

CREATE Overview

(CREATE - Chicago Region Environmental And Transportation Efficiency Program)

Chicago Area Rail Infrastructure

- 78 yards, including 21 intermodal (rail-truck)
- 2,800 route-miles of track
- 1,100 viaducts and bridges

Daily Activity

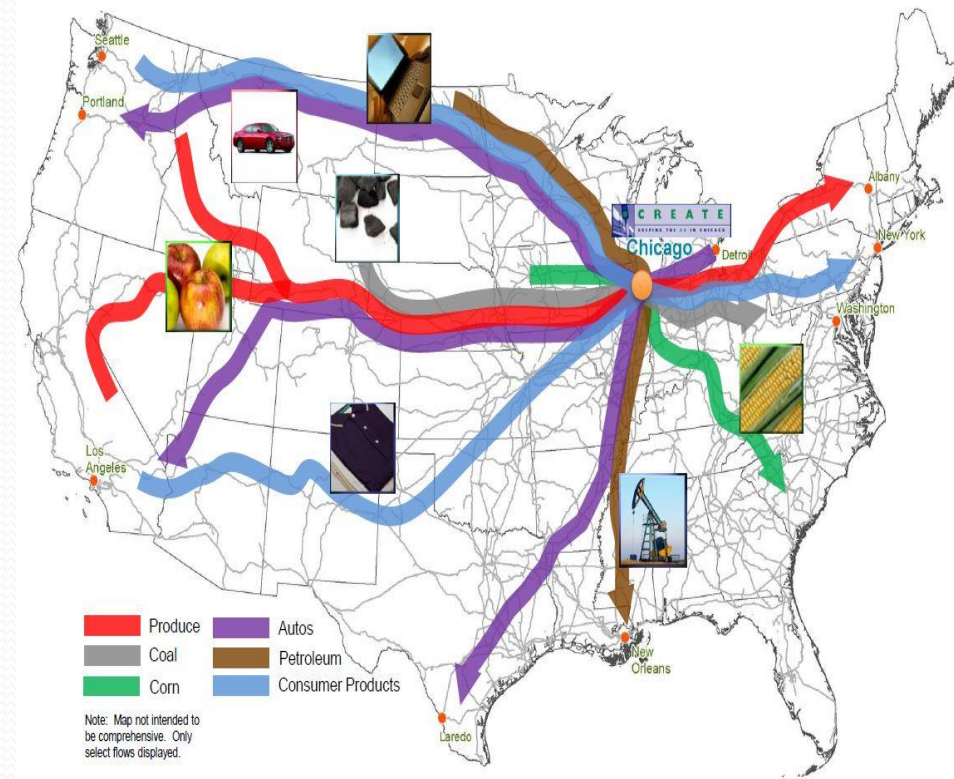
- 1,300 trains
- 45,000 rail cars enroute to Chicago
- 13,000 rail cars interchanged
- 20,000 truck moves through intermodal gates

Chicago: The Nation's Transportation Hub

- Chicago is the world's 3rd busiest intermodal hub.
- 800 passenger trains and 500 freight trains go through Chicago every day.
- Chicago's rail network is a key part of national regional and local economy.

The U.S. Rail Network Depends on Chicago

- 25 percent of all U.S. rail traffic touches Chicago
- 46 percent of all **intermodal** units in the U.S. touch Chicago
- 54 percent of intermodal units to/from the ports of **Seattle/Tacoma** touch Chicago
- 26 percent of intermodal units to/from **Los Angeles/Long Beach** touch Chicago



What is CREATE?

A \$3.8 billion public-private partnership program designed to improve transportation flow through Chicago focusing on:

- Increased capacity, speed, reliability for freight train traffic
- Separation of freight & passenger trains at 6 key junctions
- Elimination of 25 road/rail grade crossings (grade separations)

CREATE Partners



Why CREATE?

- Freight rail trade with Chicago (by value) will triple from 2011 to 2040." *
- Passenger, freight and motorist delays are experienced daily on the current system
- The region must improve freight movement and mitigate negative impacts

"Global trade follows the path of least resistance. It will go where there are the fewest impediments." -UPS

*U.S. DOT Freight Analysis Framework 4.0

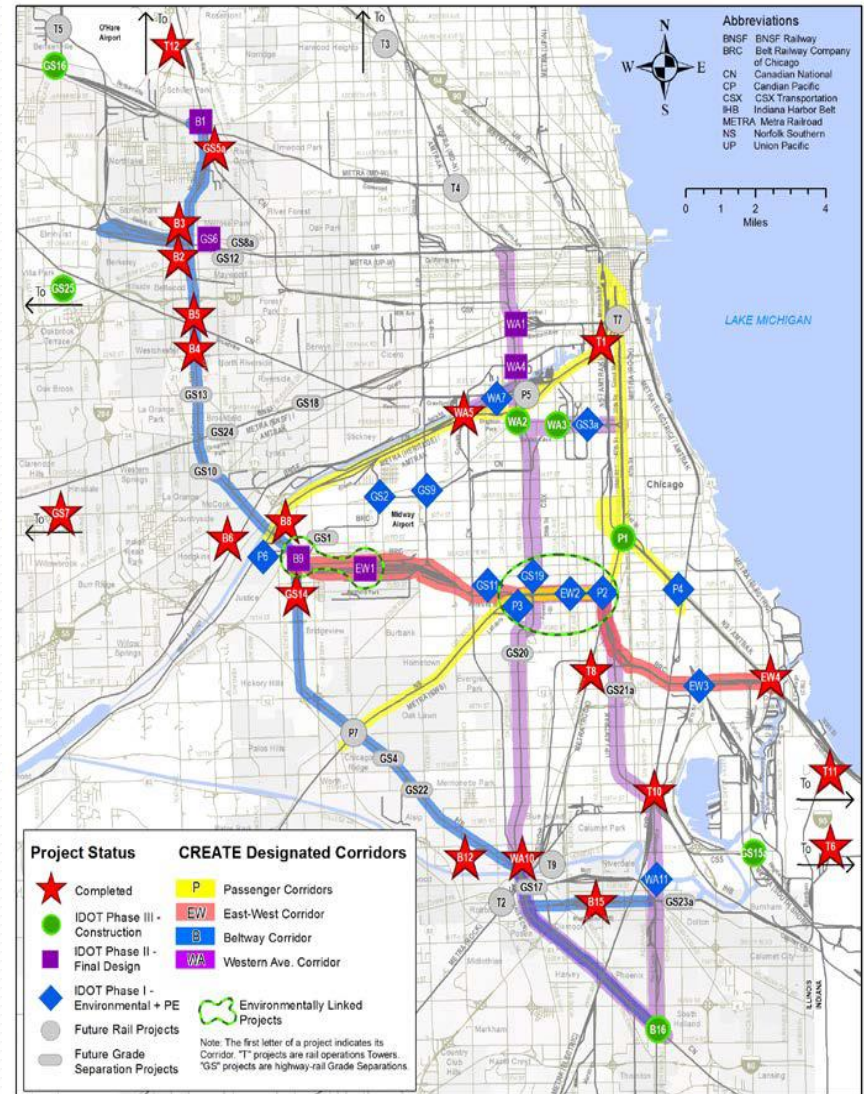
CREATE Program- 70 projects

- Builds 25 road/rail separations
- Builds 6 passenger/freight rail fly-overs
- Build 36 railroad projects
- Improves train control system
- Viaduct improvement program
- Rail operations and visibility improvements



Project Status as of November 2013

- Completed Projects 20
- Under Construction 9
- Final Design 6
- Environmental Review 13
- Remaining Projects 22
- TOTAL 70



CREATE Benefits

- New overpasses, underpasses and other improvements will reduce the time Chicago-area motorists spend waiting at railroad crossings by thousands of hours a day.
- Travel times for commuters on many Metra lines and Amtrak will improve and schedules will become more reliable.
- Emissions from cars, trucks and locomotives will be greatly reduced, improving air quality.
- Noise from idling or slow-moving trains will be reduced in residential neighborhoods.

CREATE Funding Received/ Committed

- \$338.8 million : Federal
- \$234 million : Railroad partners
- \$410 million : Illinois DOT
- \$10.1 million : Chicago DOT
- \$236.6 million : Pre-CREATE funding

Next Steps

- Advocate for freight funding in Federal Transportation Authorization
- Complete remaining Rail Corridor Projects
- Complete remaining Passenger-Freight rail Flyover Projects
- Complete remaining Grade Separation Projects
- Continue cooperation and integration with Midwest High Speed Rail initiatives

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