

# Western Avenue and CSX Grade Separation

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## SCOPE OF WORK

The project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of Western Avenue and the three CSX railroad tracks. This will be accomplished by creating either an overpass or underpass for vehicles at this location.

## BENEFITS

Daily, 8,200 vehicles and 100 Pace buses (#349) pass through the crossing. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) estimates that weekday motorist delay at the region's grade crossings cost residents \$332 million in wasted productivity in 2018 alone. This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this grade crossing. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains.

### Location

Western Avenue between  
135<sup>th</sup> and 136<sup>th</sup> Street  
Blue Island, IL

### Daily Trains Affected

41 Freight Trains

### Communities Benefited

Blue Island, IL

## PROJECT PHOTOS



Existing conditions



PROJECT STATUS

Phase I NEPA – Preliminary Design	Phase II Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Phase III Construction
Pending funding availability	Not started	Not started

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

