

# 75<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvement Project Cook County, Illinois

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
Submitted Pursuant to 42 USC 4332(2)(c) and 49 USC 303  
by the

U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration  
and  
Illinois Department of Transportation

## Cooperating Agencies

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*FHWA will issue a single Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision document pursuant to Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b) unless FHWA determines statutory criteria or practicability considerations preclude issuance of the combined document pursuant to section 1319.*

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The proposed action involves the construction of two rail flyover structures, 29.4 miles of new rail track, and 10.8 miles of relocated track. There will be new rail bridge structures at 4 locations, replacement of existing rail bridges at 3 locations, rehabilitation or modification of existing rail bridges at 23 locations, and one highway-rail grade separation. The proposed action is located in the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The proposed action will eliminate major rail conflicts at three rail junctions and one at-grade roadway crossing. It will also provide substantial structural, drainage, roadway and lighting improvements at 36 existing rail viaducts to improve local mobility. The proposed action will require the acquisition of a total of 16.7 acres of right-of-way, of which 14.9 acres are currently vacant residential or industrial parcels. A total of 27 residential dwelling units (26 occupied and 1 vacant) and one church will be acquired. No wetlands will be affected by the proposed action.

Comments are due by May 22, 2014, and should be sent to Emily Kushto at the above address.