

Metra/Canadian Pacific Crossover Upgrades Project

SCOPE OF WORK

Install five crossovers and associated signaling on the Metra tracks serving the Metra Milwaukee District West Line and Canadian Pacific. Install another crossover between the IHB and CN tracks. A crossover is a pair of switches that connects two parallel rail tracks, allowing a train on one track to cross over to the other.

BENEFITS

The Metra/Canadian Pacific Crossover Upgrades project (B1) has eliminated the previously existing commuter and freight train delays that use this portion of the Milwaukee District West line. Before the completion of the B1 project, freight trains needed to pass through the Canadian Pacific Bensenville Yard to access the Indiana Harbor Belt main line track. With this improvement, the 12 daily freight trains that pass through the area can bypass the Bensenville Yard on existing Metra tracks. This project also automates freight train access points through digitized switching controls that improve freight train speed throughout the yard. This reduces the potential for freight train delay to 58 daily Metra trains and improves Metra flexibility at the Franklin Park Station. In addition, this project reduces delays to motorists, pedestrians and cyclists at nearby at-grade crossings due to increased train speeds and reduced gate down times.

PROJECT STATUS

Phase I NEPA – Preliminary Design	Phase II Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Phase III Construction
Complete November 2009	Complete August 2014	Complete December 2020

Location

Principally within the Metra Milwaukee District West right-of-way (shared by the Canadian Pacific) between the grade crossings of Scott Street and Ruby Street. Also, on the Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) and CN tracks between Chestnut Street and Grand Avenue.

Franklin Park, IL

Daily Trains Affected

12 freight trains (CP)

58 Metra trains
(Milwaukee District West)

Communities Benefited

Franklin Park

PROJECT LOCATION MAP



PROJECT PHOTOS

