



CSX Selects Design Firm for 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project

April 3, 2019 - The CREATE partners are pleased to announce that CSX has selected [Parsons](#) to provide professional design services for two of four projects that comprise the [75th Street Corridor Improvement Project](#) (75th St. CIP), the Forest Hill Junction Flyover (P3) and the 71st Street Grade Separation (GS19). The GS19 project is an integral component of the P3 project; therefore, there are design efficiencies to design the projects together.

These projects will separate freight and passenger rail lines in the West Englewood, Auburn Gresham, Ashburn and Chicago Lawn neighborhoods that currently intersect and create significant delays, train idling and congestion.

"CSX is pleased to take the next step in this important project with Parsons, their team, as well as our CREATE partners. Parsons has the safety record, knowledge and precision to design a world-class project. Additionally, Parsons' team understands the surrounding community and the broader benefits of the CREATE Program," said Tod Echler, Chief Engineer, Design and Construction, CSX.

The CREATE partners' commitment to creating economic opportunities in the surrounding neighborhoods is reflected in both the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal (30%) for this work, as well as the number and size of project elements in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The Parsons team includes eight DBE firms.

1. **ABNA Engineering** - track, structures, drainage support design services
2. **TranSmart/EJM** - roadway, drainage and lighting design services
3. **Site Design Group** - landscape architect and streetscape services
4. **American Surveying & Engineering Inc.** - surveying services
5. **Trinal Inc.** - community relations
6. **Wang Engineering** - geotechnical services
7. **DB Sterlin** - utilities, structural and roadway engineering
8. **Atlas Engineering Group** - track, drainage and structures engineering

In addition to meeting the DBE requirements, the Parsons team includes Workforce Development Strategies Group (WFDS) LLC. This group specializes in developing and delivering a workforce reflective of a project's surrounding communities. WFDS will identify employment and small businesses opportunities that support local hiring and diversity objectives for the 75th St. CIP by providing a "one stop shop" that identifies qualified candidates, provides training and matches and connects employees and employers via a workforce development portal. The CREATE partners are excited to access these services.

The design of Forest Hill Junction Flyover (P3) and the 71st Street Grade Separation (GS19) is anticipated to begin this year with the first stages of construction beginning in 2020 and completion in 2025. A public meeting is anticipated later in 2019 to discuss design and project elements.

There will be more opportunities for design, engineering, construction and supplier teams to bid on 75th St. CIP work in the future. DBE firms are encouraged to [register through CREATE](#) for email invitations to propose on professional services and respond to bid opportunities for contracted work. All CREATE Program partner procurements will be sent through the CREATE procurement notification email. Notifications are also made through newspapers.

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