

Thornton Junction Connection

January 2023

SCOPE OF WORK

This project installed a new interlocked connection between the CN and UP/CSX subdivisions in the southwest quadrant of the crossing at Thornton Junction. As part of the B16 project, the team installed these upgrades between the area near 168th Street and State Street.

BENEFITS

Previously the UP and CN crossed each other but did not connect. Due to the lack of a connection, trains could not switch from one line to the other. The new connection allows trains to switch between the lines and provides increased flexibility for dispatchers routing trains throughout the Chicago Terminal District.

PROJECT PHOTO



Thornton Junction Signal Bungalow and Cantilever

Location

Between Union Pacific (UP) Villa Grove Subdivision (near 168th Street) and CN Elsdon Subdivision (near State Street)

South Holland, IL

Daily Trains Affected

80 Freight Trains (CN, CSX, UP)

Communities Benefited

South Holland, IL

PROJECT STATUS

Phase I NEPA – Preliminary Design	Phase II Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Phase III Construction
Completed	Completed	Completed June 2014

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

