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WA3

Signalization – Ogden Junction to CP 518

Location

Norfolk Southern tracks from Ogden Junction near the intersection of Ogden and Western Avenues to a location near the intersection of 40th St. and Canal (Control Point 518)

Chicago Community Areas: Armour Square, Bridgeport and McKinley Park.

Chicago, IL

Daily Trains Affected

25 freight trains

36 Metra trains – Heritage Corridor & SouthWest Service

14 Amtrak trains – Michigan Services, Amtrak Capitol Limited, Lakeshore Limited

Scope of Work

This project will replace/install power operated switches and a Traffic Control System (TCS) along the Norfolk Southern main tracks. WA3 will signalize and allow bi-directional movements along the main tracks through Ashland Avenue Yard from 22nd Street to Control Point 518. The project adds a passing track alongside the Ashland Avenue Yard.

Benefits

This project will increase train speeds and add capacity along the NS main lines in the project area. Currently, most trains spend up to one hour to traverse the limits of this project given the hand-thrown switches. With the completion of this project, trains are expected to pass through this 5.2-mile segment in as little as 10 minutes. Improved signalization will relieve chronic congestion of Metra, Amtrak, and freight trains at Control Point 518 south of Union Station.

Communities Benefited:

- Communities along the Metra SouthWest Service
- Communities along the Metra Heritage Corridor



Project Status

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

Project Location Map

