1. The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. In attendance: Mike Sturino (IRTBA), Bill Moore (Kenny), Justin Elliot (WSP), Brittany Dyra (SQN), Pete Mesha (Wight), Gerry Koylass (BMcD), Kevin Kassay (Lochner), M. Benetatos (V3), Lynn Otte (Transystems), Anthony Marenio (RGE), Jill Leary (RTA), Tod Faerber (Dunnet Bay), Beth McCluskey (AECOM), Brett Guarino (CSX), Jeffrey Sriver (CDOT), Len Kapovich (S&J Construction), Pat Nugent (Aldridge Electric), Ted Coffey (STV), Christopher Krakar (Metra), Bruce Marchesi (Metra), Samuel Tuck (IDOT), John Clinnin (Wight), Joseph Guerriero (Collins Engineers), Jim Blanusha (Benesch)

2. CREATE Update – presentation provided by CREATE Partners discussing project status and funding updates. 23% Minority Goals for CREATE Projects

3. Capital Program Update
   a. IDOT - Agencies working with RTA on budgets based on new capital program
   b. Metra – Capital Program will provide all funding for Capital Improvements – some rolling stock included but funds will not go to operating expenses. PTC fully funded from other sources. Metra to double from $200M/yr to $400M/yr in capital improvements. Need to hire staff to help administer increased workload. Metra to combine some smaller projects to keep administration costs down and allow them to deploy more capital.

   Metra Priorities:
   1. Rolling Stock
   2. Infrastructure
   3. Stations – Rehabs
   4. Growth/Expansion – possible looking at direct shot to O’Hare from Downtown. Metra working with private developers – Sterling Bay and Related for station updates and new stations potentially at Lincoln Yards and The 78.

   c. RTA – Working on $2.7M Bond Funding for a 5 year program. Should have budgeting complete by Nov/Dec 2019
   d. Pace - $228M of new funds to be allocated by RTA as part of bond funding
   e. CTA – not present, however, RPM project is starting and fully funded
4. Project Delivery Issues
   a. Timely Payment a problem for transit agencies. They are looking to improve and willing to work with other agencies to find solutions for expediting process
   b. Industry suggested considering reduced retention from 10% to 2% as the payment and excessive retainage are burdensome on Contractors
5. Railroad Insurance Requirements
   a. Discussion centered on onerous contract language – Metra is in the process of reviewing Terms and Conditions for contracts and open to suggestions from Industry on revising some language
   b. Insurance requirements need to be looked at for streamlining operations and reducing burden on smaller contractors
6. Safety
   a. Flagging issues discussed. Industry discussed improving communication to ensure flaggers are present when needed. Flaggers are a resource to RRs just like people are a resource to Industry and need to be scheduled and optimized.
   b. Flagging should be covered as part of contract allowances to minimize disputes and misinterpretation of requirements.
7. Workforce/Labor
   a. Industry expressed concern with DBE goals with all of the upcoming programs and work. Need fair and appropriate goals to avoid stressing DBE community
8. Capacity
   a. Agencies need to coordinate letting dates and spending to get most competitive pricing. Metra expressed a lot of interest in this concept and suggested RTA take the lead on coordinating a meeting.
   b. Industry expressed concern with ability to respond to work when lettings are not coordinated.
9. Other Business – N/A
10. Next Meeting – TBD Spring 2020
11. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM
CREATE Program: 2019

IRTBA, Rail & Transit Committee

August 27, 2019
70 Projects - Status Update

• 25 road/rail grade separations
• 6 passenger/freight rail grade separations
• Railroad projects to improve rail infrastructure and upgrade technologies
• Viaduct improvement program
• Grade crossing safety enhancements
• Rail operations and visibility improvements

- Completed projects: 30
- Projects under construction (Phase III): 4
- Projects in final design (Phase II): 7
- Projects in environmental review (Phase I): 10
- Remaining projects: 19
Project Status Summary

CREATE Program, Overall Project Status Summary

- Project Initiation Pending Funding Availability
- Projects in Phase I - Environmental + PE
- Projects in Phase II - Final Design (PS&E)
- Projects in Phase III - Construction
- Projects Completed

Number of Projects

Years: 2003-2020

Revised 12-July-2019
Recent Grant Awards

• 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (P3, GS19, EW2, P2)
  Federal Highway Administration INFRA Grant ($132 M)
  June 2018

• Dolton Junction Interlocking (WA11)
  Invest in Cook Grant ($600,000)
  July 2018

• Dolton Junction Interlocking (WA11)
  Federal Railroad Administration CRISI Grant ($49 M)
  June 2019

• 95th Street and Union Pacific Grade Separation (GS21a)
  Invest in Cook Grant ($500,000)
  July 2019
ON THE MOVE

Project Delivery Highlights
Partners Keep CREATE Moving

GRADE SEPARATION STUDIES

• Archer Avenue
  • Phase I study in progress

• Columbus Avenue
  • Phase I study in progress
  • Phase II is funded by IDOT Competitive State Freight Grant

• 95th Street & Eggleston Avenue
  • Phase I study in progress
  • Partially funded by FRA STEP Grant
Partners Keep CREATE Moving

GRADE SEPARATION STUDIES

- 63rd Street/65th Street & Harlem Avenue (IL43)
  - Phase I in progress
- 54th & Central Avenue
  - Phase I in progress
INFRA Grant Funded Projects
INFRA Grant Award in 2018

- $474 million total funding commitment will
  - Complete design of the entire 75th St. CIP
  - Build Argo Connections (B9)
  - Build half of 75th St. CIP
- $132 million federal INFRA funds closed the funding gap and advances the project toward completion
- Due to federal funding requirements projects must meet design and construction schedules
INFRA Grant Funded Projects

75th Street CIP
(designed and partial construction)

Argo Junction
(construction)
# Status of INFRA Grant Funded Projects

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Argo Connections (B9)

Phase III Construction

- Construction: RW Dunteman selected
- CSX responsible railroad
A Closer Look at the 75th Street Corridor

- Trains delayed
- Trains idle on tracks while waiting

Existing Conditions
A Closer Look at the 75th Street Corridor

- Fluid train movement
- Trains pass through without idling

Proposed Conditions
What will the current funding do?

The CREATE partners will seek future funding to finish construction of P2 and EW2.
P3 - Forest Hill Flyover

- Construct bridge to carry north-south CSX tracks over east-west tracks at 75th Street and over roadway at 71st Street
- Bridge extends from 68th Street to 79th Street
P3 - Forest Hill Flyover

- New CSX Railroad Bridge over Metra, BRC & NS – 7500S to 7900S

**Existing Cross-Section, facing north**
- Approx. 130 ft.

**Conceptual Cross-Section, facing north**
- Max 30 ft.
- Approx. 110 ft.
- Approx. 40 ft.

**Temporary CSX Tracks**
(while bridge is being built)
GS19 - 71st St. Grade Separation

- Separates 71st Street and the north-south CSX tracks
- Between Hamilton Avenue and Bell Avenue, north of Forest Hill Junction
Phase II Design – Parsons Team Selected

- CSX Responsible Railroad
- DBE % Assigned: 30%
- IDOT Notice to Advertise: January 2019
- Solicit RFP: February 2019
- Selection: April 2019
- Design Start: Summer 2019*
- Design Completion: Spring 2021*
- Design scope: Project management, structure and civil design, track design and railway signal design

*Anticipated timing
Phase III Construction – Contractor TBD

- CSX Responsible Railroad
- DBE % Assigned: TBD
- Construction sequence: Subject to change
  - Temporary civil and track construction (shoofly)
  - Permanent structure, grade separation, track and signal construction
- IDOT Notice to Advertise (temporary construction): Spring 2020*
- Solicit Bids (temporary construction): Spring 2020*
- Bid and award: Summer 2020* (temporary construction)
- Temporary Construction: Summer 2020 – Summer 2021*
- IDOT Notice to Advertise (Permanent): Summer 2021
- Permanent construction: Winter 2022 - Fall 2024*

*Anticipated timing
Viaduct Improvements in the P3-GS19 project area

- Reconstruction of streets and sidewalks under existing structures
- Replacement of viaduct lighting
- Similar improvements made in the area during 2012 and 2015

Example of viaduct improvement completed by CDOT during 2015: 600-700 W. 80th Street

Street & sidewalk before 2015 CDOT improvements

Street & sidewalk after 2015 CDOT improvements
Community Mobility Improvements

- Sidewalk improvements
- Street improvements
- Bus stop improvements
- New street trees
- Bicycle facilities
Status of Viaduct and Community Mobility Improvements

Design & Construction

• IDOT/CDOT Responsible Agencies
• DBE % Assigned: Varies by project; most of these types of improvements will be built to spec (i.e., new sidewalks, drainage, paving, lighting, trees, etc.)
• CDOT Notice to Advertise: Winter 2020*
• Solicit Bids: Spring 2020*
• Construction start: 2020 – 2021*
• Construction completion: 2021 – 2022*
• Bid scope: Varies by project (i.e., new sidewalks, drainage, paving, lighting, trees, etc.)

*Anticipated timing
What will the current funding do?

The CREATE Partners will seek future funding to finish construction of P2 and EW2.
P2 - Rock Island Connector

- New Metra flyover structure south of Hamilton Park

Proposed path of structure and land use map from 2014 Environmental Impact Statement report
• Union Avenue underpass to be removed & embankment widened to south
Status of Rock Island Connector (P2)

Phase II Design

- Metra Responsible Railroad – Advertised 8/20/19
  - Hire Design consultant: Summer 2019*
  - DBE % will be assigned
  - IDOT involved with selection process
- PS&E submittal: Summer 2021*
- State Rail Agreements
- Funding for construction needed

*Anticipated timing
EW2 – Belt Jct. & 80th St. Jct. Reconfiguration

- Track realignment and reconstruction of existing railroad structures
Phase II Design

- Belt Junction & 80th Street Junction (EW2)
  - Norfolk Southern Responsible Railroad
    - Hire lead consultant: Summer 2019* advertised
    - Hire design consultant: Fall 2019*
    - DBE % will be assigned
    - IDOT involved with selection process
  - PS&E submittal: Summer 2021*
  - State Rail Agreements

- Villa Grove Subdivision (EW2)
  - Union Pacific Responsible Railroad
    - Hire Design Consultant: Summer 2019*
    - DBE % will be assigned
    - IDOT involved with selection process
  - PS&E submittal: Summer 2021*
  - State Rail Agreements

*Anticipated timing
Community Benefits

• Education
  o Support education programs in local schools

• Local Jobs
  o Fund On-the-Job Training ($15/hour) through Dawson Technical Institute and the IDOT Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)

• Contracting
  o Promote Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) contracting opportunities
  o Pre-bid networking events
Timeline

We Are Here

Ongoing Public Involvement

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Argo Connection (B9) Construction

P3/GS19 Design Phase

P3/GS19 Construction

P3/GS19 Temporary Construction

P2/EW2 Design Phase

Local Mobility/Viaduct Improvements

LEGEND

B9 - Argo Connection (Chicago/Bedford Park/Bridgeview/Summit) (non-75th St. CIP project, INFRA grant funded)
P3 - Freight Rail Flyover (75th Street, Chicago)
GS19 - Road/Rail Grade Separation (71st Street, Chicago)
P2 - Freight Rail Flyover (74th Street, Chicago)
EW2 - Add a Commuter Track & Realign Freight Tracks (80th Street, Chicago)
CREATE Bid Advertisements/RFPs

- Sign-up at createprogram.org/business.htm

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E-mail Signup [Enter] [GO]

- Receive each partner’s CREATE Bid Advertisements

INVITATION TO BID & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note the following CREATE opportunities:

BID ADVERTISEMENT
B9-BOCT-TXB-002-Z-BD

An invitation to bid on the CREATE B9, B&OCT/CSXT Track, Earthwork, Grading, and Bridge project in Summit, Bridgeview, and Bedford Park, Illinois has been posted. A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site tour are scheduled for 9:30 am (CST) on February 4th, 2020.
CREATE Funding Commitments

The CREATE Program has received funding commitments totaling $1.6 billion so far, from a variety of public and private sources.

Federal: $628 million  
State: $441 million  
Railroads: $375 million  
Local Governments: $153 million

An estimated $3 billion remains needed to complete the full Program of projects.
CREATE Next Steps

• Continue to leverage all funding opportunities
• Execute 75th St. CIP grant and other grant funded projects

• Complete:
  • Remaining rail corridor projects
  • Remaining passenger-freight rail flyover projects
  • Remaining grade separation projects
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5 Year Capital Program, and Moving Forward
Mission

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Goals
5 Year Capital Program
Metra Assets / Capital Projects

- Rolling Stock
- Bridges and Structures
- Electrical and Electrical propulsion
- Track
- Signal
- Telecommunications
- Yard Facilities and Maintenance
- Stations and Parking Lots
- Line Extensions and Expansions
- Positive Train Control
- Operations and Administration
SPRINGFIELD — Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a new, $40.1 billion state budget bill into law Wednesday, along with bills to fund a long-range capital improvements plan and a bill that would establish a new, multi-bracket income tax structure in Illinois, provided voters approve a constitutional amendment allowing it in the 2020 elections.

The capital improvements bill, meanwhile, calls for spending an additional $45 billion over the next several years repairing and enhancing the state’s roads, bridges and public transit systems as well as K-12 and higher education campuses, public health clinics and a number of other public facilities.
Chicago transportation projects are a major part of the $45 billion capital spending plan signed by Illinois governor J.B. Pritzker on Friday.
The plan, dubbed Rebuild Illinois, allocates a total of $33.2 billion for transportation projects statewide over the next six years, including $25.3 billion of state, federal, and local funds for roads and bridges; $4.5 billion for mass transit, $1.1 for rail projects, and $50 million in bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects.

“Our roads, bridges, transit providers, ports, rail systems and ability to grow bicycle and pedestrian accommodations have been neglected for too long,” said acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “Because of Gov. Pritzker’s leadership and the General Assembly’s bipartisan support of transportation, IDOT is back in the business of building a premier transportation network that creates jobs and improves quality of life.”
What does it mean to Metra……..

A Larger Capital Program…….
The “ASK”

- Locomotive Purchases
- Coach Purchase
- Locomotive Conversions to A/C Propulsion
- Bridges
- Station Improvements
- Customer Service Improvements
- Rock Island Electrification
- A-2 Replacement
- 75th CIP
- O’Hare Service
The “WHAT”

• Rolling Stock
• Bridges
• Stations
• Customer Service Improvements
  – CCTV
  – Shelters
  – Signage
• Signal
• Yards
• Tracks
The “HOW”

• Throughput is the Key
  – LIQ’s
  – Bundling Smaller Projects
  – Project Manager
  – Expanding Metra Workforce

• Streamlining Existing Processes
The “WHEN”

- September 2019
  - RTA releases Marks
- October 2019
  - Draft Program is released to the Board
- November 2019
  - Metra Board Approves Program
- December 2019
  - RTA Approves Program
- January 2020
  - Program Goes Into Effect
Questions / Answers..