



# ARCHER AVENUE AT THE BELT RAILWAY COMPANY OF CHICAGO

## Grade Separation Study

[www.archerBRC.com](http://www.archerBRC.com)

### PURPOSE AND NEED

The project seeks to eliminate the existing at-grade crossing of Archer Avenue and the two Belt Railway Company of Chicago (BRC) tracks. The purpose of this project is to provide a transportation infrastructure improvement in the Archer Avenue corridor that increases operational efficiency and improves safety. Currently motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and freight trains must share the crossing, which creates conflict points, and adds to heavy levels of congestion.



Project Area



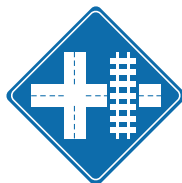
**Enhance  
economic  
growth**



**Improve  
air quality**



**Reduce  
congestion**



**Eliminate  
road-rail  
conflicts**



**Improve  
safety**



**Eliminate  
delays**



**Improve  
aesthetics**

### OVERVIEW

The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program (CREATE) is a first-of-its-kind partnership between local, state, and federal government to invest in and improve the efficiency of the rail network in the region. Identified as a priority area, the Archer Avenue at the Belt Railway Company of Chicago (BRC) project (GS9), located in the communities of Archer Heights and Garfield Ridge, is being explored as one of 70 CREATE projects.

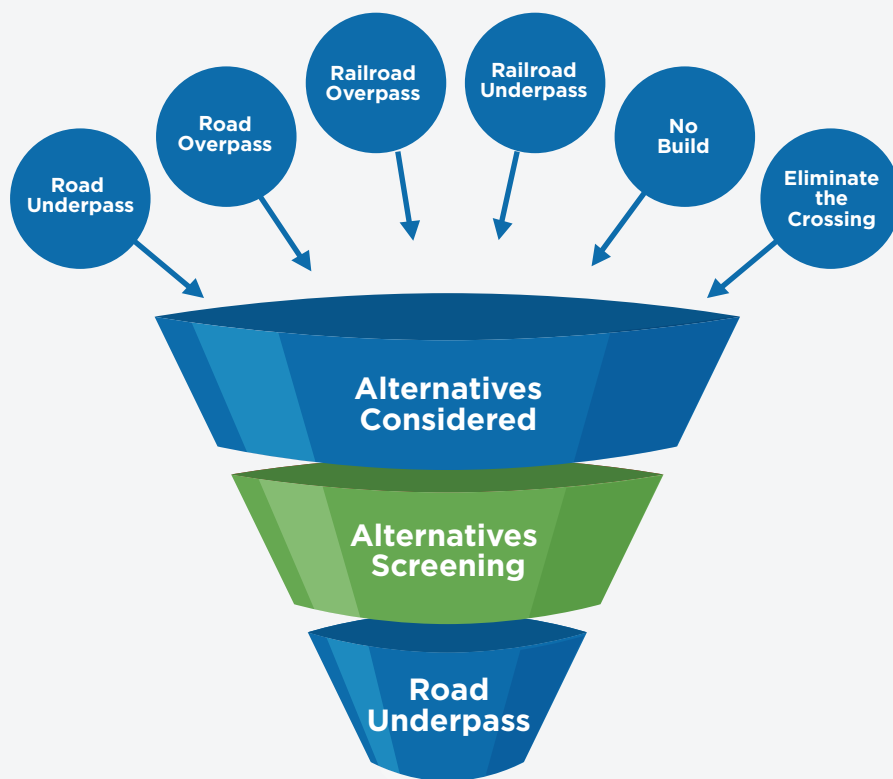


In partnership with



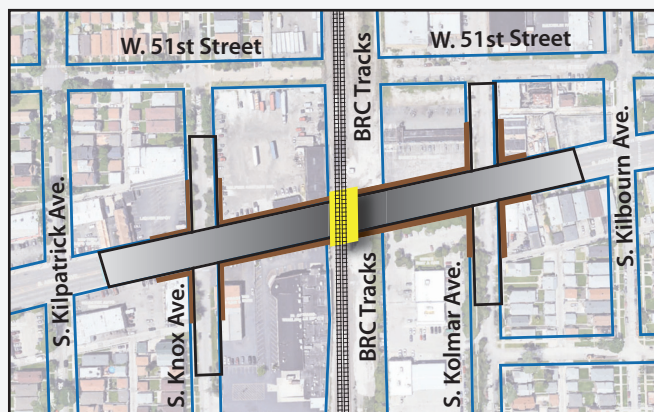
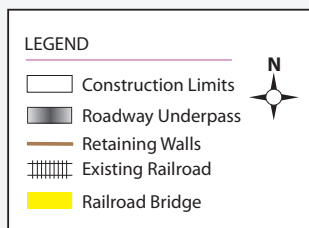
# ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

The study is considering six different design alternatives to best meet the needs of the community while advancing economic growth, increasing access for emergency responders and improving conditions for all modes of travel.



## ROAD UNDERPASS

Archer Avenue would be depressed below the BRC track grade



## NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Develop and refine the road underpass alternative design
- ✓ Consider and assess potential impacts

## DAILY ACTIVITY OF INTERSECTION

**18,600**  
VEHICLES

**2,700**  
VEHICLE DELAYS

**259**  
CTA BUSES DAILY

**32**  
FREIGHT TRAINS

## SCHEDULE

- **April 2016 - December 2017** (phase 1)  
**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING**
  - **February 7, 2017**  
CAG MEETING #1
  - **May 9, 2017**  
CAG MEETING #2
  - **July 18, 2017**  
CAG MEETING #3
  - **September-October, 2017**  
CAG MEETING #4
- **October-November, 2017**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**
- **TBD** (phase 2 & phase 3)\*
  - **DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL PLAN/ DETAILED ENGINEERING**
  - **CONSTRUCTION**

CAG - Community Advisory Group

\* The remaining project schedule, including construction, will depend upon identification of funding resources.