



75th Street Corridor Improvement Project

QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

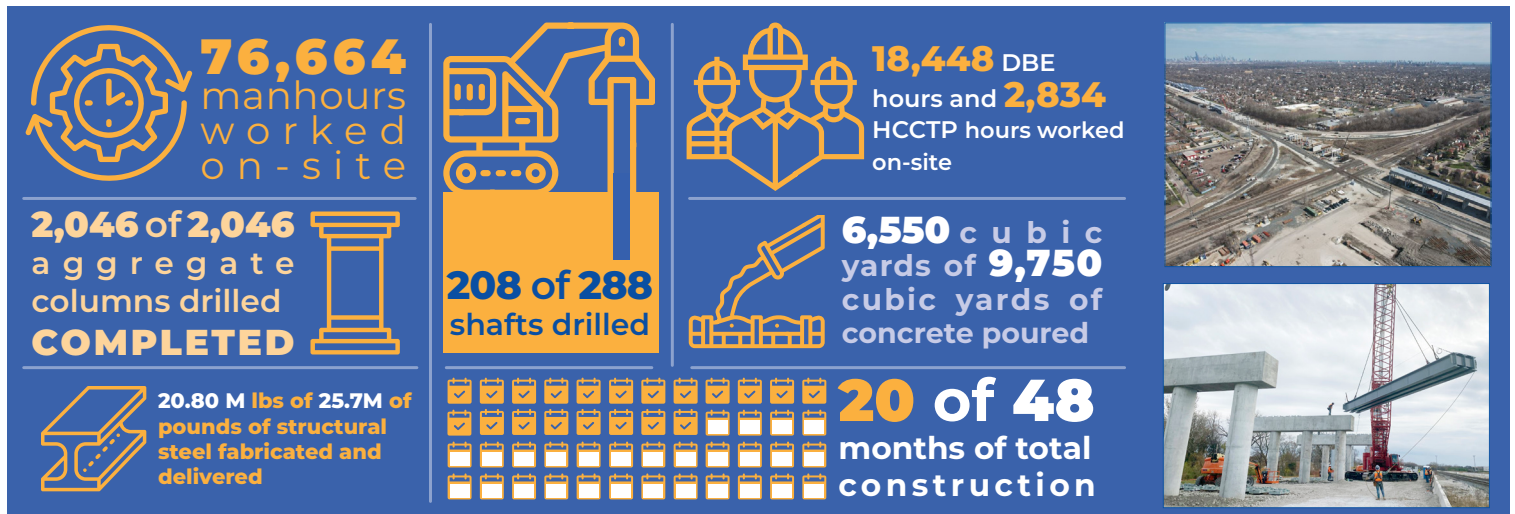
April 2024

Construction Status

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	CONSTRUCTION UPDATES
Forest Hill Flyover (P3)	Creates a bridge over the current Belt Railway Company/ Metra/Norfolk Southern railroad tracks between Damen Avenue and Western Avenue along 75 th Street to eliminate delays due to train crossings.	Temporary track construction for shoofly Stage 1 was completed and in operation in June 2023. Permanent construction for P3 started in 2022 and is expected to continue through 2025. Ongoing work includes construction of bridge piers, steel girders, retaining walls, abutments, and other structural elements. New track and signal work will follow.
71st Street Grade Separation (GS19)	Creates a bridge over the road and sidewalks at 71 st Street between Hamilton and Bell Avenues to eliminate the conflict between the railroads and roadway users.	Final roadway reconstruction will follow the completion of the Forest Hill Flyover (P3) project anticipated in 2025
Community Mobility Improvements	Repair and replacement of sidewalks, curbs, and ramps; resurfacing of local streets; improvements to bus stops; and planting of new and replacement trees along streets in the project area (roughly between Damen and Western Avenues and 67 th to 84 th Streets).	Construction completed during 2021, 2022, and 2023 for all 154 P3/GS19 Community Mobility Improvement locations.
Metra Bridge Raise Project (EW2)	Modifies an existing railroad bridge near 79 th Street and Ashland Avenue to ensure Metra's new Auburn Park station integrates smoothly with CREATE Program improvements in the area.	The final design is expected to be completed in 2025. The construction bid will be issued after the final design is completed.

P3 Project Stats and Photos

Updated 3/14/2024



Stay Informed!

The 75th St. CIP project team will provide construction updates quarterly to keep stakeholders and community members informed of the process.

Visit the project website, 75thcip.org, for project updates, contracting opportunities, and to sign up for our [mailing list](#).

Send questions or comments to info@75thcip.org.



Doing Business with CREATE

To learn about contracting opportunities and training programs affiliated with the 75th St. CIP, please visit www.75thcip.org/doing_business/.

Firms are encouraged to register through the CREATE website, www.createprogram.org/get-involved/bids-rfps/, for email invitations to respond to professional services bid opportunities for contracted work.

Union Construction Career Opportunities

The CREATE partners host informational workshops during which local Union representatives and organizations discuss careers in the rail and construction-related industries. Stay tuned for our next information workshop later this year!

In addition, CSX's Railway Career Pathways Program assists Dawson Technical Institute of Kennedy-King College students and graduates on how to prepare themselves when seeking a career in the railway industry. In 2023, three (3) graduates from the program were hired by CREATE partners.



Interested in Construction Jobs on CREATE Projects?

Construction job opportunities will be available on CREATE's 75th ST. CIP and will include carpentry, concrete framing, welding and more! Here is how you can get on board:

1. **Apply for training through the Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)** at Dawson Technical Institute of Kennedy-King College.*
2. **Get trained in highway construction-related skills** in a 16-week intensive training, eight hours a day, five days a week.
3. **Position yourself to get hired!** After completing the program, you will be in an approved pool of candidates for construction jobs (employment is not guaranteed).

**Must be 18+, have a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license and successfully complete drug screenings*

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