

Chicago Ridge Flyover

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SCOPE OF WORK

This project aims to construct a structure to carry two Norfolk Southern/Metra SouthWest Service Line tracks over or under the three Indiana Harbor Belt tracks (two existing and one future). The project may include a potential grade separation at Ridgeland Avenue in Chicago Ridge, associated signal work and possible Metra station improvements.

BENEFITS

This project will construct a flyover, eliminating freight and Metra rail delays between the CREATE Beltway Corridor and Passenger Corridor. Commuter train speeds will be able to increase from 50 mph to 79 mph upon completion of the infrastructure improvement. A potential new highway-rail grade separation at Ridgeland Avenue would eliminate traffic delays at this rail crossing. Metra passengers may benefit from an upgraded Chicago Ridge Metra station.

Location

On either side of the current Chicago Ridge Interlocking where the NS/Metra SouthWest Service line crosses the IHB railroad (between I-294 on the west and Mayfield Avenue on the east)

Chicago Ridge, IL

Daily Trains Affected

76 Freight Trains

30 Metra Trains

Communities Benefited

Chicago Ridge, IL

Communities along Metra SouthWest Service

Cook County and Will County

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