



75 for 75th

The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (75th St. CIP) is an extremely critical project for the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program – a public-private partnership forged to untangle and improve the efficiency of the region's rail infrastructure in order to ensure Chicago's preeminence in the nation's rail system.

The 75th St. CIP is the single largest project to be undertaken through CREATE, encompassing roadways and train tracks in the Ashburn, Englewood, Auburn Gresham and West Chatham neighborhoods which today intertwine and intersect creating passenger rail, freight rail and road traffic delays. The goal of the project is the separation of the rail lines from each other and from the roadways they intersect.

Funding Needed

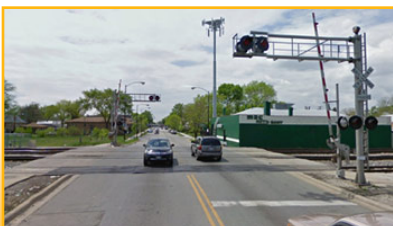
The immediate funding need is for the \$75 million design phase. It is imperative to start the design in order to remain on budget. If construction does **not** start by 2017 costs are expected to increase by \$2.5 Million per month.

Partners

The 75th St. CIP Project Team includes the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Association of American Railroads (AAR) with Amtrak and Metra.

Project Benefits

- Decreased train idling and improved air quality in the surrounding neighborhoods
- Replacement or rehabilitation of 36 viaducts serving nearby neighborhoods, improving mobility, safety, and security
- Increased capacity at Union Station by shifting some Metra commuter rail service to another downtown terminal
- Elimination of a rail/roadway grade crossing, reducing congestion and improving safety for motorists and pedestrians
- Removal of conflicts between freight and commuter trains, eliminating 18,500 annual passenger hours of delay and increasing train reliability, speed, and capacity



75th Street Corridor Improvement Project - Study Area



Stages and Funding

The project has completed one of the six stages and has an estimated cost of approximately \$1 billion.

Project Stages

Project Stages	Cost (\$M)	Result
Preliminary Design & Environmental Review	\$11.5	Completed in Fall 2014
Final Design & Land Acquisition	\$75.0	Final plan to ensure effective solutions
Add a Commuter Track & Realign Freight Tracks	\$253.6	End conflicts and delays on parallel tracks (Belt Junction)
Build a Freight Rail Flyover	\$356.3	End conflicts and delays on intersecting tracks (Forest Hill Junction)
Road/Rail Grade Separation at 71 st Street	\$20.2	Reduce delays for railroad and local street traffic
Build a Commuter Rail Flyover	\$332.3	Better balance capacity and demand at downtown commuter terminals

Note: The railroads have pledged \$50 million to the unfunded remaining cost of the project.

