Central Avenue and Belt Railway of Chicago Grade Separation

SCOPE OF WORK
The project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of Central Avenue and two Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC) tracks located 330 feet south of Archer Avenue and 800 feet north of 55th Street. This will be accomplished by creating an underpass for vehicles using Central Avenue at this location.

BENEFITS
Approximately 20,800 vehicles pass through the crossing daily. Midway Airport borders the southeast corner of 55th Street and Central Avenue. This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this location. The grade separation will eliminate delay to over 2,500 vehicles daily. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains.

This location is designated a “911 Critical Crossing.” This is a critical location for emergency services to access communities that have high frequency of train movements or delays. The grade separation will eliminate this issue.

PROJECT PHOTOS
Existing grade crossing

Location
Central Avenue at 54th Street
Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected
13 Freight Trains

Communities Benefited
Chicago – Garfield Ridge Community Area
Clearing, IL
## PROJECT STATUS

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## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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