

Brighton Connection

August 2023

SCOPE OF WORK

This project will construct a new connection from the Canadian National (CN) Joliet Subdivision near California Avenue and Archer Avenue to the CREATE Western Avenue Corridor. This includes construction of an additional track along the Western Avenue Corridor to the 22nd Street Interlocking near 21st Street and Western Avenue. Multiple bridges will be rehabilitated over city streets and over the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. Crossover switches will be installed between the new track and the CREATE Western Avenue Corridor. Centralized Traffic Control signalization will be installed over the length of the project.

BENEFITS

This new connection between the CN Joliet Subdivision and the CREATE Western Avenue Corridor will provide a new East-West route allowing greater flexibility for dispatchers to route trains through the Chicago Terminal. Traffic traveling north from locations such as intermodal facilities in Joliet will be able to proceed more directly to intermodal yards in the city. This improvement in rail mobility can potentially increase containers or trailers to interchange between two railroads versus interchange between railroad and trucks that use local streets and highways.

PROJECT PHOTOS



California Avenue and 21st Street Viaduct



Western Avenue and 21st Street Viaduct

Location

California Avenue and
37th Place to 21st Street and
Western Avenue
Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected

10 Freight Trains

Communities Benefited

Chicago Community Area:
Douglas Park, South Lawndale,
Little Village, and Brighton Park

PROJECT STATUS

Phase I NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates	Phase III Construction
Completed September 2014	Not started	Not started

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

