets

Improvements:
- Remove old viaducts
- New cul-de-sac & driveway access
- Remove old roadway & restore area
- Eliminate secluded area
- Improve safety
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**Air Quality & Dust Control**

- **During Construction**
  - Dust control watering and street sweeping

- **After Construction**
  - Significantly fewer idling trains
  - Reduced air pollutants
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Pedestrian Access

- During Construction
  - Access maintained
- After Construction
  - New sidewalks
  - Lighting under viaducts
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Project Construction Work Hours

- Work Hours by City Ordinance
- Nighttime work will require City permit
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Project Schedule

To get to construction...

• Complete Environmental Studies
• Design / Construction Documents
• Temporary Construction Easements
• Construction
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Land Acquisition

• NO PERMANENT PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS
• NO RESIDENTIAL / BUSINESS RELOCATIONS
• Approximately ½ acre of Temporary Construction Access required
• Project will follow "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act"
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Construction Job Opportunities

- Estimated Construction Cost: $110 Million
- DBE Participation Goals and Mandatory Pre-Bid Meetings
- General Contracting and Construction Management is an Open & Transparent Process
- Contractor Employment Possibilities
- Secondary Local Employment and Business Opportunities
Career Opportunities

• IDOT, CDOT and Railroads Developing Comprehensive Program to Facilitate:
  • Railroad employment
  • Construction employment

• All CREATE Partners are Committed to Diversity

• Information:  www.CreateProgram.org
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Next Steps

- Review all Public Meeting Comments
- Continue Detailed Studies
  - Assess environmental impacts
  - Refine cost estimates
  - Establish design & construction schedules
- Public Hearing
Public Comment

5 ways to provide comments:
1. During tonight’s Question & Answer session
2. Comment box at meeting
3. Project email: info@CreateProgram.org
4. Project phone number: (312) 793-3507 (Lawrence Wilson)
5. Mail to: CREATE
   c/o IDOT
   300 West Adams Street, 2nd Floor
   Chicago, Illinois 60606
   Attn: Lawrence Wilson, Program Manager

Comments Must be Received by **July 10, 2007**
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