



CREATE in an Economic Recovery Package

One-third of our nation's rail and truck cargo moves to, from or through the Chicago region, making it critical to the international marketplace. A project of national significance, CREATE will make an unprecedented investment in critically needed rail infrastructure improvements that will increase the efficiency of freight and passenger rail service. As this program is completed, substantial national, regional and local economic benefits, as well as congestion, safety and environmental benefits will be realized.

The CREATE Program could begin or complete construction on \$774 M worth of projects in 2009-2010.

Job Benefits of Economic Recovery Investment

A \$774 M level of investment in CREATE would support 17, 371 transportation jobs*.

Economic Benefits of Total CREATE Program

- When multiplier effects are included, Chicago's freight rail network is associated with approximately 5 million jobs nationwide, \$782 billion in output and \$217 billion in wages annually.
- 17,000 jobs sustained and \$2 billion in annual economic production within two decades
- Annual savings of \$40 million in inventory costs for businesses

Quality of Life Benefits

- Reduces delay & congestion of railroad operations
- Reduces travel times and improves commuter service for Metra travelers
- Improves reliability of regional Amtrak services
- Improves air quality and reduces fuel consumption (from idling/waiting trains)
- Improves safety

Projects to go to Construction

- Metra & Freight Flyover (63rd & State)
- 130th & Torrence Grade Separation
- York and Irving Park Grade Separation
- 25th Ave., Melrose Grade Separation
- Roosevelt Rd. Grade Separation
- 71st St, Bridgeview Grade Separation
- 15 railroad projects improving track, signaling & connections
- Viaduct Improvements

**Source: AAR and FHWA*