

63rd and State (Englewood) Flyover

August 2023

SCOPE OF WORK

This project constructed a rail-rail flyover to carry the north-south Metra Rock Island line over the east-west Norfolk Southern (NS)/Amtrak line. The bridges were built to accommodate three tracks to carry Metra operations over three tracks (double mainline and a yard lead track) of the NS line and a possible future fourth track for a high-speed intercity passenger rail connection to destinations south and east of Chicago.

BENEFITS

The Englewood flyover eliminated conflict between 78 Metra Rock Island trains and approximately 60 freight and Amtrak trains that previously crossed at grade through the Englewood interlocking daily. The project relieved a significant source of delay for Amtrak trains from Michigan and other cities east of Chicago as well as NS freight trains. The project eliminated many of these delays and reduced locomotive engine idling; as a result, emissions decreased and air quality was improved.

P1's completion was needed before two adjacent CREATE projects could begin. These projects added additional trains to the operating lines at the Englewood Flyover location. The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project, including CREATE projects EW2, P2, P3, and GS19, will divert Metra SouthWest Service trains to the Rock Island District south of Englewood. The Grand Crossing Project (CREATE Project P4) will divert 6 daily Amtrak trains to the NS Chicago Line east of Englewood. Without the Englewood Flyover in place first, implementation of these other projects would have significantly increased delays at the Englewood interlocking.

PROJECT PHOTOS



Before



After

Location

From 57th Place to 69th Street along the Metra Rock Island District, near State Street. This project is located within the Englewood and Greater Grand Crossing Community Areas.

Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected

46 Freight Trains
(Norfolk Southern)

78 Metra Trains
(Rock Island)

14 Amtrak Trains
(Michigan Services, Capitol Limited, Lake Shore Limited)

Communities Benefited

Communities along the Metra Rock Island Line

Cook County and Will County

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

<p>Phase I</p> <p>NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)</p>	<p>Phase II</p> <p>Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates</p>	<p>Phase III</p> <p>Construction</p>
Completed	Completed	Completed May 2016

