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63rd & Harlem Avenue & Belt Railway of Chicago Grade Separation

Location

63rd Street at Harlem Avenue
Chicago, IL
Summit, IL

Daily Trains Affected

33 freight trains

Project Website: <http://www.il43study.org/>

Scope of Work

The project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of 63rd Street and two Belt Railway of Chicago (BRC) tracks located 370 feet east of Harlem Avenue. This will be accomplished by creating either an overpass or underpass for vehicles using 63rd Street at this location.

Benefits

Daily, 15,500 vehicles and 192 CTA and Pace buses (#63W and #386) pass through the crossing, which is on a state-designated truck route. This grade crossing is located in close proximity to BRC's Clearing Yard, one of the busiest in the City of Chicago. Every train passing through this grade crossing is either entering or exiting this yard, and must move at very slow speeds (10-25 mph) in this area. Trains are also delayed due to servicing of rail customers along the same line.

This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this location. The grade crossing separation will eliminate delay to approximately 1,000 vehicles daily, resulting in alleviation of 9,400 annual motorist hours of delay. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains.

This location is designated a "911 Critical Crossing." This is a critical location for emergency services to access communities that have a high frequency of train movements or delays. The grade separation will eliminate this issue.

Communities Benefited:

- Chicago – Clearing community area
- Summit, IL

