

75th Street Corridor Improvement Project

QUARTERLY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

February 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.	Completed June 2023: Temporary track construction Completed November 2023: Set first bridge span Permanent construction 2022-2025
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 lowering will follow the completion of the Forest Hill Flyover (P3) project anticipated in 2025
Community Mobility Improvements	Creates additional sidewalks, curb repairs, new pavement, bus stop improvements, and plant additional trees in the project area (roughly between Damen and Western Avenues and 67 th to 84 th Streets).	Completed Q3 2023: Construction for all 154 Community Mobility Improvements
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.

Conceptual Design Renderings

Forest Hill Flyover (P3)



Conceptual rendering of bridge with the quarry stone facing option north-west near Hamilton and 75th Place.

71st Street Grade Separation (GS19)



Conceptual rendering of bridge with the quarry stone facing option south-east near 71st Street and Bell Avenue.

Construction Schedule

Q1 2021 - Q2 2023	Temporary track construction for Forest Hill Flyover (P3) completed June 2023
Q1 2022 - Q3 2025	Construction of permanent structures for Forest Hill Flyover (P3) and 71 st Street Grade Separation (GS19) in Q4 of 2024. Final completion will be in Q3 of 2025.
Q1 2023	Preliminary earthwork, pest abatement, and tree removal efforts took place and were completed
Q3 2023	Community mobility improvements completed Q3 2023

QUARTER LEGEND:

Q1
January
February
March

Q2
April
May
June

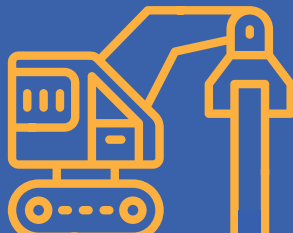
Q3
July
August
September

Q4
October
November
December

P3 Project Stats



44,533
manhours
worked
on-site

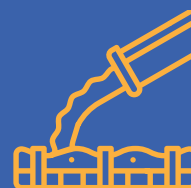


183 of 288
shafts drilled



11,718 DBE hours
and **2,104** HCCTP
hours worked on-site

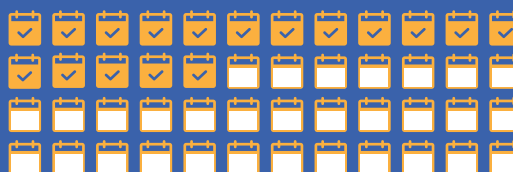
2,046 of 2,046
aggregate
columns drilled
COMPLETED



5,700 cubic
yards of **9,750**
cubic yards of
concrete poured



17.55 M lbs of 25.7M of
pounds of structural
steel fabricated and
delivered



17 of 48
months of total
construction

Construction Mitigation Measures



Dust Control: Ensure worker safety and minimize the spread of dust to nearby homes and businesses



Pest Control: Ensure the control of rodents and other nuisance species



Traffic Management: Coordinate with necessary agencies to ensure access to local residences, businesses, emergency services and transit throughout construction



Pile Driving Coordination with Schools: Ensure pile driving does not interfere with Illinois mandated testing



Hazardous Materials Survey and Contaminated Soil Clean-Up: Investigate site conditions before construction and complete necessary clean-up to ensure worker and community safety



Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Prevent concrete truck waste and washout from entering stormwater drainage systems



Adherence to County and City Construction Ordinances: All construction activity will follow Cook County and City of Chicago construction laws



Communication: Share construction updates with residents, businesses and public as construction activities and schedules are established



Noise and Vibration

Contractors will perform assessments of noise and vibrations in the project area. The project teams will determine the homes and businesses in the project area that will be monitored for noise and vibration assessments before and during construction.

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 Pathways Program

The CREATE partners hosts informational workshops during which Union representatives and organizations from various locals discussed careers in the rail and construction-related industries. Discussions included learning about the educational and career opportunities and the alternative pathways for employment.

Materials from the workshops, including meeting recordings, the presentations, and a speaker's contact information sheet, are now available on the 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project [website](#). Visit the website for upcoming workshop dates and opportunities.



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*

For more information on the Highway Construction Careers Training Program, please contact the following:

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