

Brighton Park Flyover

January 2023

SCOPE OF WORK

This project will construct a bridge to carry two tracks of Canadian National (CN)/Metra Heritage Corridor (over five CSX and Norfolk Southern (NS) tracks) on the CREATE Western Avenue Corridor. This project includes associated signal, track, and structural work.

BENEFITS

This project will alleviate delay and conflict between freight, intercity passenger, and commuter rail where these services intersect at the Brighton Park crossing, one of the busiest rail crossings in the U.S. The project will eliminate delays between two CREATE Corridors (the Western Avenue and Passenger Corridors). The project will increase freight train speeds from 30 mph to 45 mph. Metra and Amtrak delays due to freight conflict will be alleviated due to the grade separation with the Brighton Park Flyover.

PROJECT PHOTO



Existing conditions: Brighton Park Junction Looking East

Location

On either side of the current Brighton Park rail crossing (between the intersection of Rockwell and 37th Streets and the intersection of Leavitt and 35th Streets)

Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected

60 Freight Trains – 5 CN trains on the CN line and 55 Trains on the Western Avenue Corridor (BNSF, CSX, NS, UP)

6 Metra Trains (Heritage Corridor)

10 Amtrak Trains – (Lincoln and Texas Eagle Services)

Communities Benefited

Chicago Community Areas – Brighton Park and McKinley Park

Communities along the Metra Heritage Corridor Line

Communities along the Amtrak Lincoln Service serving Joliet, Bloomington – Normal, Springfield, IL, and St. Louis, MO

Communities along the Amtrak Texas Eagle service between Chicago and San Antonio, TX
Cook County and Will County

PROJECT STATUS

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

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

