Location
From 57th Place to 69th St. along the Metra Rock Island District, near State Street.
This Project is located within the Englewood and Greater Grand Crossing Community Areas.
Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected
46 freight trains (Norfolk Southern)
78 Metra trains (Rock Island)
14 Amtrak (Michigan Services, Capitol Limited, Lake Shore Limited)

Scope of Work
Constructed a rail-rail flyover to carry the north-south Metra Rock Island line over the east-west NS/Amtrak line. Constructed bridges to accommodate three tracks to carry Metra operations over the four tracks of NS and a possible future fifth track for a high speed intercity passenger rail connection to points east and/or south.

Benefits
The Englewood flyover eliminated conflict between 78 Metra Rock Island trains and approximately 60 freight and Amtrak trains that previously crossed at grade through the Englewood interlocking daily. The project relieved a significant source of delay for Amtrak trains from Michigan and points east, as well as for NS freight trains. By eliminating many of these delays, the project reduced locomotive engine idling, resulting in reduced emissions and improved air quality.

P1’s completion was needed before two adjacent CREATE projects could add additional trains to the lines at the Englewood Flyover location. The 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project, including CREATE projects EW2, P2, P3 and GS19, will divert Metra SouthWest Service trains to the Rock Island District south of Englewood. The Grand Crossing Project (CREATE Project P4) will divert 6 daily Amtrak trains to the NS Chicago Line east of Englewood. Without the Englewood Flyover in place first, implementation of these other projects would have greatly increased delays at the Englewood interlocking.
Communities Benefited:

- Communities along the Metra Rock Island Line
- Cook County and Will County

Project Status

Project completed May 2016.