

# Central Avenue and Belt Railway of Chicago Grade Separation

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## 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 55<sup>th</sup> 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 55<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Location

Central Avenue at 54<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chicago, IL

### Daily Trains Affected

13 Freight Trains

### Communities Benefited

Chicago – Garfield Ridge  
Community Area  
Clearing, IL

## PROJECT PHOTOS



Existing grade crossing





PROJECT STATUS

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

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

