



# Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation  
300 West Adams Street / 2nd Floor / Chicago, Illinois / 60606

## PUBLIC HEARING CREATE Project P1 Railroad Improvement at 63<sup>rd</sup> & State Streets

Thursday, January 17, 2007  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Antioch Baptist Church  
415 W. Englewood Avenue

### PURPOSE OF HEARING

To receive input from the community, present the proposed project and alternatives considered, the project Purpose and Need, the project update, and completed studies since the June 2007 Public Meeting.

### WHAT IS CREATE?

Chicago Region Environmental And Transportation Efficiency Program

### SUMMARY OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- A new rail bridge to take the Metra Rock Island District (RID) tracks over the existing Norfolk Southern (NS) Railroad tracks.
- Metra RID line will shift west to allow two tracks to remain operational during construction.
- Five new bridges over 67<sup>th</sup> Street, Wentworth Avenue, Dan Ryan Expressway, 61<sup>st</sup> Street and 59<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Viaduct closures at 60<sup>th</sup> Street and 66<sup>th</sup> Street
- Drainage improvements at 61<sup>st</sup> Street viaduct.
- Minimal impact to neighborhood streets during construction.
- No permanent acquisition of property or relocation of businesses or residences.

### PROJECT BENEFITS

- Reduce delay & congestion of railroad operations
- Improves reliability of regional freight railroad and Amtrak services
- Reduces idling/waiting time (improved air quality and less fuel consumption)
- Improves safety

### 6 WAYS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Comments due by January 31, 2008:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>During the Public Hearing Q&amp;A</b></li> <li>2. <b>Court Reporter at the Public Hearing</b></li> <li>3. <b>Comment Box at the Public Hearing</b></li> <li>4. <b>E-mail:</b> Lawrence.B.Wilson@illinois.gov</li> <li>5. <b>Phone:</b> (312) 793-3507 (Lawrence Wilson)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <b>Mail:</b> CREATE<br/>c/o IDOT<br/>300 W. Adams Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor<br/>Chicago, IL 60606<br/>Attn: Lawrence Wilson, Program Manager</li> </ol> |
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### QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION

In addition to the above methods, you can visit the **CREATE Website:** [www.CreateProgram.org](http://www.CreateProgram.org) for more project information or questions.



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**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**

CREATE Project P1  
Railroad Improvement Project at 63rd and State Streets  
59th Street to 69th Street  
City of Chicago  
Cook County  
P-30-006-04