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75th Street Corridor Improvement Project

Open House

October 30, 2019

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Presentation Topics

- Stakeholder Involvement
- CREATE Program
- 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project
- Projects & Status
- Community Benefits



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Stakeholder Involvement

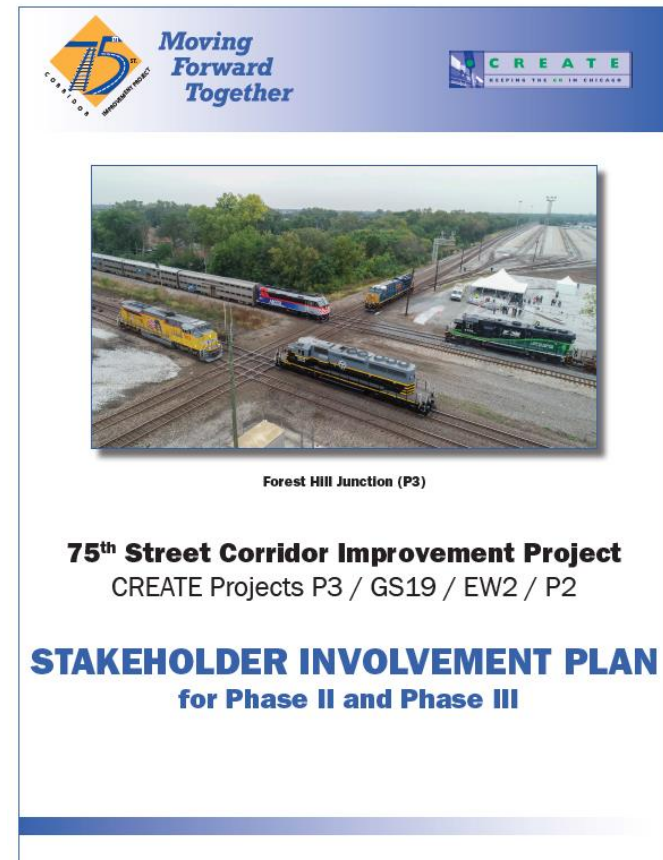
Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)

- Interdisciplinary approach
- Develop transportation facilities that fit into surroundings or “context”
- Early, frequent and meaningful communication with stakeholders
- Flexible and creative approach to design
- Improve safety and mobility
- Preserve and enhance scenic, economic, historic and natural qualities



Stakeholder Involvement Plan

- Guide for implementing Context Sensitive Solutions
- Decision making process
- Dynamic document
- Available for public review on project website:
www.75thcip.org



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- Learn more about all of the projects of the CREATE Program at www.createprogram.org
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The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (75th St. CIP) is the largest project in the CREATE Program. The project is located in the Chicago neighborhoods of Ashburn, Englewood, Auburn Gresham and West Chatham along two passenger and four freight rail lines. [Learn more](#)

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ABOUT CREATE

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Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program is a first-of-its-kind public-private partnership between U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, Cook County, the City of Chicago, Metra, Amtrak and the nation's freight railroads. As a project of national significance, CREATE will invest billions in critically needed improvements to increase the efficiency of the region's passenger and freight rail infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for Chicago-area residents.

Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE)
August 15 at 7:33 AM

Join CREATE Program partner Metra at their vendor fair. This event will provide small businesses access to prime contractors and an opportunity to attend free educational workshops. Metra will recognize and honor prime contractors, subcontractors, assist agencies and staff members that have provided exceptional service and promote diversity and inclusion.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/890156164692659/>

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VENDOR FAIR

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join Metra as we recognize and honor prime and subcontractors, for providing exceptional service and continuously promoting diversity and inclusion amongst our agencies and staff members. This event will offer small businesses access to prime contractors, government agencies and the opportunity to attend a free educational workshop to learn more about the CREATE P2 engineering project.

Date: Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Location: Venue SIX10
610 S. Michigan Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60665

To register visit:
<https://metra-on-track-to-success-vendor-fair-tickets>



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The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program

CREATE Partners



Illinois Department of Transportation



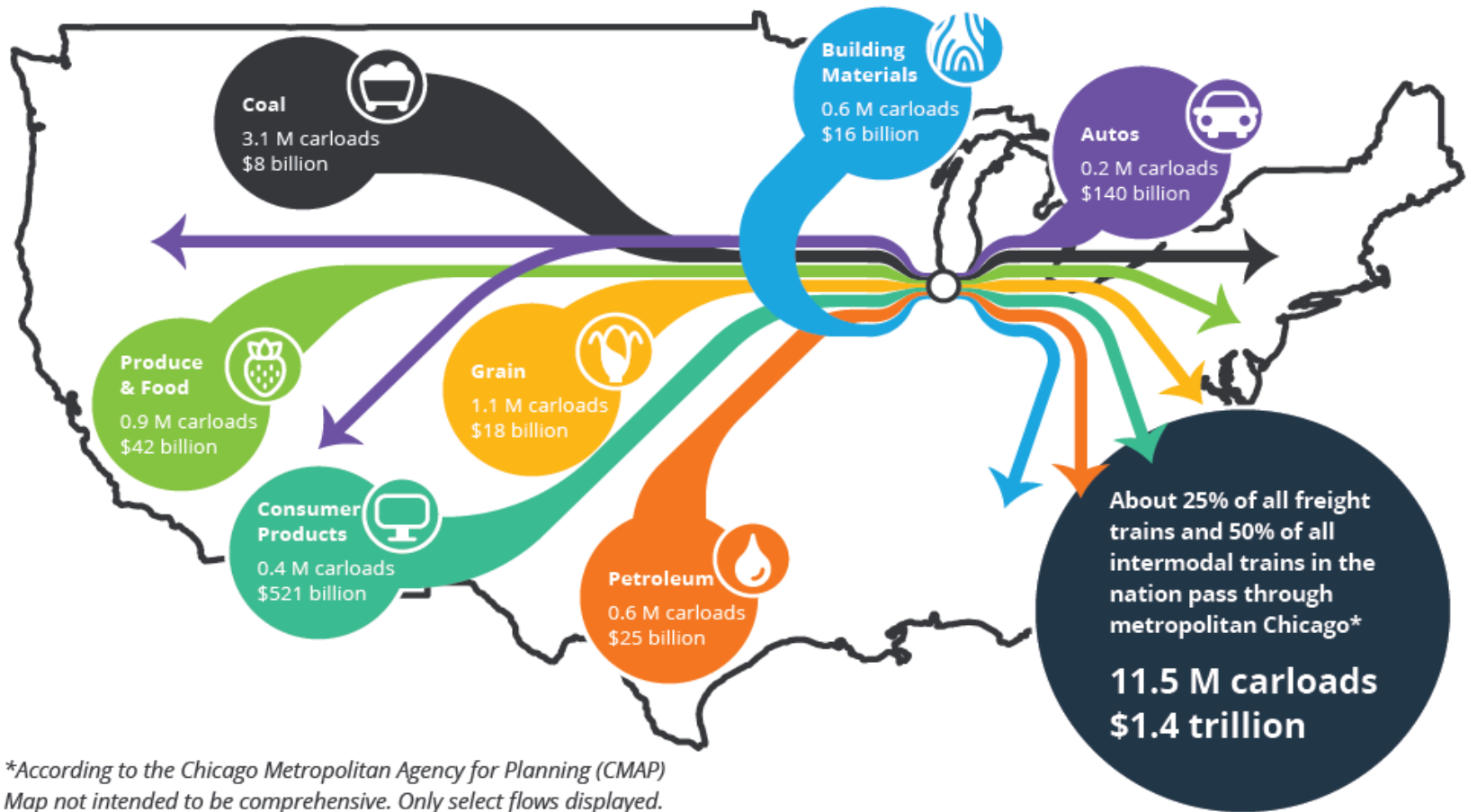
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CREATE Program Benefits

70 CREATE Projects → 30-Year Benefits of **\$31.5 Billion**

Rail Benefits

Economic Growth

Chicago can accommodate growth in passenger and freight trains

Fewer Delays

Reduced delay to passenger and freight trains

Cost Savings

Reduced shipping costs may be passed on to consumers

Increased Safety

Elimination of rail – roadway conflicts at 25 grade crossing sites

Roadway Benefits

Fewer Delays

Reduced delay to vehicles from eliminating 25 grade crossings

Sustainability

Reduced fuel consumption and emissions

Reduced Congestion

Fewer trucks on the roadways



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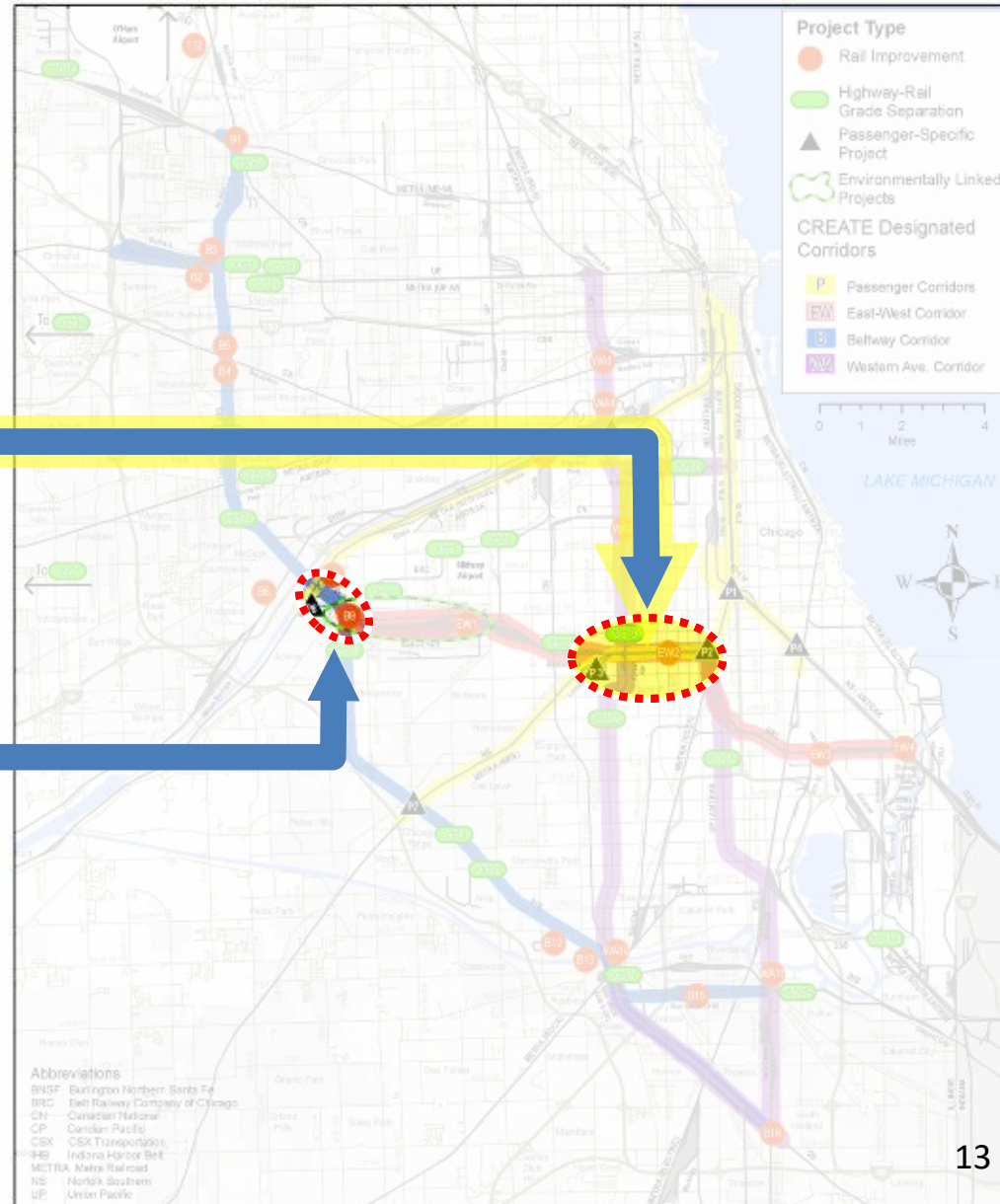
CREATE partners have recently secured funding:

75th St. CIP

(design and partial construction)

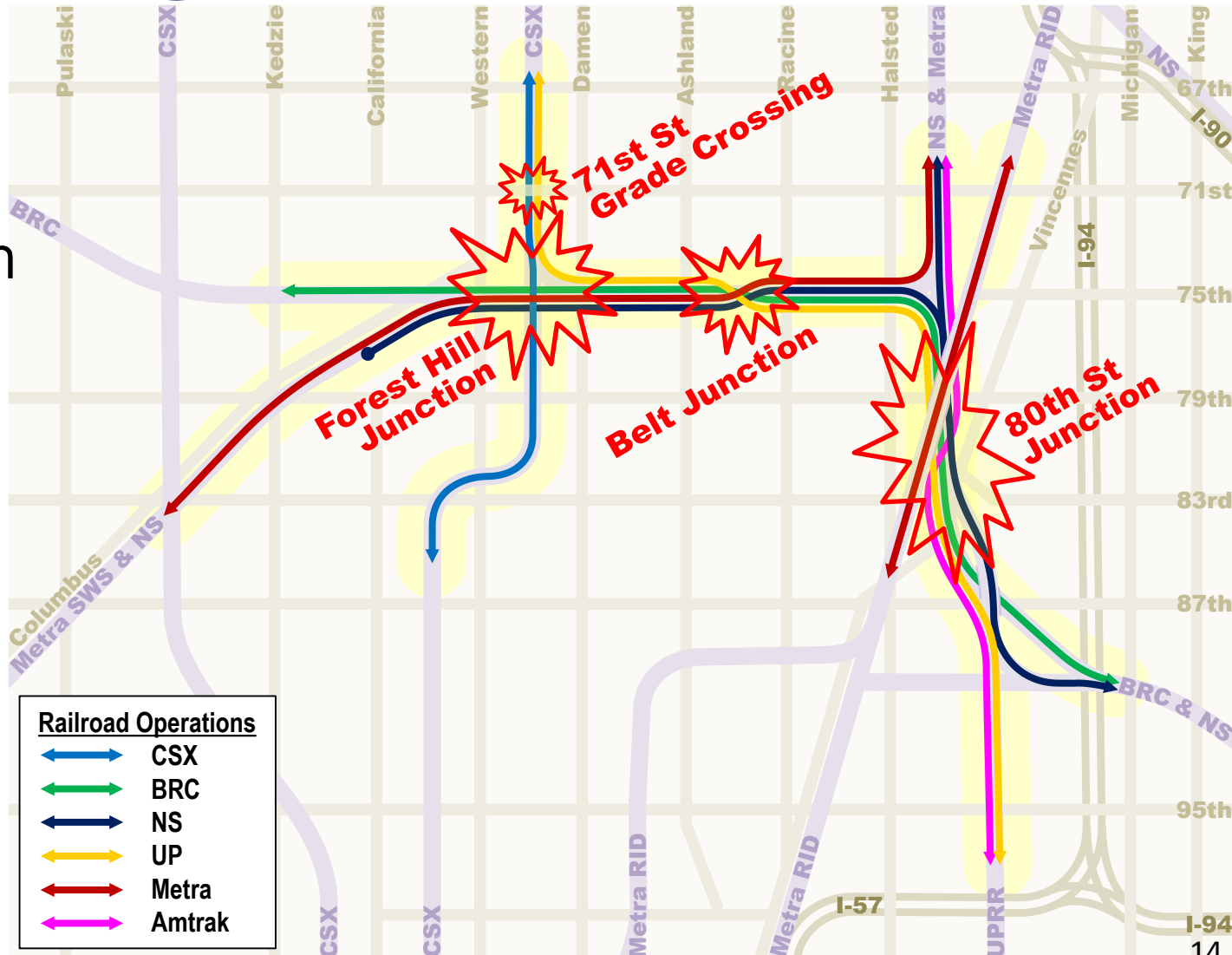
Argo Connections

(construction)



Issues Along the 75th Street Corridor

- Trains delayed
- Trains idle on tracks while waiting



Purpose and Need

Project Purpose

- To improve mobility for rail passengers, freight and motorists

Project Needs

- Reduce rail-rail crossing conflicts
- Reduce road-rail crossing conflicts
- Improve passenger rail reliability
- Address community mobility issues



View of Forest Hill Junction, facing southeast

Project Phases



Phase I Public Outreach 2010-2014

- 6 Community Advisory Group meetings
- 6 Public Meetings & 1 Public Hearing
- 140 attendees and 89 comments received at the October 2014 Public Hearing



Project Phases

Phase I
Environmental Studies
and Preliminary Engineering

2010 – 2014

We Are Here

Phase II
Final Design and
Right-of-Way Acquisition

2019 – 2021

Phase III
Construction

2022 – 2024
*(Temporary construction
starting 2020)*

Stakeholder Involvement Plan



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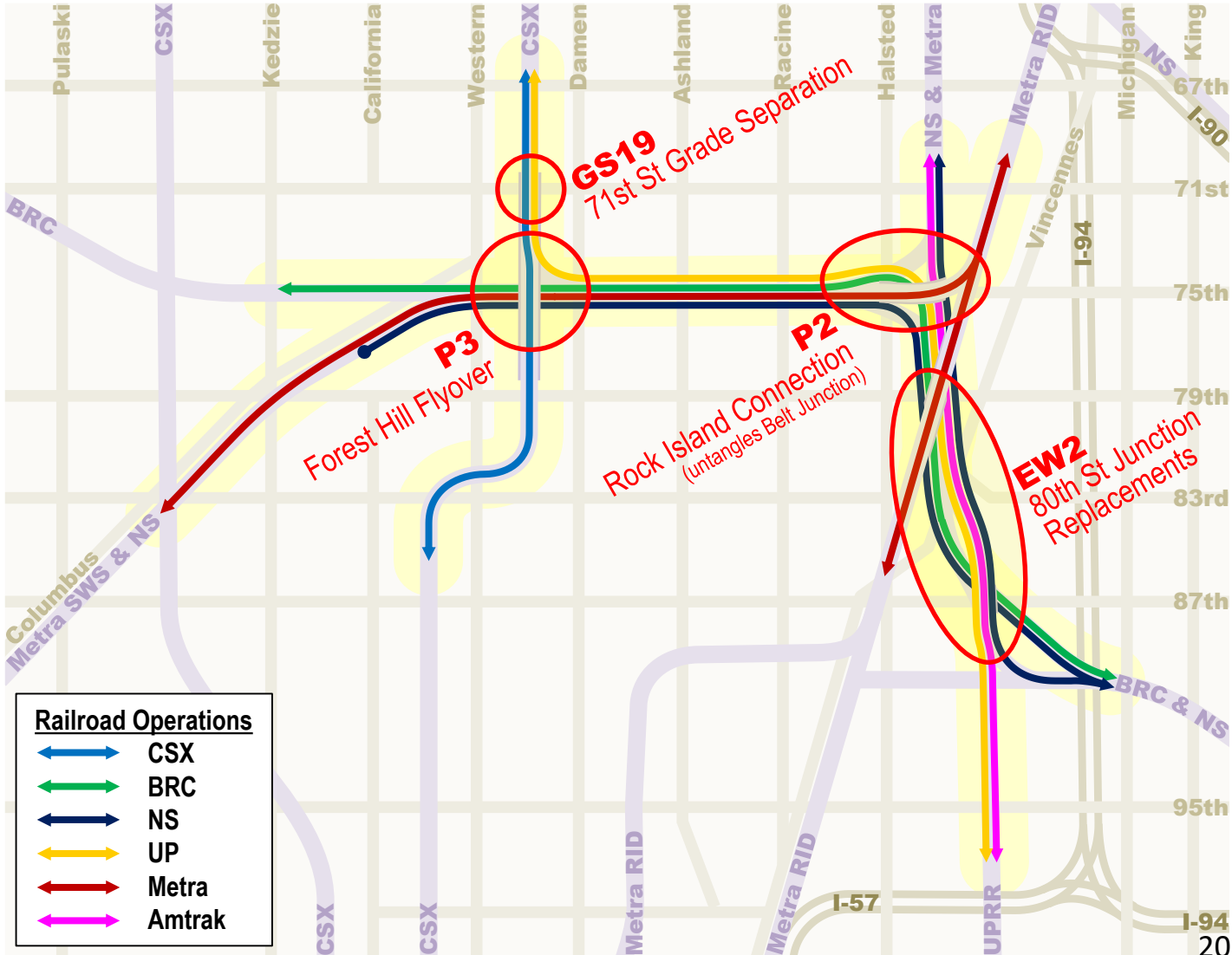


75th St. CIP Projects & Status

Funded Improvements

Design
Construction

GS19		
P3		
P2		
EW2		



Railroad Operations	
	CSX
	BRC
	NS
	UP
	Metra
	Amtrak

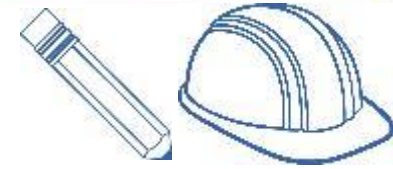
The CREATE Partners will seek future funding to finish construction of P2 and EW2



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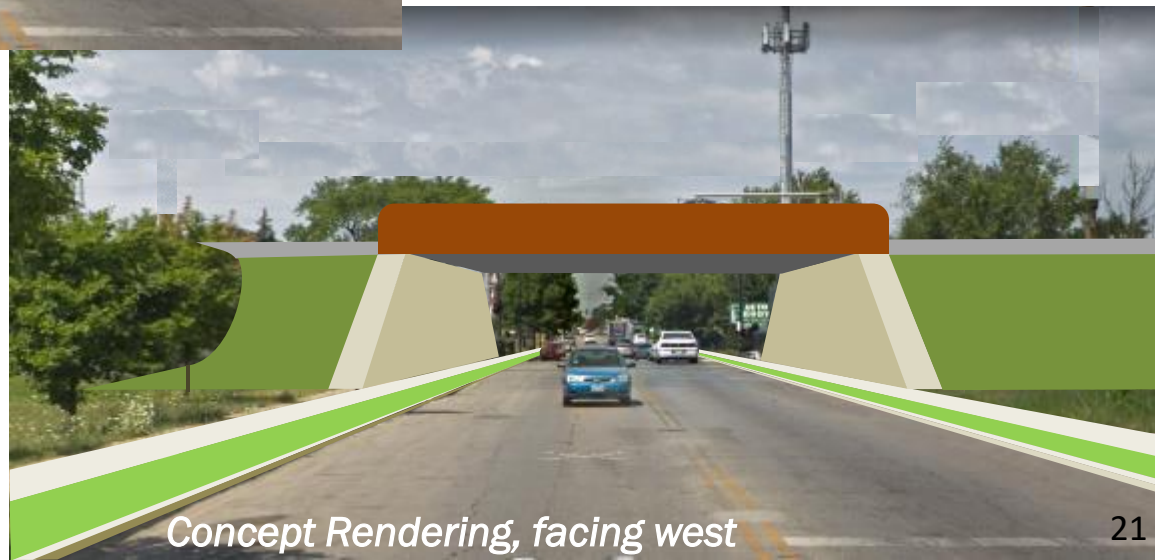


GS19 - 71st St. Grade Separation



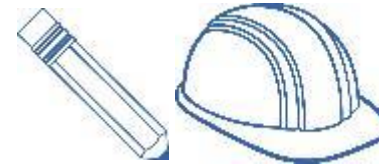
Existing Conditions, facing west

- Separates 71st St. and the north-south CSX tracks.
- Between Hamilton Ave. and Bell Ave., north of Forest Hill Junction.

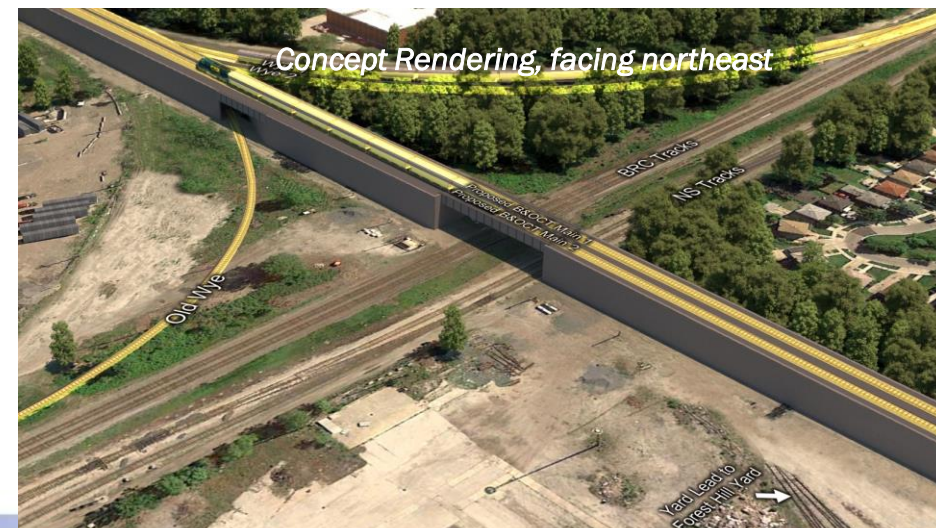


Concept Rendering, facing west

P3 - Forest Hill Flyover

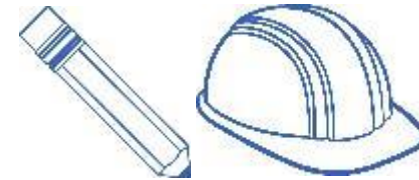


- Construct bridge to carry north-south CSX tracks over east-west tracks at 75th St. and over roadway at 71st St.
- Bridge extends from 68th St. to 79th St.
- 1 parcel of City-owned land to be acquired for P3
- No residential property will be acquired for P3



Viaduct Improvements

in the P3-GS19 project area



- Reconstruction of streets and sidewalks under existing structures
- Replacement of viaduct lighting
- Similar improvements made in the area during 2012 and 2015

Example of viaduct improvement completed by CDOT during 2015: 600-700 W. 80th Street



*Street & sidewalk
before 2015 CDOT improvements*



Street & sidewalk after 2015 CDOT improvements

Funded Improvements

Design
Construction

GS19



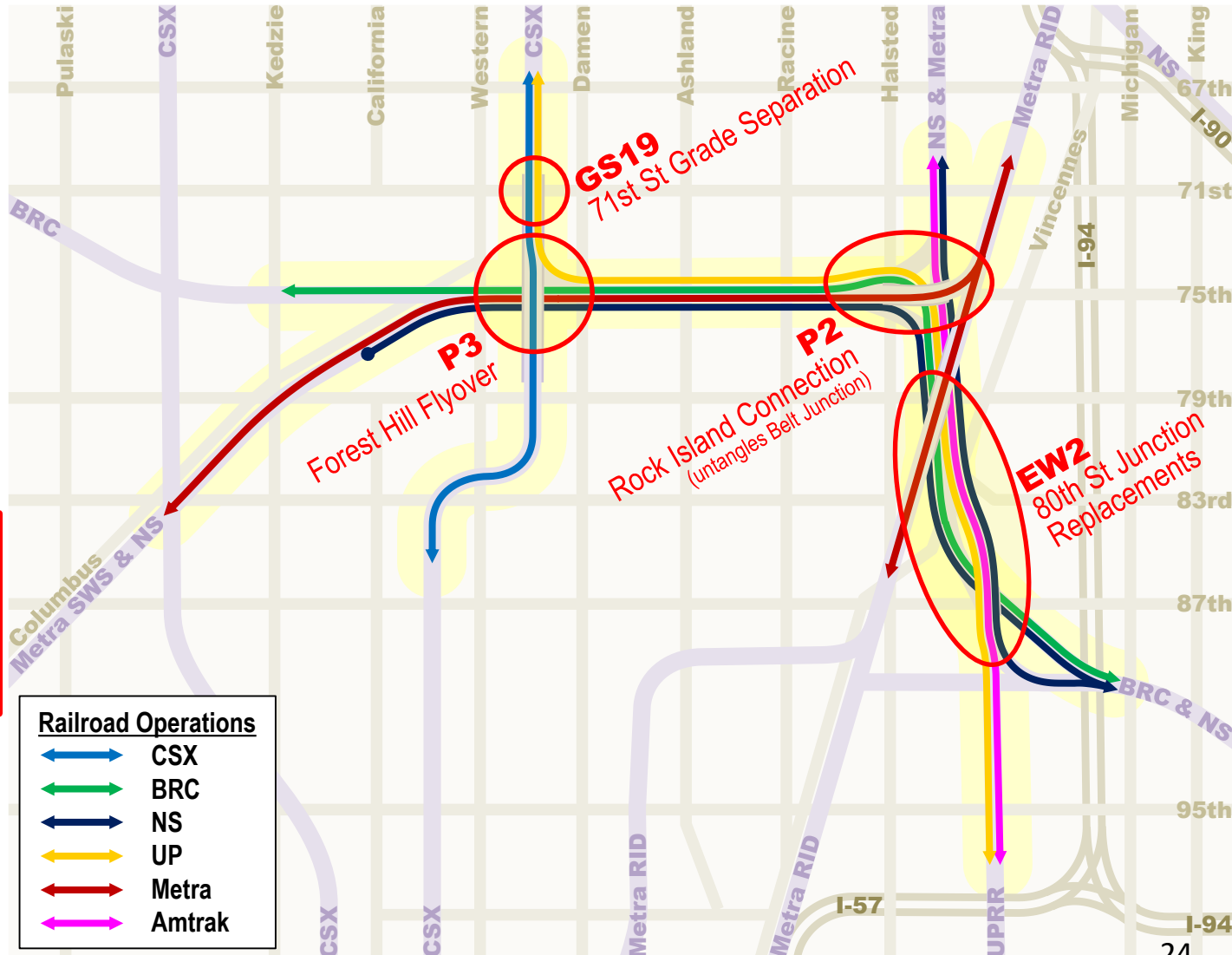
P3



P2



EW2



The CREATE Partners will seek future funding to finish construction of P2 and EW2.

P2 - Rock Island Connection



- Metra flyover structure south of Hamilton Park



Properties to be acquired:

Vacant	4
Residential	15
Institutional	1
Total Properties	20

Dwelling Units 25

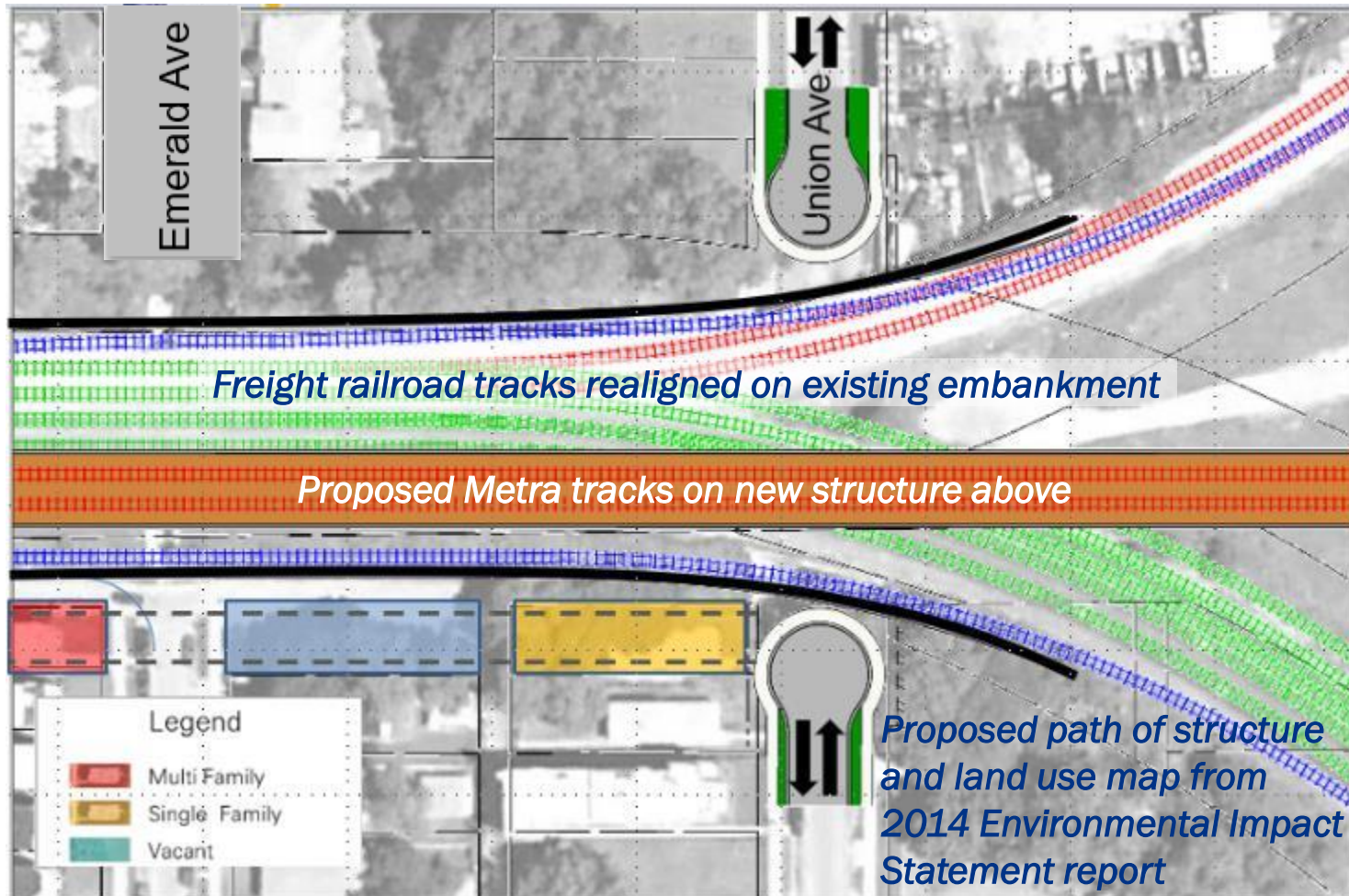
Residences on Adjacent Property 0

Proposed path of structure and land use map from 2014 Environmental Impact Statement report



P2 - Rock Island Connection

- Union Ave. underpass to be removed & embankment widened to south





EW2 – Belt Junction and 80th Street Junction Replacements

- Track realignment and reconstruction of existing railroad structures
- 18 vacant industrial properties to be acquired in this area

Railroad Operations	
	CSX
	BRC
	NS
	UP
	Metra
	Amtrak



Existing Conditions



Proposed Conditions



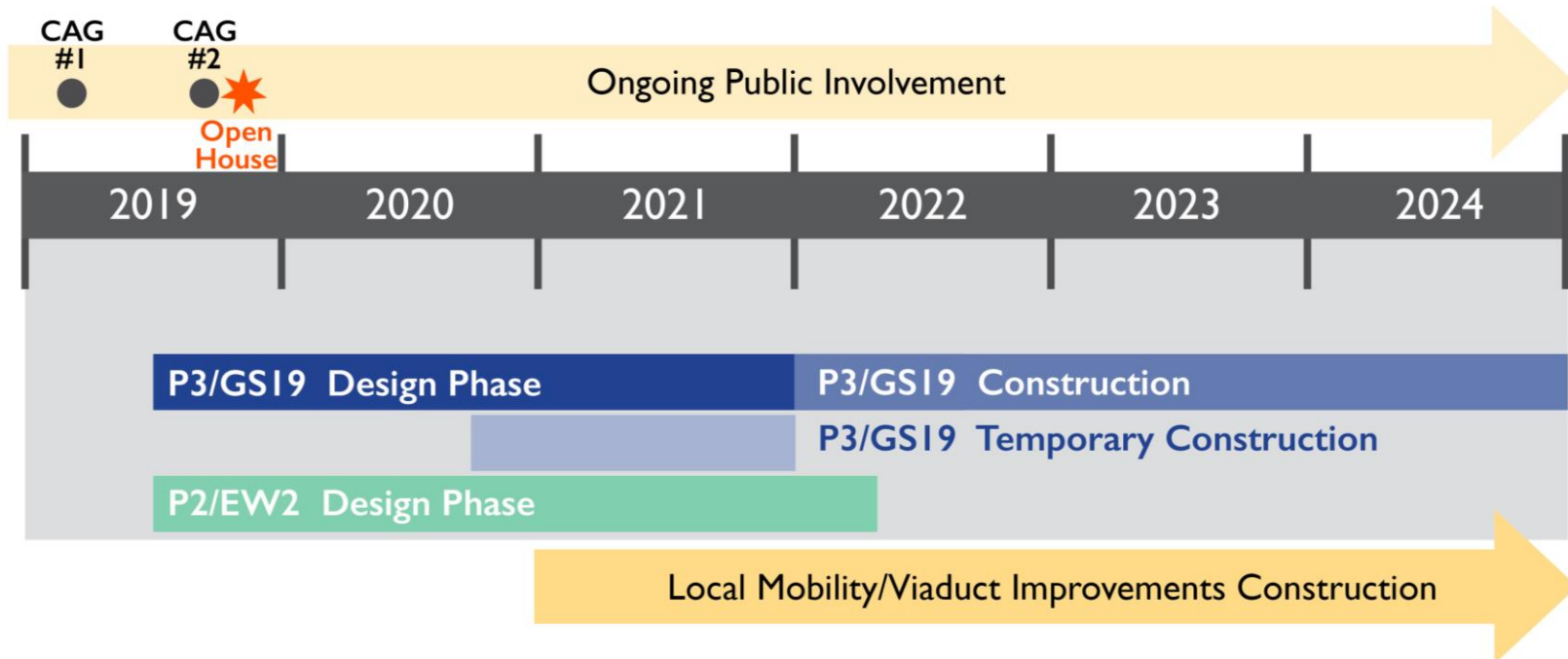
Project Contracting Status

CREATE Partner Lead	Project	Design Contracting Status	Lead Contractor	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation
CSX	P3/GS19	Design Selected	Parsons	30% 8 DBEs
Norfolk Southern	EW2	Lead Engineer Selected	Benesch & TranSystems	25% 8 DBEs
Metra	P2	Proposals due Nov. 1		TBD

There will be additional opportunities for design, engineering and construction and suppliers on the 75th St. CIP.

www.75thcip.org/doingbusiness

Timeline



LEGEND		P3 - Freight Rail Flyover (75 th Street, Chicago)
		GS19 - Road/Rail Grade Separation (71 st Street, Chicago)
		
		P2 - Freight Rail Flyover (74 th Street, Chicago)
		EW2 - Add a Commuter Track & Realign Freight Tracks (80 th Street, Chicago)



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Community Benefits



Transportation & Environmental Benefits

- Elimination of 18,500 annual passenger hours of delay
- Reduced traffic congestion
- Improved safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists
- Improved air quality

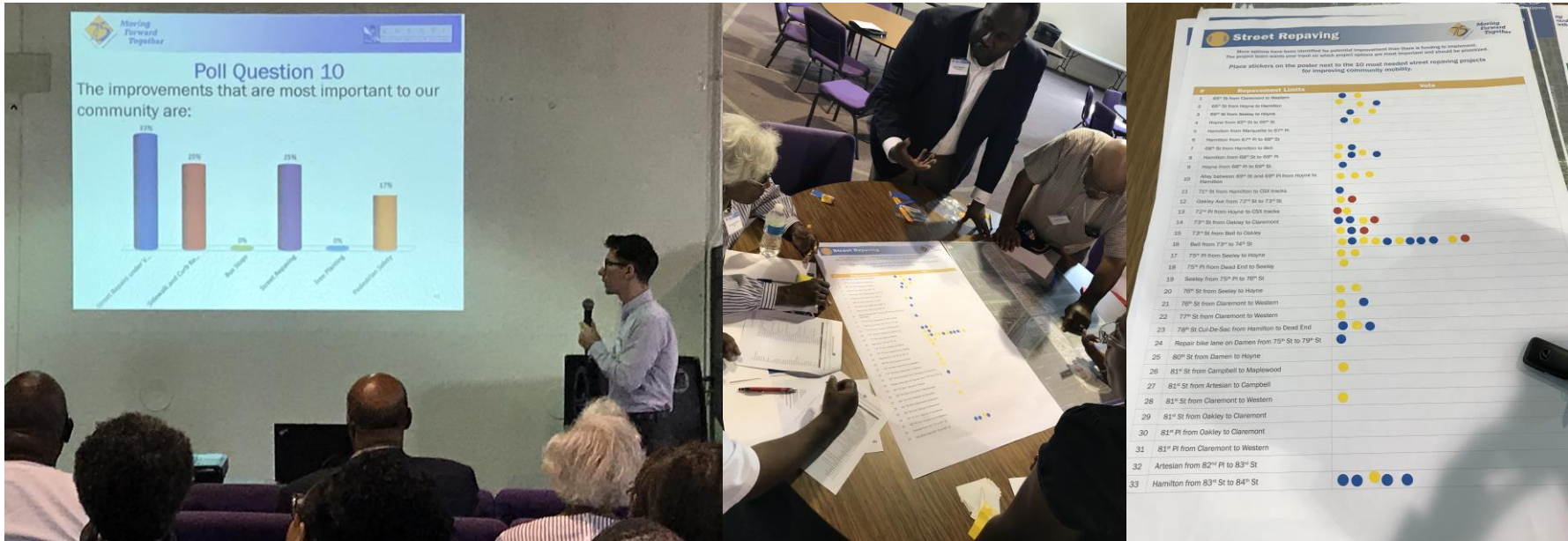
Community Mobility Improvements

- Sidewalk improvements
- Street improvements
- Bus stop improvements
- New street trees
- Pedestrian safety improvements



Community Mobility Improvements

- Identified now near projects P3 and GS19 with input from aldermen, Community Advisory Group and you



- To be identified later near projects P2 and EW2

Education Program

2019 – 2020 School Year

- Fund educational programs in project area
- CREATE in the Lab
- CREATE in the Classroom
- CREATE in the Community
- Internships



Alderman Moore, students and principals at education program announcement event on October 15, 2019.

Additional activities will be completed in future years.

On-the-Job Training

- On-the-Job Training (\$15/hour) the IDOT Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) at Dawson Technical Institute
- Graduate of the program hired on CREATE Project B9

Interested in Construction Jobs on CREATE Projects?

There will be construction job opportunities available on CREATE's 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (75th St. CIP), including:

- Carpentry
- Concrete framing
- Welding
- And more!

For more information, contact
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or email lcockerham2@ccc.edu



Get On Board for Careers in Construction

- 1 Apply for training**
through the Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP) at Dawson Technical Institute of Kennedy-King College.

 - Must be 18+, have a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license and necessarily complete drug screenings
 - Training sessions available in the fall and spring
 - Free for qualified individuals
 - Qualified students will also reap program benefits, including tools, books, and supportive services
- 2 Get trained**
in highway construction-related skills

 - 10-week intensive training, eight hours a day, five days a week
 - Learn skills, such as:
 - Mathematics for the trades
 - Job site readiness
 - Carpentry
 - Concrete flatwork
 - Blueprint reading
 - Introduction to tools
 - Forklift operation
 - Flagger
 - Scaffolding
 - OSHA 10 certification
- 3 Position yourself to get hired**

 - After completing the program, you will be in an approved pool of candidates for construction jobs. (However, employment is not guaranteed)
 - Contractors will work with HCCTP to consider applicants from this pool for hire.
 - Develop contacts and get your foot in the door in the construction industry.

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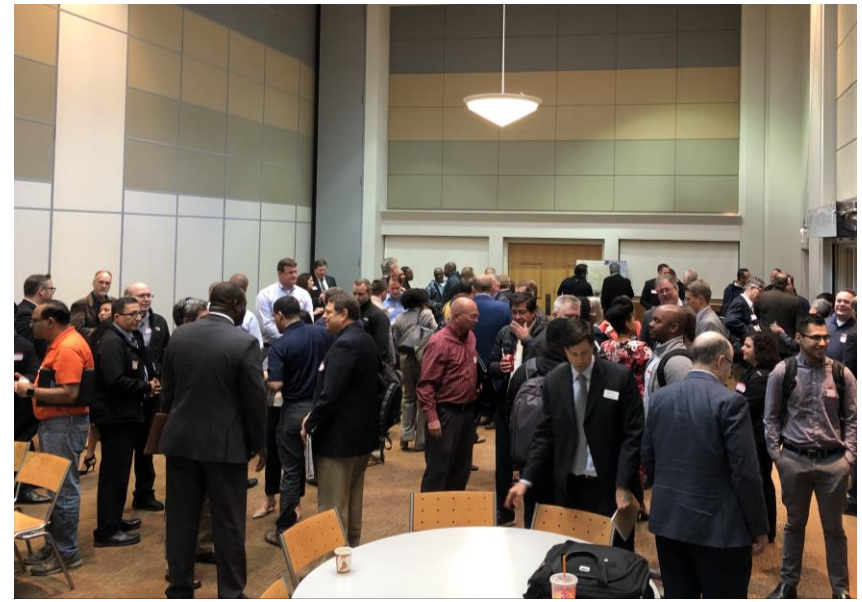


Workforce Program Under Discussion

- **Individuals**
 - Apprenticeships
 - Job Training
 - Inspector Trainees
 - Path to Entrepreneurship
- **Businesses**
 - Focus on project area businesses
 - Path to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) certification
 - Diversify DBE participation

Contracting

- Promote Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting opportunities
- Host business-to-business networking sessions providing small businesses the opportunity to network and learn about opportunities



Contracting

Recent Networking Events

- Get On Board: January 24, 2019
112 people (56 DBE firms)
attended
- Norfolk Southern EW2: May 14,
2019
100 people (46 DBEs)
attended
- Metra P2: September 4, 2019
300 people (180 DBEs)
attended



CREATE Bid Advertisements/RFPs

- Sign-up at www.createprogram.org/bid.htm

Register to Receive Bid Advertisement/RFP Notifications by Email

Sign Up For Procurement Notifications

Select procurement during registration.

- Receive each partner's CREATE Bid Advertisements



INVITATION TO BID & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note the following CREATE opportunities:

BID ADVERTISEMENT B9-BOCT-TXB-002-Z-BD

An invitation to bid on the CREATE B9, B&OCT/CSXT Track, Earthwork, Grading, and Bridge project in Summit, Ridgecrest, and Bedford Park, Illinois has been posted. A mandatory pre-bid



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Questions? Concerns?
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