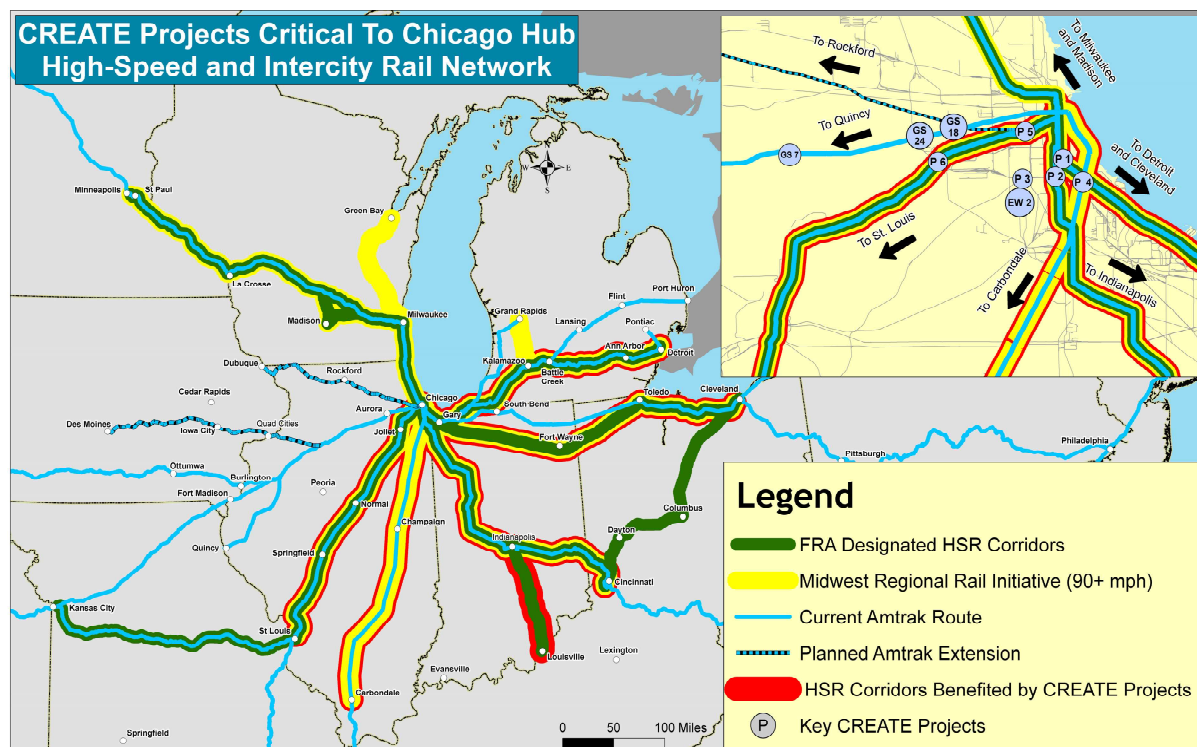




High-Speed/Intercity Rail Benefits



A number of CREATE projects are critical for enabling high-speed rail in the Midwest. As shown in the map above, all the HSR corridors outlined in red will be benefited by CREATE. Corridors with a green line are Federal Railroad Administration-designated high-speed rail corridors comprising the Chicago Hub Network. Corridors with yellow borders are those included in the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative system. The blue lines indicate where Amtrak service currently operates. The blue lines with black crosshatching to Dubuque and Iowa City indicate planned Amtrak extensions. Below are details of specific CREATE projects benefits to high-speed/intercity rail.

Project Number	Project Description
P1	New passenger/freight rail flyover will benefit all high-speed rail corridors to the East
P2/P3	These rail/rail flyover projects, in combination with the EW2 connection, will allow the relocation of Metra's Southwest Service to LaSalle Street Station and produce additional capacity at Union Station for high-speed rail
P4	New rail connector will provide more direct route into Chicago's Union Station and reduce travel times on the corridor to Carbondale
P5/P6	Passenger/freight rail flyovers will reduce travel times on the corridor to St. Louis
GS7	Grade separation of BNSF rail line and Belmont Road in Downers Grove eliminates potential vehicle conflicts on the corridor to Quincy/Kansas City/Omaha/Iowa City
GS18	Grade separation of BNSF rail line and Harlem Avenue in Berwyn eliminates potential vehicle conflicts on the corridor to Quincy/Kansas City/Omaha/Iowa City
GS24	Grade separation of BNSF rail line and Maple Avenue in Brookfield eliminates potential vehicle conflicts on the corridor to Quincy/Kansas City/Omaha/Iowa City