Location

From Rock Island Junction, where the Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC) and Norfolk Southern (NS) cross near Commercial Ave and 95th Street, to west of the Dan Ryan Expressway along the BRC.

Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected

37 freight trains (BRC, NS, Chicago Rail Link, South Chicago and Indiana Harbor, CP, CSX, UP)

Scope of Work

In the BRC’s Commercial Avenue Yard, upgrade an existing yard track to a main line track from Rock Island Junction to Pullman Junction (where the BRC and NS connect near Stony Island and 95th Street). Realign track and upgrade signals at the north end of NS Calumet Yard where track connects to the BRC. Add yard track capacity at 80th Street to offset the loss of the BRC Commercial Ave. Yard track due to the upgrade to main line track. Upgrade signals throughout the entire project to Centralized Traffic Control.

Benefits

Trains traveling east on the BRC toward the NS Chicago Subdivision often must wait for cross traffic to clear, creating main line congestion. Trains traveling westward off the NS Chicago Subdivision are also delayed due to congestion on the BRC. The additional main line track will provide additional capacity for through movements around the trains waiting to access the NS Chicago Subdivision. Additional track and signal upgrades at Pullman Junction will allow greater flexibility and access to four existing main line tracks west of Pullman Junction.

Communities Benefited:

- Chicago Community Areas: Burnside, Calumet Heights, Pullman and South Deering, East Side, South Chicago
# Project Status

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## Project Location Map

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