



CREATE Overview

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What is CREATE?

A \$4.4 billion Public-Private Partnership (PPP) designed to improve transportation flow through Chicago focusing on:

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

CREATE is a cooperative project involving:

- US Department of Transportation (FHWA & FRA)
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)
- 6 major North American freight rail carriers and 2 switching railroads
- 2 passenger carriers (Amtrak and Metra)
- Cook County (75th CIP)

Who is CREATE?



Illinois Department of Transportation



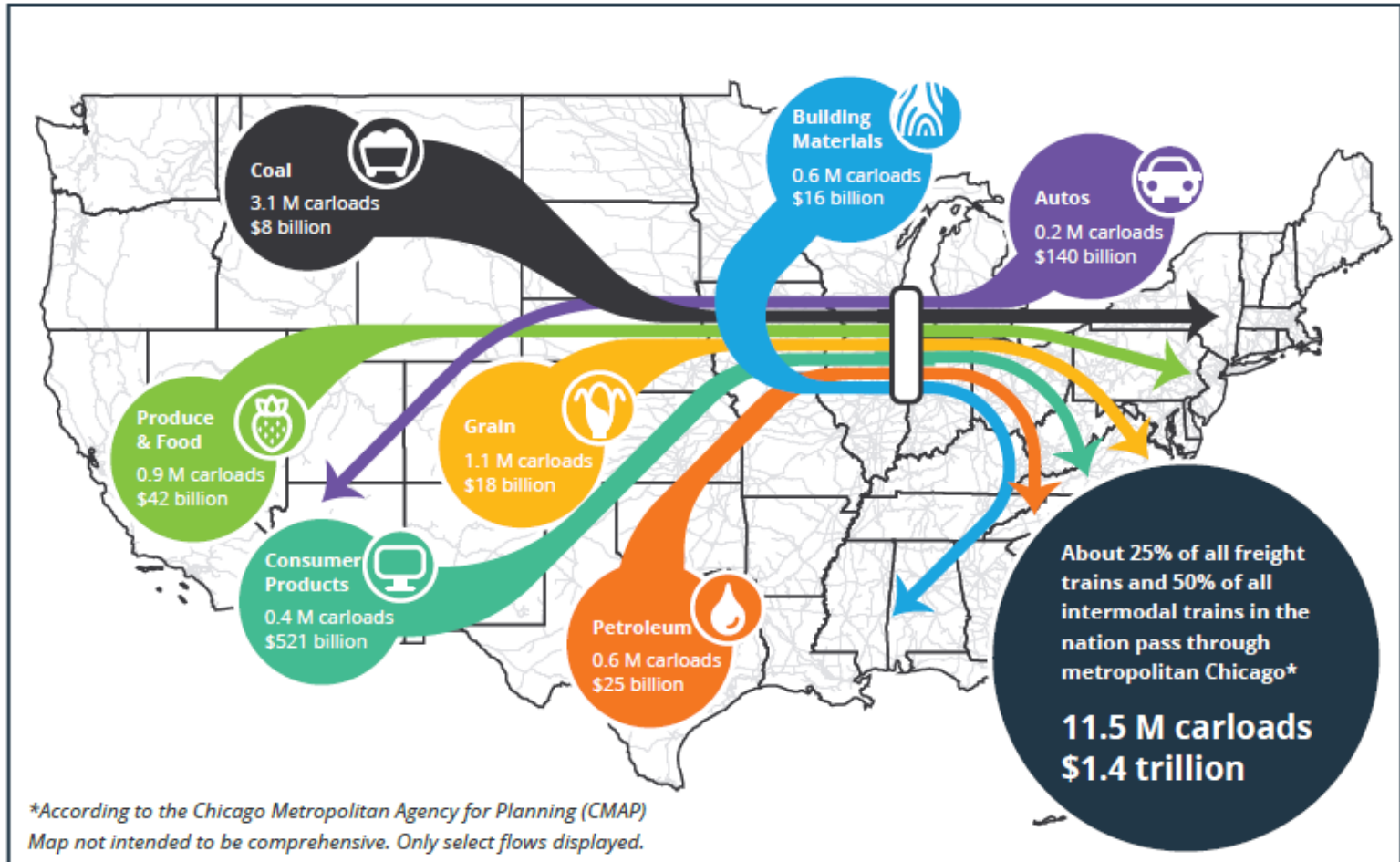
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CREATE: Keeping the Nation's Economy Moving



70 CREATE Projects → 30-Year Benefits of **\$31.5 Billion**

Rail Benefits

Economic Growth

Chicago can accommodate growth in passenger and freight trains

Fewer Delays

Reduced delay to passenger and freight trains

Cost Savings

Reduced shipping costs may be passed on to consumers

Increased Safety

Elimination of rail – roadway conflicts at 25 grade crossing sites

Roadway Benefits

Fewer Delays

Reduced delay to vehicles from eliminating 25 grade crossings

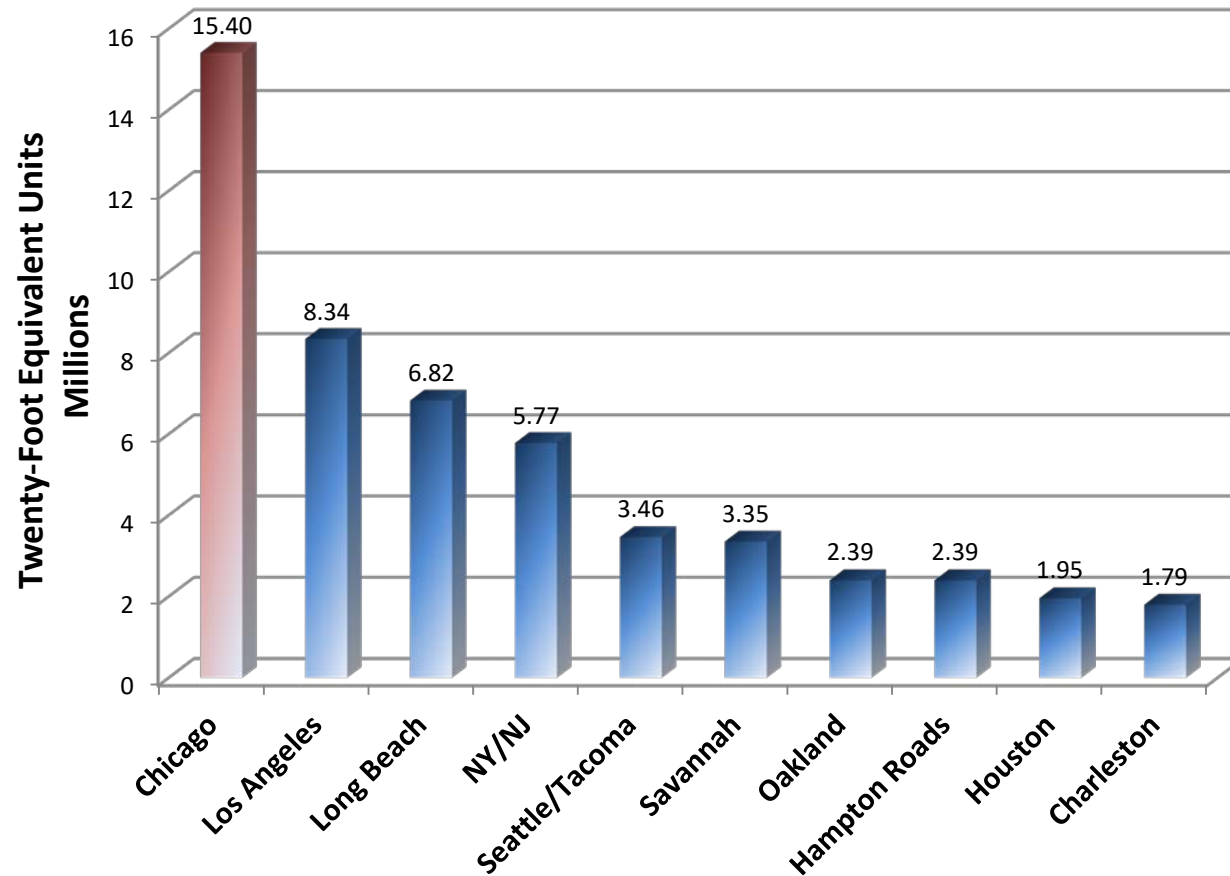
Sustainability

Reduced fuel consumption and emissions

Reduced Congestion

Fewer trucks on the roadways

Top U.S. Container Ports, 2014



Source: Chicago – Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Freight Snapshot; American Association of Port Authorities, 2014

Program of Projects Status

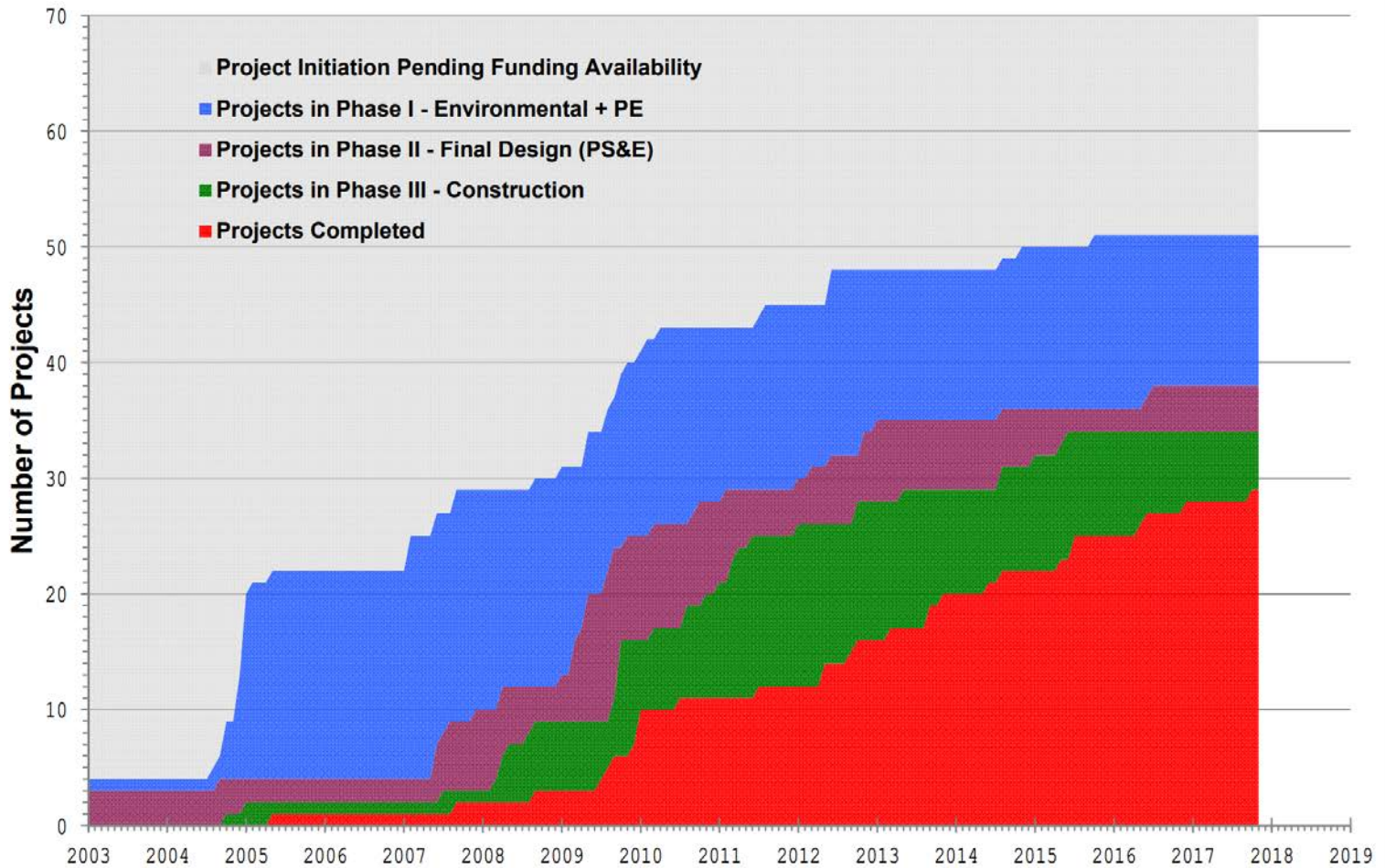
Completed Projects	29
Under Construction	5
Final Design	4
Environmental Review	13
Remaining Projects	19
TOTAL	70



Project Status Summary

CREATE Program, Overall Project Status Summary

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Proven Project Delivery and Benefits

- SPEED Environmental Review Process
- On time
- On or under budget
- Focus on construction readiness
- Leverages all possible partners
- Grant management success
- Effective risk mitigation strategies

Completed improvements have already reduced the average travel time of a rail car through the terminal by 35%.

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CREATE Commitments (Pre-INFRA)

Federal - \$435 Million

- TIGER I & TIGER IV Grants
- SAFETEA-LU PNRS Grant
- ARRA High Speed Rail Grant
- Railroad Relocation Grant
- FRA STEP

State - \$480 Million

- Illinois DOT (Illinois Jobs Now!, ICC, PNRS/TIGER match, grade separations)

Railroad - \$365 Million

- Railroad partners (railroad infrastructure, grade separations)

Local Governments - \$136 million

- Chicago DOT, Cook County & other local governments (viaduct improvements, grade separations, land acquisition)

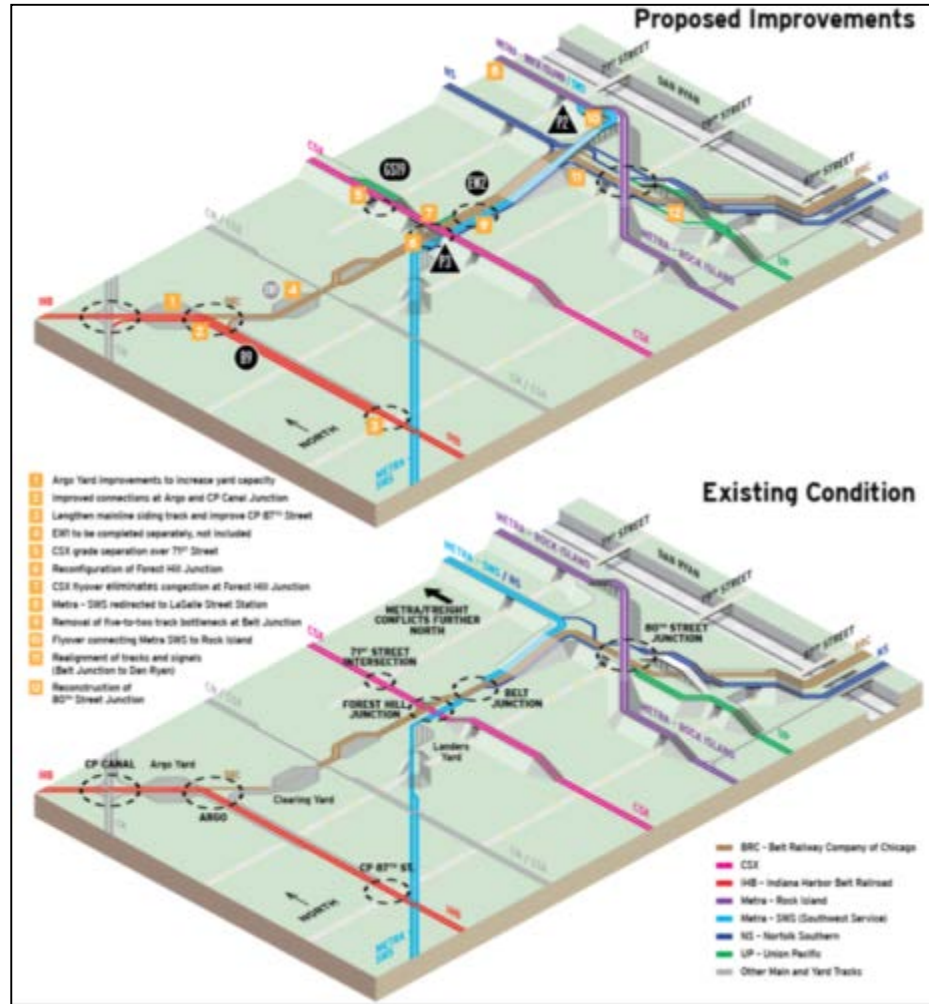
75th St. Corridor Improvement Project

Goal: Fix the most complex and congested segment of North American railroad, the 75th Street CIP and the Argo Connections project (referred to as B9)

Scope: Five inter-related project elements central to streamline and expand the throughput capacity of the Chicago Terminal where six Class I railroads converge and share track with Metra commuter lines and Amtrak routes



75th St. CIP Conditions



75th Street CIP – Existing Conditions



INFRA Funding Breakdown

Overall project cost: \$474m, with \$342m non-federal

- \$132m from U.S. DOT
- \$116m from the American Association of Railroads
- \$111m from IDOT
- \$78m from Cook County
- \$23m from Metra
- \$9m from the City of Chicago
- \$5m from Amtrak

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Partners Keep CREATE Moving

Columbus Ave Grade Separation

CDOT, on behalf of CREATE partners, awarded Competitive State Freight Grant (\$49 M) one day before INFRA announcement



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Grade Separations

- Harlem & 63rd/65th Grade Separation
- Central Ave & 54th St. Grade Separation
- Archer Ave. & Kenton
- 95th Street Grade Separation – FRA Grant



63rd & Harlem

95th & Eggleston



*Even after INFRA and these projects, there is still more work to do and partners are committed **until the Program is complete.***

CREATE Next Steps

- Continue to leverage all funding opportunities
- Promote and advocate for 75th Street CIP merits
- Complete:
 - Remaining Rail Corridor Projects
 - Remaining Passenger-Freight Rail Flyover Projects
 - Remaining Grade Separation Projects

Thank You



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