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# Western Avenue & CSX Grade Separation

## Location

Western Ave. between 135<sup>th</sup> and 136<sup>th</sup> St.  
Blue Island, IL

## Daily Trains Affected

41 freight trains

## Scope of Work

The project will consider eliminating the at-grade crossing of Western Avenue and the three CSX railroad tracks. This will be accomplished by creating either an overpass or underpass for vehicles at this location.

## Benefits

Daily, 8,200 vehicles and 100 Pace buses (#349) pass through the crossing. This project will reduce roadway congestion and improve safety at this grade crossing. The grade crossing separation will eliminate delay to over 1,500 vehicles daily, resulting in alleviation of almost 33,700 annual motorist hours of delay. It will also eliminate the potential for collisions between vehicles and trains.

### Communities Benefited:

- Blue Island, IL

## Project Status

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II – Final Project Specifications and Estimates	Phase III - Construction
Pending Funding Availability		



## Project Location Map



Existing Condition

11/2015