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Central Avenue and Belt Railway of Chicago Grade Separation

Location

Central Avenue at 54th Street
Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected

13 freight trains

Scope of Work

The project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of Central Avenue and two Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC) tracks located 330 feet south of Archer Avenue and 800 feet north of 55th Street. This will be accomplished by creating either an overpass or underpass for vehicles using Central Avenue at this location. See the project website for additional information at: centralbrc.org/

Benefits

Daily, 20,800 vehicles pass through the crossing. Midway Airport borders the southeast corner of 55th Street and Central Avenue.

This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this location. The grade crosing separation will eliminate delay to over 600 vehicles daily, resulting in alleviation of 6,700 annual motorist hours of delay. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains.

This location is designated a "911 Critical Crossing." This is a critical location for emergency services to access communities that have high frequency of train movements or delays. The grade separation will eliminate this issue.

Communities Benefited:

Chicago – Garfield Ridge Community Area





Project Status

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)

Phase II – Final Plans, Specifications and Estimates

Phase III - Construction

Underway

Project Location Map







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