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Get On Board

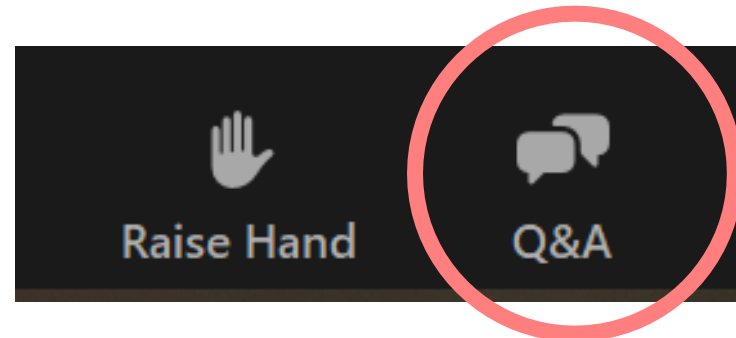
Opening Session

April 26, 2021



Asking Questions

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Presentation Overview

- Welcome
- CREATE Program Overview
- 75th St. CIP Project Details and Status
- 75th St. CIP Community Benefits
- New Business/Contracting Opportunities
- Other Upcoming Opportunities
- 2019-2021 Get On Board Highlights
- 2021 Get On Board Itinerary
- Questions



Photo taken during B1 construction in Franklin Park

What is CREATE?

A \$4.6 billion Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to improve transportation through the Chicago region by:

- Increasing capacity, speed and reliability for freight train traffic
- Separating freight and commuter trains at 6 key junctions
- Eliminating 25 road/rail grade crossings through grade separations

CREATE is a cooperative program among:

- U.S. Dept. of Transportation (FHWA & FRA)
- Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT)
- Cook County Dept. of Transportation and Highways (DOTH)
- Chicago Dept. of Transportation (CDOT)
- 6 major North American freight rail carriers and 2 switching railroads
- 2 passenger carriers (Amtrak and Metra)

CREATE Partners



CREATE Program

70 Projects

- 25 road/rail grade separations
- 6 passenger/freight rail grade separations
- Railroad projects to improve rail infrastructure and upgrade technologies
- Viaduct improvement program
- Grade crossing safety enhancements
- Rail operations and visibility improvements



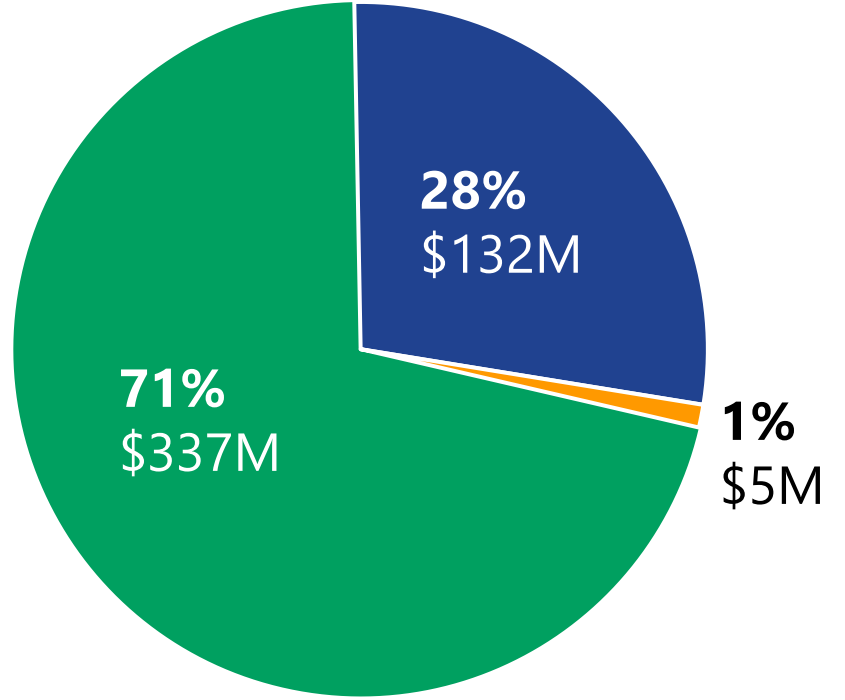


75th St. CIP Details and Status

2018 INFRA Grant Award – 75th St. CIP

The **\$132 million** federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant closed a funding gap to push the next phase of this project toward the finish line

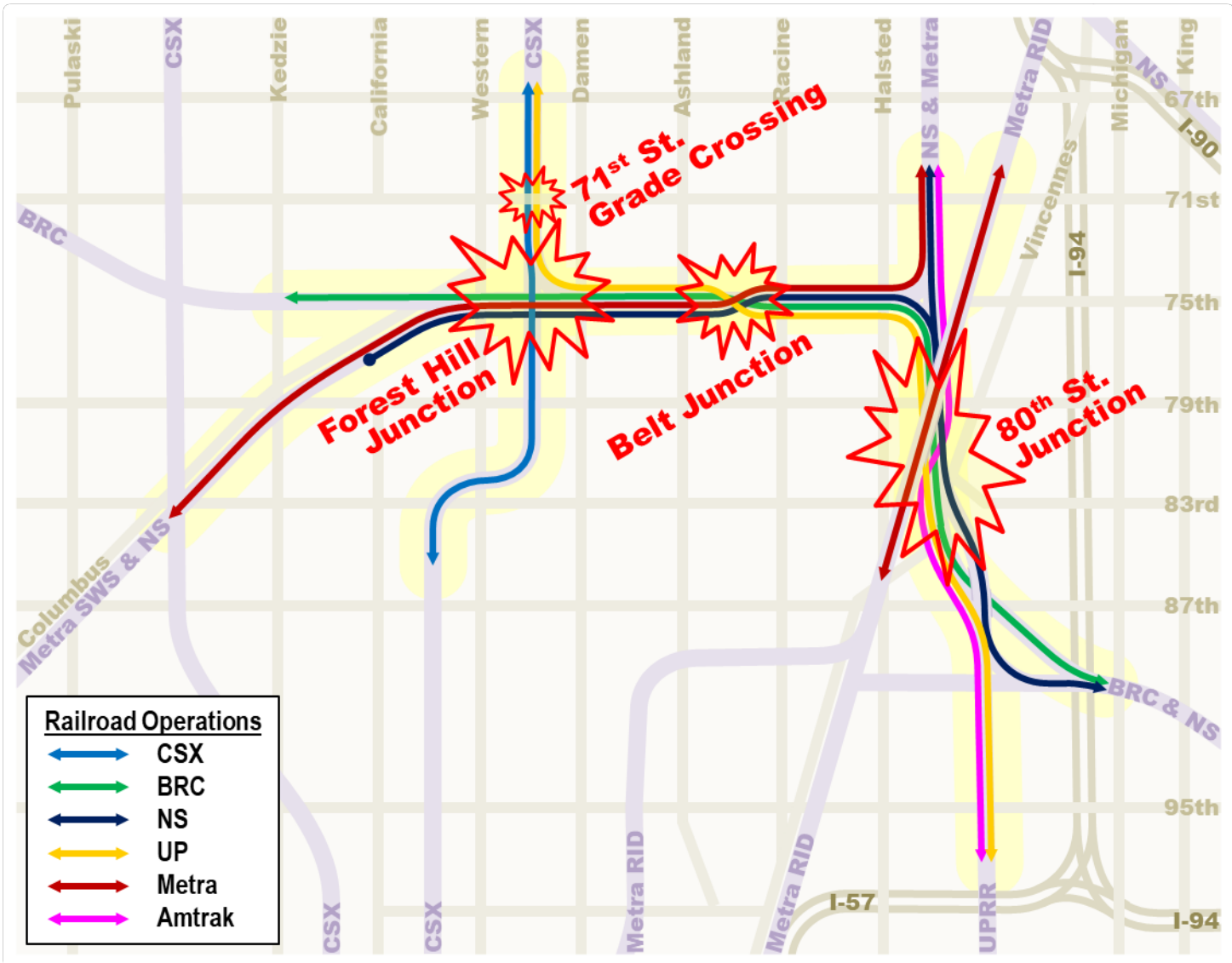
A total of **\$474 million** in funding will design the entire 75th St. CIP (P3, GS19, P2, EW2), construct two 75th St. CIP projects (P3, GS19) and construct the Argo Connections (B9)






■ CREATE Partners ■ INFRA ■ Other Federal

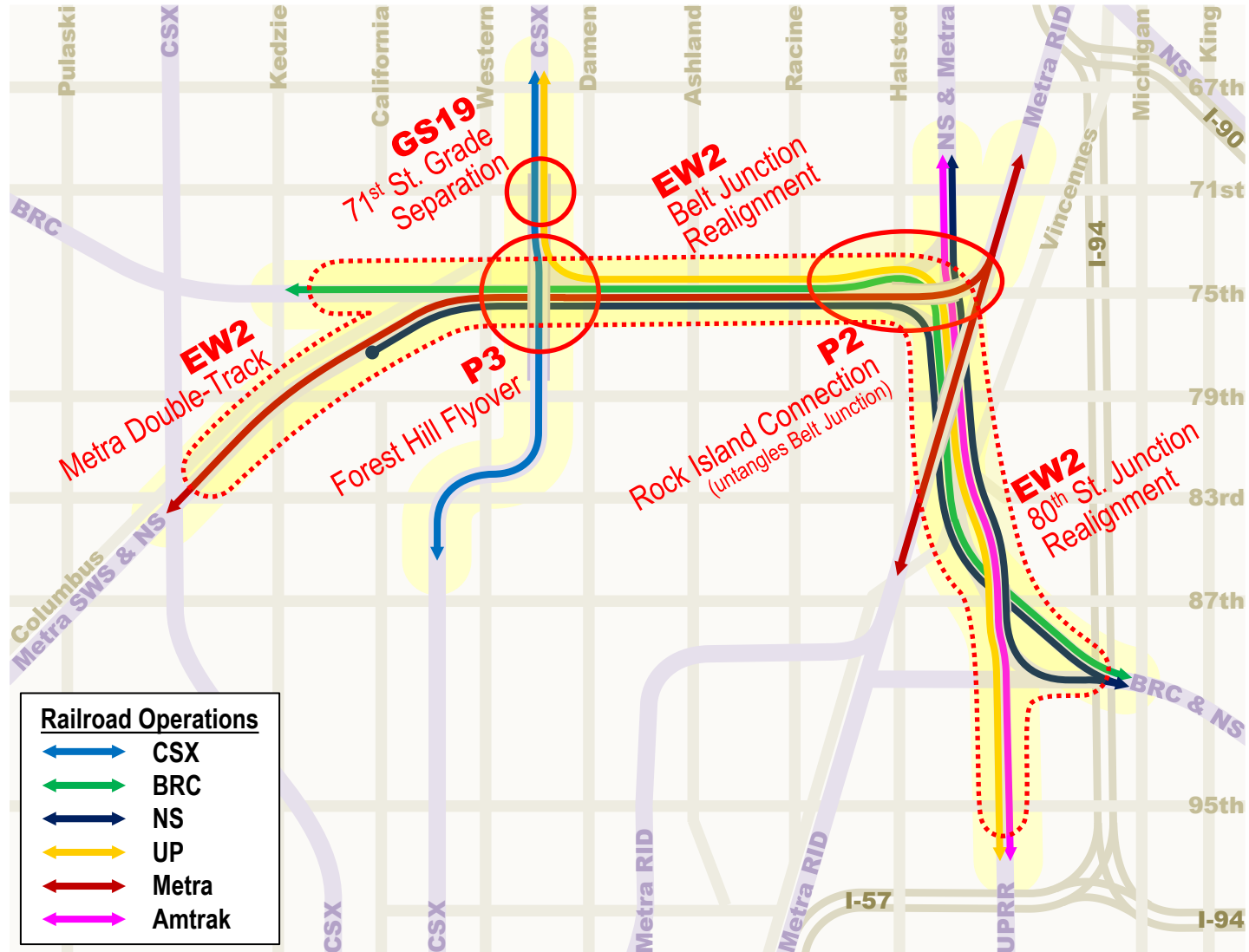
Existing Conditions

Trains delayed
Trains idle on tracks while waiting



Proposed Improvements

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| | | Design | Construction |
| P3 |  |  | |
| GS19 |  |  | |
| P2 |  | | |
| EW2 |  | | |



The CREATE partners will seek future funding to undertake construction of P2 and EW2.



75th St. CIP Community Benefits

75th St. CIP – Community Benefits

• Education

- Grants to science & engineering programs
- CREATE in the Classroom
- CREATE in the Community
- CREATE in the Lab
- Junior Mentor Protégé Internships

• Local Jobs and Workforce Development

- Fund On-the-Job Training (\$15/hour) through Dawson Technical Institute and the IDOT Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)
- Workforce development programs and partnerships

• Contracting

- Robust Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goals and business-to-business networking sessions



Railroad Workforce Program

- Cohort consisted of 20 residents from 75th St. CIP project area
- Paid \$20.00 per hour for on-the-job training and received academic stipends for completing virtual or in-person training at RJD
- Received free wi-fi, Chromebooks, PPE and assistance opening a bank account

CSX Railroad

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RICHARD J. DALEY COMMUNITY COLLEGES



RAILROAD WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM

CSX Railroad in partnership with Richard J. Daley Community College will offer a virtual technical course titled *4.0-Introduction to Mechatronics* to residents who reside within 60620, 60629, 60636, and 60652. The virtual classes include training on the basics of safety, hand tools, measurement, blueprint reading, pneumatics, control circuits and robotics. At the end, participants can test to attain a certification for Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) C-101 Certified Industry 4.0 Associate – Basic Operations – Silver Level (no hands on), an industry recognized credential. Course includes modules taught by CSX industry experts.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate you must:

- Must provide proof of residency.
- Must work with community partners to complete your customized skills assessments.
- Have a great attitude, be accessible and teachable.
- Available to complete thirteen-week paid program.

You will receive

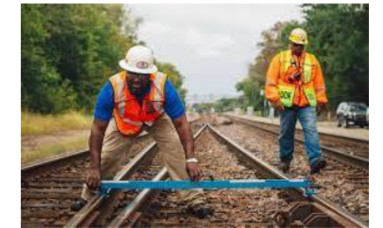
Upon Acceptance into the Program:

- ACER Chrome book with internet
- Paid Job Training opportunities with community organizations.

ABOUT MENTORING & COACHING

- Access to experienced workforce agencies on career development
- Evaluation of progress toward your goals

HOW TO APPLY



CSX RAILROAD/RICHARD J DALEY COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Railroad Training Program is managed by the MELKEL GROUP L3C,
a member of the CSX/Parson's Design Team for the 75th Street CIP Project.
Email questions to: melinda@WorkforceDevelopmentStrategists.org

75th St. CIP Transportation and Environmental Benefits

- Congestion reduction
- Air quality and energy improvements
- Viaduct improvement program
- Community mobility improvements
 - Street, sidewalk and bus stop improvements



Example: Curb, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Improvements



Example: Street Improvements

Viaduct Improvement Program – *Chicago*

- Locations in the City of Chicago
- Improved roadways, sidewalks and drainage under railroad viaducts
- Enhanced safety and security for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists
- 37 locations completed in 2006
- 14 locations completed in 2012
- 11 completed in 2015–2016

**Example:
1530 S Racine Avenue**



**Example:
1530 S Loomis Street**





75th St. CIP Business and Contracting Opportunities

DBE Participation Requirements

- Federally funded CREATE projects require certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) involvement
- Illinois Unified Certification Program (IL UCP) is one-stop process to become a certified DBE
- Typically, CREATE projects have 15% - 30% DBE participation
- IDOT staff will be speaking more on this during tomorrow's Public Agency Panel from 10am – 12pm



Potential CREATE Supplier or Service Needs

- Asphalt
- Bridge inspection
- Bridge Construction
- Building Design and Construction
- Clearing and grubbing
- Communication tower construction
- Concrete work
- Construction management
- Crane and other equipment rental with or without operator
- Demolition
- Electrical Service
- Engineering services
- Fence construction
- Grading and hauling
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Retaining or sound walls
- Security to guard materials and equipment
- Special waste removal
- Steel production fabrication
- Steel product fabrication
- Sub-base or crushed stone
- Surveying
- Traffic control (e.g., during bridge construction)

Rock Island Bridge Raise EW2 (Metra)

PHASE III Construction

- **Responsible Railroad:** Metra
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Advertise and Award:** Spring/Summer 2021*
- **Scope of Work:** Raise two spans of the five-span Rock Island bridge over 79th Street and adjacent railroad tracks to provide additional clearance for freight trains near new Auburn Park Metra Station
- **Construction Completion:** 2022*



Rock Island Connection P2

PHASE II Right-of-Way Acquisition

- **Responsible Railroad:** Metra
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Advertise and Award:** Summer 2021*
- **Scope of Work:** Property acquisition



Forest Hill Flyover (P3)

Stage 2 - Phase III Construction

- **Responsible Railroad:** CSX
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Advertise and Award:** Fall 2021*
- **Scope:** Permanent Structure, Track and Signal Construction
- **Construction Completion:** Winter 2024*



71st St. Grade Separation (GS19)

Phase III Construction

- **Responsible Railroad:** CSX
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Advertise and Award:** Fall 2021*
- **Scope:** Grade Separation, Track and Signal Construction
- **Construction Completion:** Winter 2024*

71st Street Southeast View: Without Form Liner



Pier View: Quarry Stone



Belt Junction (EW2)

PHASE II Design

- **Responsible Railroad:** Norfolk Southern
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Advertise and Award:** Spring/Summer 2021*
- **Scope of Work:** Multiple packages for bridge design

PHASE II Right-of-Way Acquisition

- **Responsible Railroad:** Norfolk Southern
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Advertise and Award:** TBD
- **Scope of Work:** Property acquisition

Community Mobility Improvements

PHASE II Design & Phase III Construction

- **Responsible Agencies:** IDOT/CDOT
- **DBE % Assigned:** Varies by project; most of these types of improvements will be built to spec based on scope
- **Advertise and Award:** Fall 2021*
- **Construction Start:** Spring 2022*
- **Construction Completion:** Summer 2022*
- **Bid Scope:** Varies by project (i.e., new sidewalks, drainage, paving, lighting, trees, etc.)

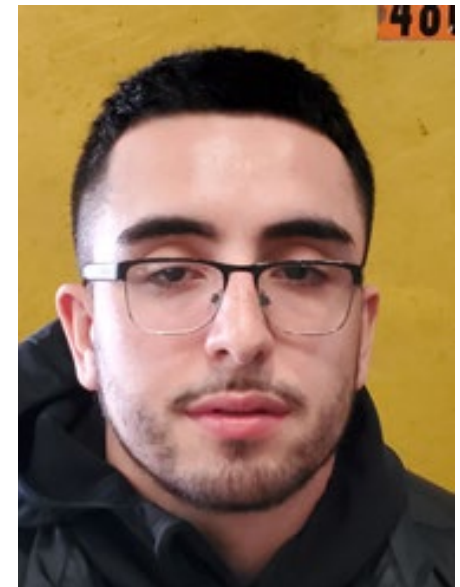


Other Community Benefits

Highway Construction Careers Training Program

Community Benefit Highlight

- IDOT pre-apprenticeship training program, Dawson Technical Institute provides construction training and skill-improvement opportunities in all phases of the heavy civil construction industry
- Contractors participating in the program are reimbursed at \$15.00 per hour for training given a certified graduate trainee on CREATE Projects
- Graduates of the program being linked with job opportunities, such as Miguel A., who has been sponsored for Local 5 Laborers by Dyer Construction



Norfolk Southern Highlights

Community Benefit Highlight



- Supporting adult digital literacy with \$10,000 donation to Hope Technology and Education Center in West Englewood
- Multi-year partnership with Chicago Public Library Foundation supporting the Teacher in the Library, Summer Learning Challenge, Science Connection and CyberNavigator programs



Community Benefit Highlight

CSX Highlights

- Ongoing “Railway Career Pathways Program” assists Dawson Technical Institute students and graduates in preparing to seek a career in the railway industry
- The core points of discussion included:
 - CSX team culture
 - Résumé development
 - Recruiting and interviewing tips



Community Benefit Highlight

Union Pacific Highlights

- The UP Foundation provided \$10,000 for the Pink Hard Hats program, which addresses barriers to girls and women of color in the trades, manufacturing and construction industries
- Several other Chicago nonprofits received funding through UP's Community Ties and COVID relief programs
- UP also supported Chicago Public School families gaining access to technology and groceries during the pandemic
- Grant applications for the Community Ties Giving Program beginning June 1. More info can be found at www.up.com/aboutup/community/foundation/local-grants/index.htm



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DBE Involvement

Workforce Outreach Team

- MelKel Group
- Trinal, Inc.



Pest Abatement

- Landmark Pest Management





Other Upcoming Opportunities

Upcoming 75th Street CIP Opportunities

Potential Advertisement Dates

EW2 Metra Bridge Raise – Phase III Construction

Advertised by Metra: Spring/ Summer 2021*

P2/EW2 Right of Way – Phase II Professional Services

Advertised by Metra: Summer 2021*

EW2 NS Design Packages (Potentially 2 – 4 packages) – Phase II Professional Services

Advertised by Norfolk Southern: Spring/Summer 2021*

CDOT Community Mobility Improvements – Phase III Construction

Advertised by Chicago Department of Transportation: Fall 2021*

P3 Stage 2 Construction – Phase III Construction

Advertised by CSX: Fall 2021*

GS19 Construction – Phase III Construction

Advertised by CSX: Fall 2021*



Dolton Junction Interlocking (WA11)

PHASE III Construction

- **Responsible Railroad:** CSX
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Target Advertisement:** Q4 2021*
- **Scope of Work:** Track, grading, drainage, grade crossings improvements for construction of a third main track
- **Construction completion:** 2023*
- Construction is funded (partially by CRISI Grant)

Pullman Junction (EW3a)

PHASE III Construction Management

- **Responsible Railroad:** Norfolk Southern
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Target Advertisement:** Q4 2021*
- **Scope of Work:** Construction management services for EW3A construction
- **Completion:** 2024*
- Construction management is funded (partially by CRISI Grant)

PHASE III Construction

- **Responsible Railroad:** Norfolk Southern
- **DBE % Assigned:** TBD
- **Target Advertisement:** TBD
- **Scope of Work:** Noise and retaining wall installation, track, grading, drainage and minor railroad bridge improvements for construction of a second main track at the Pullman Junction
- **Completion:** 2024*
- Construction is funded (partially by CRISI Grant)

Other Future Opportunities

Columbus Avenue Grade Separation (GS11)

- Construction to begin Q3 2022*

95th Street Grade Separation (GS21a)

- Phase I completion end of 2021*
- Funded for Phase II

Cottage Grove Avenue Grade Separation (GS23a)

- Phase I to begin 2023*



95th Street Grade Separation (GS21a) - Chicago

Bid Advertisements/RFPs

- Sign up for bid notices at createprogram.org/bids
- This will send you CREATE Bid Advertisements for each partner
- This list also includes notification of business-to-business networking opportunities



| BIDs/ RFPs | |
|-------------|---|
| Consultants | ▼ |
| Suppliers | ▼ |
| Support | ▼ |

Bid Advertisements/RFPs

There are no open requests at this time. Stay tuned for future proposal and bid requests.

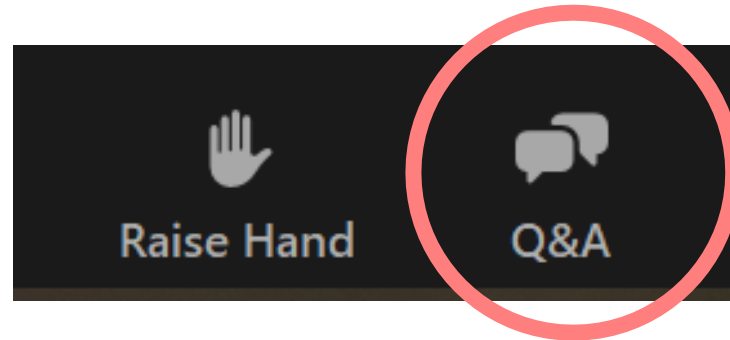
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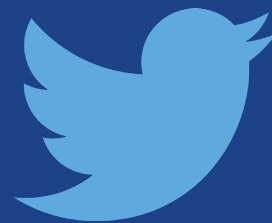
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