

75th Street Corridor Improvement Project
Cook County, Illinois

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
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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 (not including the two new rail flyovers), 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.

This Final EIS is issued concurrently with the Record of Decision (ROD) pursuant to Pub. L. 112-141, 126 Stat. 405, Section 1319(b) and concludes the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The Final EIS and the ROD identify the Build Alternative as the selected alternative for the 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project.