

McCook Connection

January 2022

SCOPE OF WORK

This project constructed a second connecting track between BNSF and Indiana Harbor Belt/CSX and extended the existing connecting track an additional 7,000 feet. Added signalization to improve visibility.

BENEFITS

Improving the current connection has increased maximum speeds from 10 mph to 25 mph and increased capacity of this segment. Improved freight train movement has reduced conflict with intercity (Amtrak) passenger and commuter (Metra) trains along the Heritage Corridor.

PROJECT PHOTOS



Location

McCook, IL

Daily Trains Affected

76 Freight Trains
(CSX/BNSF)

6 Metra Trains
(Heritage Corridor)

10 Amtrak Trains
(Lincoln and Texas Eagle
Service)

Communities Benefited

McCook, IL

PROJECT STATUS

| Phase I NEPA – Preliminary Design | Phase II Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates | Phase III Construction |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Complete | Complete | Completed December 2009 |

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

