BNSF Connection – Western Avenue to Ash Street

SCOPE OF WORK
This project constructed a new track from 31st and California Avenue on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Chillicothe Subdivision along Western Avenue to 21st Street and California on the BNSF Chicago Subdivision. Six bridges were rehabilitated over city streets and over the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Crossover switches between the BNSF Chillicothe Subdivision and the Canadian National (CN) Freeport Subdivision were installed. Crossovers between the new track and CSX Blue Island Subdivision were also installed. Centralized traffic control signalization was installed over the length of the project.

BENEFITS
Previously, a direct connection did not exist between the BNSF Chicago and BNSF Chillicothe Subdivisions. This project constructed a new direct connection to allow movements between BNSF’s Corwith and Cicero Yards, eliminating the safety and delay issues of long reverse moves that previously took place. This project also built new connections between the CN Freeport Subdivision and the CREATE Western Avenue Corridor.

PROJECT PHOTO

Completed track work near the Eight Track Scissors Bridge facing north
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## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

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