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Proposed Railroad Improvement at 63rd and State Streets

Public Information Meeting
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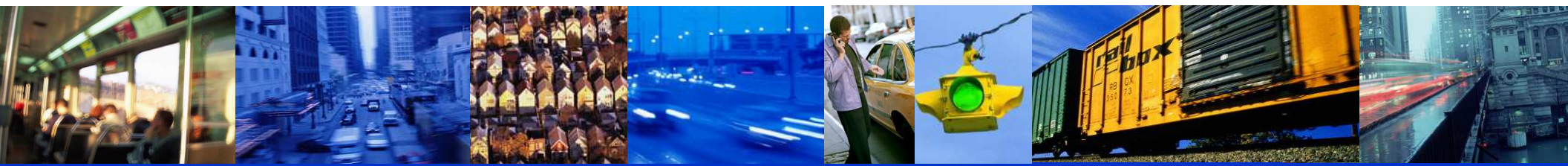
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Improvements at 63rd and State Streets

- Current Proposal
- Potential Impacts
- Project Schedule
- Employment Opportunities
- Next Steps



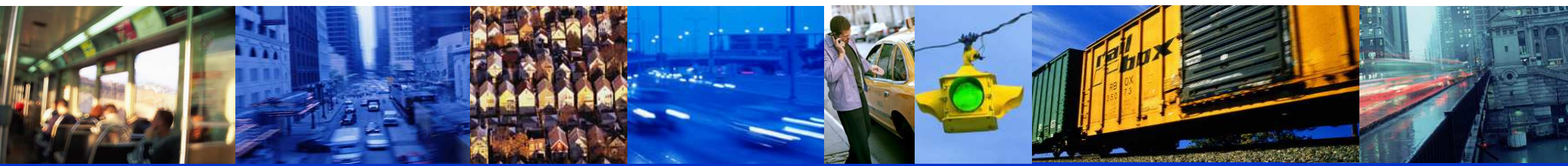




Existing Conditions

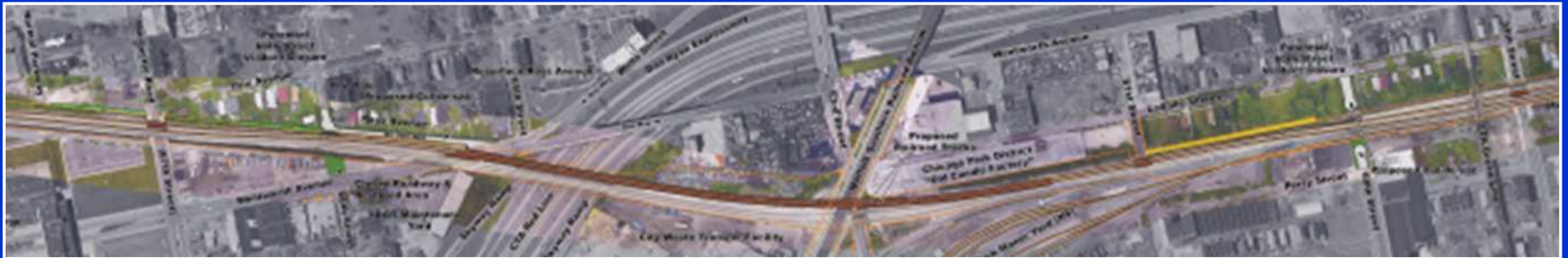
- Metra - 2 tracks
- Norfolk Southern - 3 tracks
- Daily Weekday Train Traffic
 - 80 Metra trains
 - 50 NS freight trains
 - 16 Amtrak trains

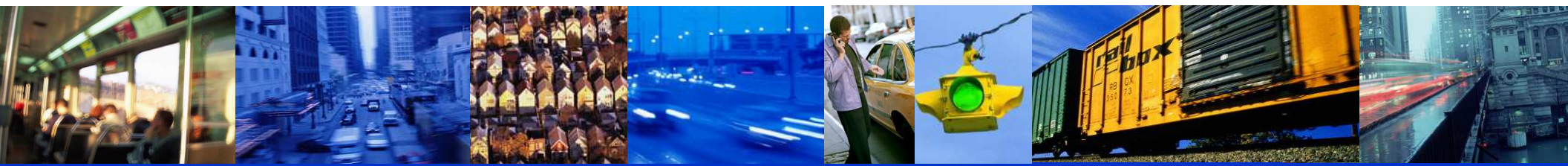




Basic Proposal

- Metra Tracks over NS Railroad



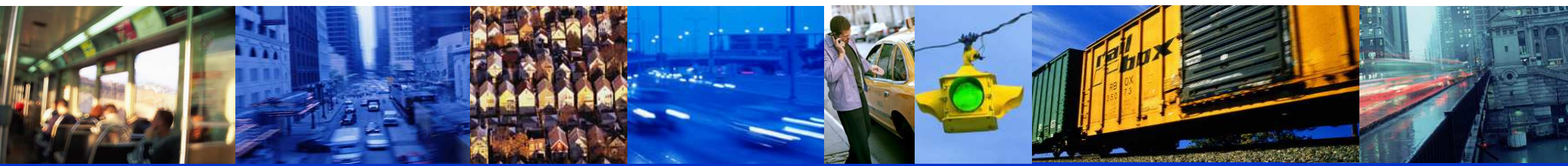


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Noise & Vibration

- During Construction
 - Pile driving
 - Excavation
- After Construction

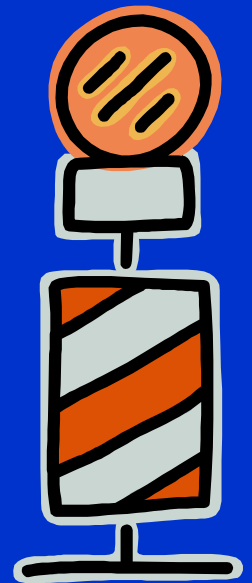




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Traffic Access & Road Closures

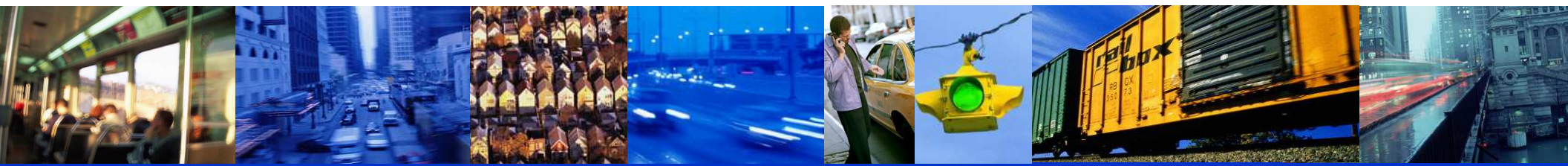
- Temporary Road Closures & Detours
- Driveway Access
- No Impacts to Transit Services
- Proposed Permanent Closures of 60th and 66th Street Viaducts



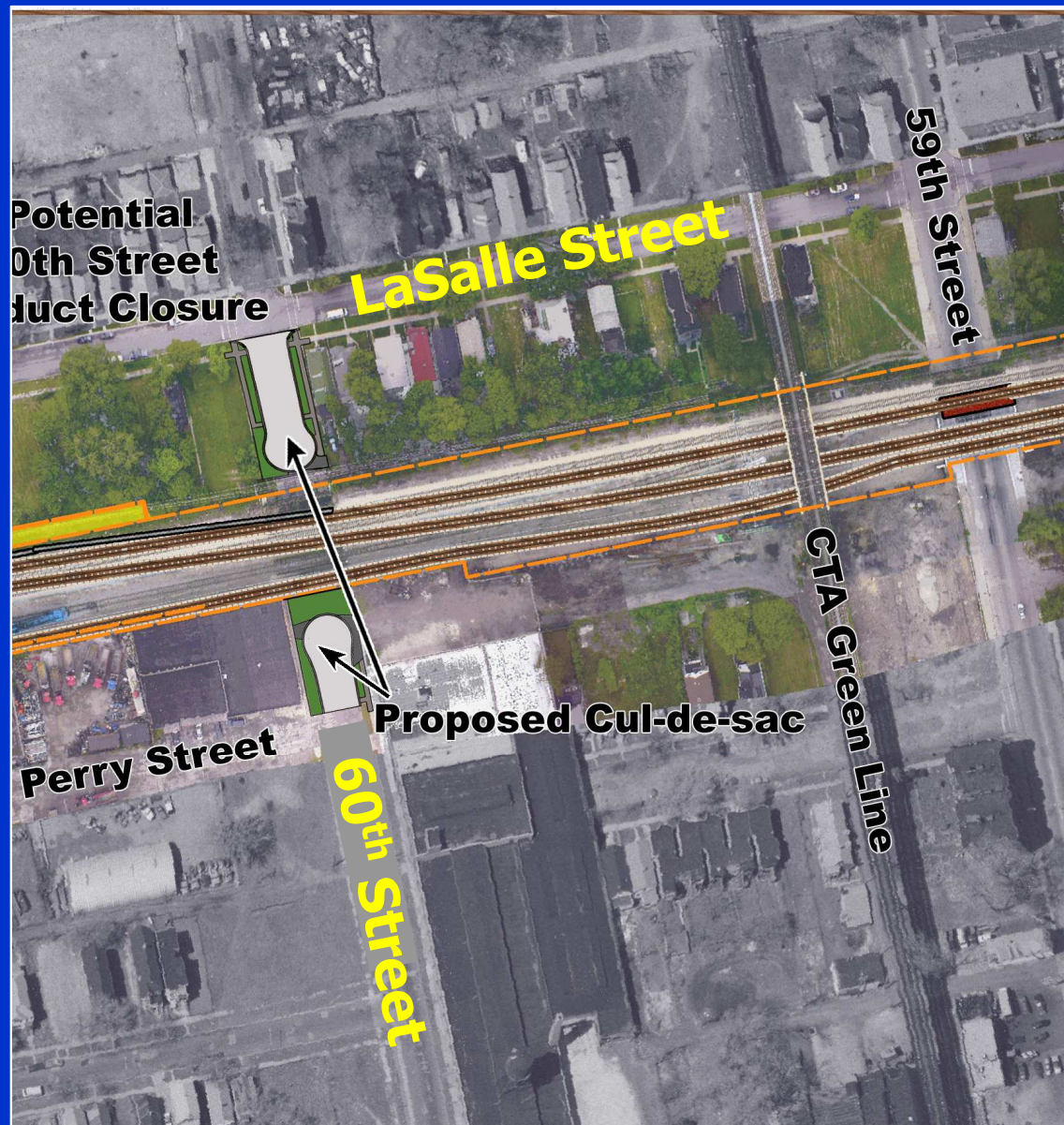


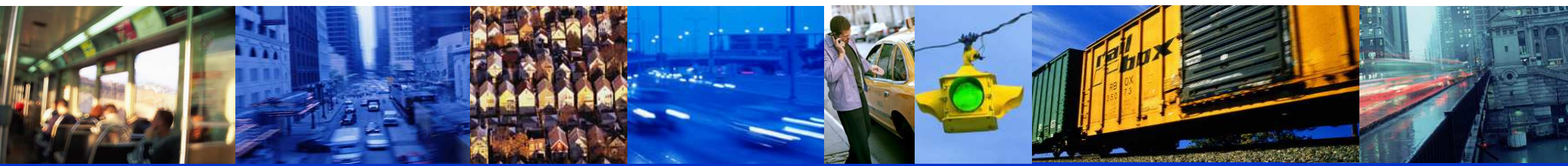
Proposed 66th Street Viaduct Closure





Proposed 60th Street Viaduct Closure





Viaduct Closure Study

No impacts to:

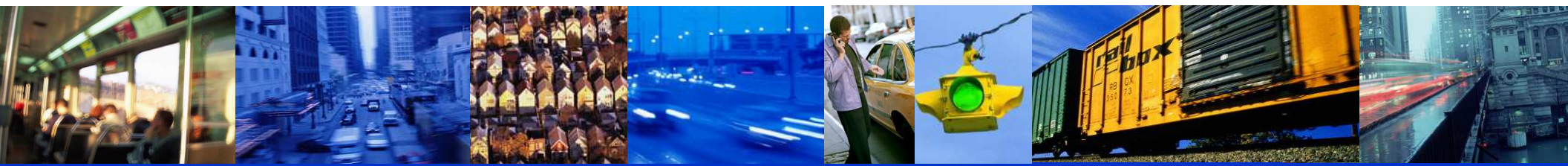
- Police & Fire response
- Public facility access

Nearby alternate routes

- Within 1 block
- Good existing grid of streets

Improvements:

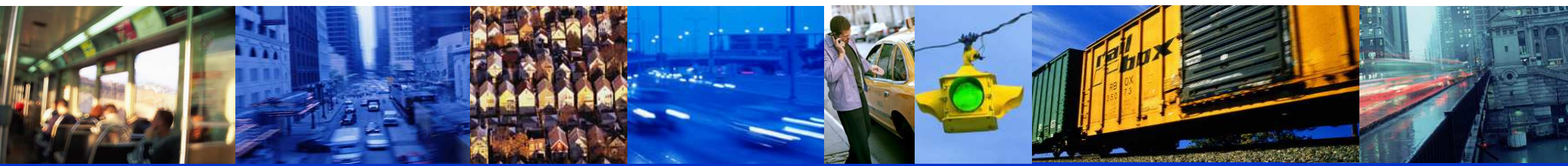
- Remove old viaducts
- New cul-de-sac & driveway access
- Remove old roadway & restore area
- Eliminate secluded area
- Improve safety



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Air Quality & Dust Control

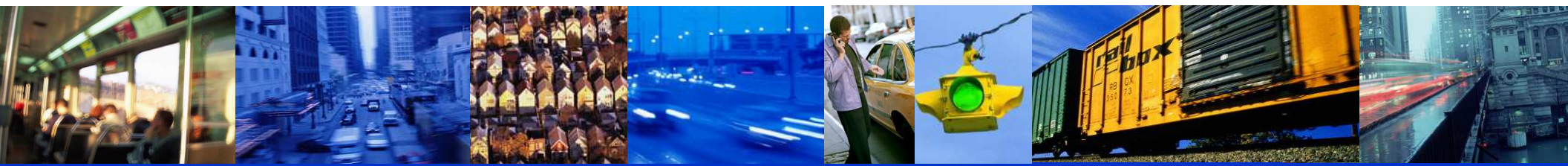
- During Construction
 - Dust control watering and street sweeping
- After Construction
 - Significantly fewer idling trains
 - Reduced air pollutants



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Pedestrian Access

- During Construction
 - Access maintained
- After Construction
 - New sidewalks
 - Lighting under viaducts

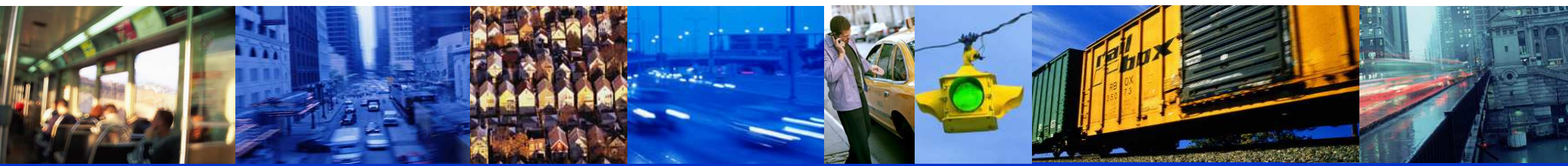


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Project Construction Work Hours

- Work Hours by City Ordinance
 - Nighttime work will require City permit





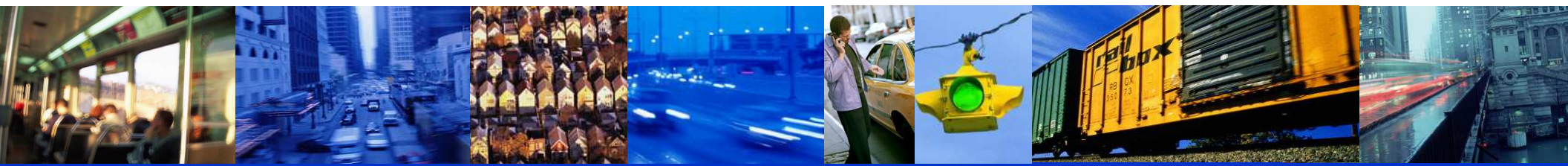
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Project Schedule

To get to construction...

- Complete Environmental Studies
- Design / Construction Documents
- Temporary Construction Easements
- Construction

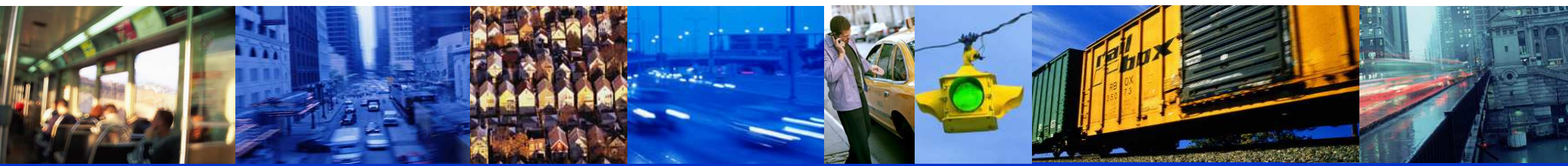




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Land Acquisition

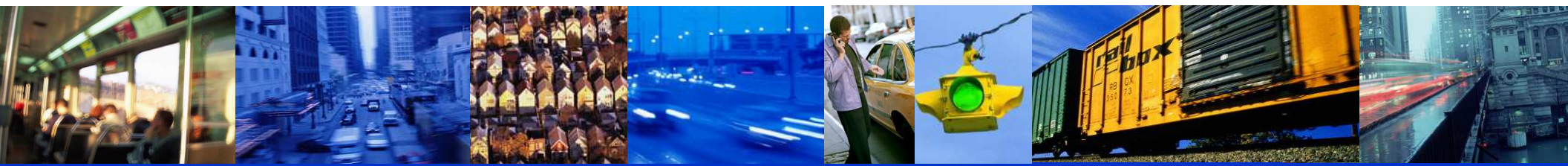
- **NO PERMANENT PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS**
- **NO RESIDENTIAL / BUSINESS RELOCATIONS**
- Approximately 1/2 acre of Temporary Construction Access required
- Project will follow "*Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act*"



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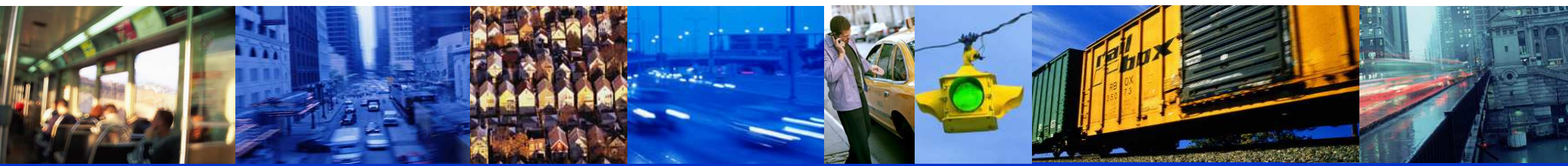
Construction Job Opportunities

- Estimated Construction Cost: \$110 Million
- DBE Participation Goals and Mandatory Pre-Bid Meetings
- General Contracting and Construction Management is an Open & Transparent Process
- Contractor Employment Possibilities
- Secondary Local Employment and Business Opportunities



Career Opportunities

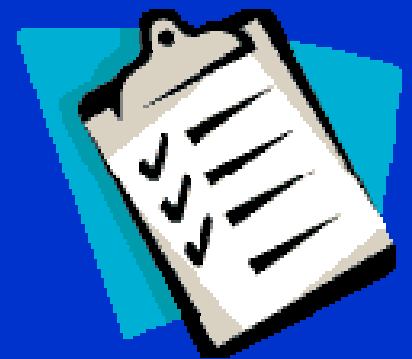
- IDOT, CDOT and Railroads Developing Comprehensive Program to Facilitate:
 - Railroad employment
 - Construction employment
- All CREATE Partners are **Committed to Diversity**
- Information: www.CreateProgram.org

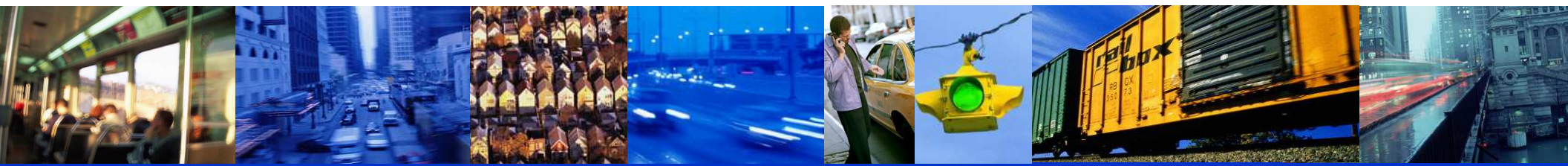


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Next Steps

- Review all Public Meeting Comments
- Continue Detailed Studies
 - Assess environmental impacts
 - Refine cost estimates
 - Establish design & construction schedules
- Public Hearing





Public Comment

5 ways to provide comments:

1. During tonight's Question & Answer session
2. Comment box at meeting
3. Project email: info@CreateProgram.org
4. Project phone number: (312) 793-3507 (Lawrence Wilson)
5. Mail to : CREATE

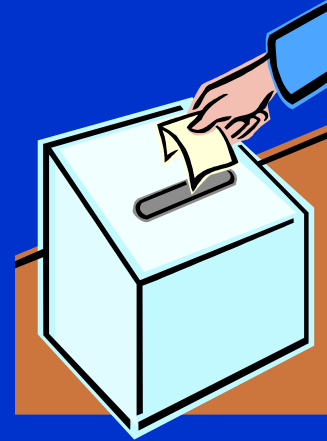
c/o IDOT

300 West Adams Street, 2nd Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60606

Attn: Lawrence Wilson, Program Manager

Comments Must be Received by **July 10, 2007**





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