

Safety Benefits of the CREATE Program

- Through grade crossing elimination and avoided truck traffic on the highways, the CREATE program is estimated to save more than 120 lives and 16,800 injuries over 30 years after construction is completed, estimated at over \$1.7 billion dollars in safety benefits.
- Seven of the at-grade highway crossings that will be separated by CREATE are designated as City of Chicago “911 Critical Crossings,” which are defined as integral to the movement of emergency services vehicles.
- Potential rail-highway crashes involving trucks will also be eliminated at the 12 grade separations that occur on designated truck routes.
- Potential conflict between passenger and freight trains will be eliminated at the locations of the six passenger rail/freight rail separation projects.
- An element of some projects (i.e. B2, GS7) is construction of new pedestrian underpasses to eliminate Metra passengers walking across the tracks to access a station.

Safety of the Rail Mode

- If CREATE were not completed, and the Chicago area rail network reached saturation, a portion of future increases in freight traffic would be diverted to truck. By increasing rail capacity through complete construction of CREATE, an estimated 85 billion vehicles miles of truck traffic will be avoided, leading to avoidance of an estimated 100 fatalities and 16,800 injuries on the highways due to trucks over 30 years.

