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Thomton Junction Connection

Location
Between Union Pacific (UP) Villa Grove Subdivision (near 168th Street) and CN Elsdon Subdivision (near State Street)
South Holland, IL

Daily Trains Affected
80 Freight trains (CN, CSX, UP)

Scope of Work
Installed a new interlocked connection between the CN and UP/CSX in the southwest quadrant of the crossing at Thornton Junction.

Benefits
Previously the UP and CN crossed each other but did not connect. Due to the lack of a connection, trains could not switch from one line to the other. The new connection allows trains to switch between the lines and provides increased flexibility for dispatchers routing trains throughout the Chicago Terminal District.

Communities Benefited:
• South Holland, IL

Project Status
Project Completed June 2014