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Grand Crossing

Location

From approximately Pershing Road on the NS Chicago Line (Control Point 518) on the north to approximately 117th Street on the CN Chicago Line on the south, via Grand Crossing (where the NS and CN lines cross).

Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected

46 freight trains (NS)

14 Amtrak trains – NS Mainline (Michigan Services, Capitol Limited, Lake Shore Limited)

6 Amtrak trains – CN Mainline (Illini/Saluki, City of New Orleans)

Scope of Work

The purpose of this project is to provide a new direct route for Amtrak trains from New Orleans or Carbondale into Chicago Union Station, and to provide sufficient mainline capacity to accommodate additional Amtrak trains along with freight traffic.

Construct new main line capacity between Grand Crossing and Control Point 518 (at Pershing Rd.) Work may include shifting rail operations to a new alignment. Includes all associated signal work, grading work, crossovers, and other bridge work. Also includes connection from CN to unused NS bridge in the Grand Crossing Area.

Project Website: <http://www.grandcrossingrail.com>

Benefits

This project will allow the 6 current Amtrak trains serving Champaign, Carbondale and points south to reroute from the CN Lakefront and St. Charles Airline route to the Norfolk Southern Chicago Line. This routing will eliminate the time-consuming back-up move at 16th Street near Halsted, which the current track configuration requires for these Amtrak trains to access Chicago Union Station. The re-route will reduce travel times by approximately 10-15 minutes each way. The project will also increase capacity on a congested section of the Norfolk Southern mainline that currently serves 14 daily Amtrak trains between Chicago and points east. This project will also allow for the space currently occupied by the St. Charles Airline in Chicago and the CN

mainline tracks along the Lakefront north of Grand Crossing to be used to serve future public needs.

Communities Benefited:

- Chicago Community Areas – Avalon Park, Chatham, Englewood, Fuller Park, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, New City, Woodlawn, Douglas, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Oakland, Near South Side, Armour Square, Bridgeport.
- Communities served by the Amtrak Illini/Saluki through Champaign and Carbondale, IL and City of New Orleans service between Chicago and New Orleans
- Cook County

Project Status

Phase I – NEPA – Preliminary Design (30% Design)	Phase II – Final PS&E*	Phase III - Construction
Underway		

Project Location Map

