Location
Near the intersection of 95th St. and Commercial St. to the Calumet River
Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected
78 Freight trains
14 Amtrak trains (Serving states to the East)

Scope of Work
Upgraded the Belt Railway Company of Chicago (BRC) and Norfolk Southern (NS) signal systems to power switches and signals and connected the two systems. Performed minor track realignment and grading.

Benefits
This improvement has allowed train speeds to double, increasing from 10 to 20 miles per hour. The bottleneck at this location is now significantly alleviated as this segment can handle twice the number of trains, an increase from 23 to 46 freight trains per day. Amtrak trains running on the NS Chicago Subdivision are benefited by freight trains leaving the NS Chicago mainline to enter the BRC mainline at higher speeds, reducing the potential for conflict.

Communities Benefited:
- Chicago Community Areas: Calumet Heights, East Side, South Chicago, and South Deering
Project Status

Project Completed July 2008