



STUDY

IL 43 Harlem Avenue between 63rd and 65th

PUBLIC MEETING #2

**Thank you for attending our Public Meeting.
Your participation in tonight's meeting will help
shape future improvements for IL 43 Harlem Ave.**

The purpose is to provide an overview of the project and an update on the study's progress. Project alternatives are on display for your review. Please provide your input by completing a comment sheet. We appreciate your involvement and look forward to your continued participation throughout the study.



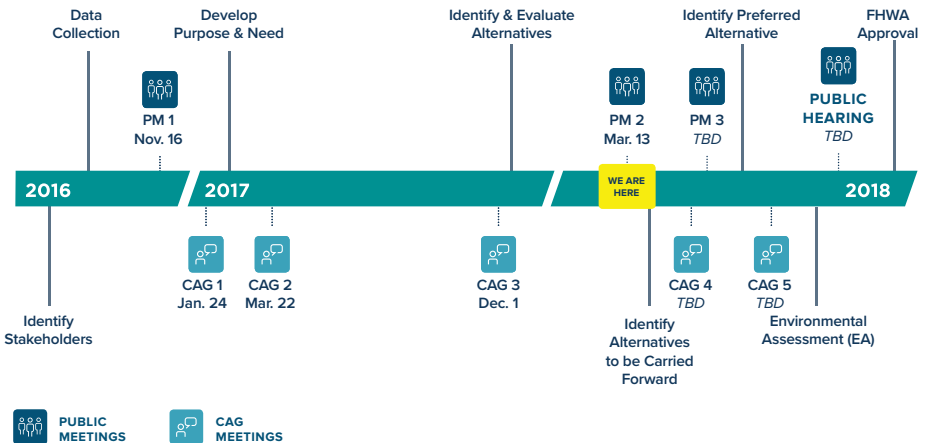
// PROJECT OVERVIEW

Potential improvements could include grade separation of the BRC railroad crossings at 63rd Street and/or 65th Street.

Since the start of the project in 2016, the study team collected data, analyzed existing and future conditions, formed a Community Advisory Group (CAG), defined the Purpose and Need of the project, and developed alternatives.

A preferred alternative is anticipated to be identified at the end of 2018.

PHASE I PROCESS



PROBLEM STATEMENT

The CAG identified issues and concerns representative of their community to develop the study's Problem Statement: The at-grade crossings of the Belt Railway Company of Chicago (BRC) tracks at 63rd and 65th Streets near IL 43 (Harlem Avenue) have limited the mobility and access to the surrounding communities.

The existing condition creates travel delays and diversions that affect all transportation users, especially emergency vehicles, transit, and the community.

The delays hinder economic development, making bicycle and pedestrian movement difficult, and negatively affect quality of life. In addition, drainage issues within the study limits need to be addressed.

// PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the project is to enhance safety, increase mobility, and improve multimodal connectivity.

SAFETY CONCERNS

Crash data collected by IDOT for a six-year study period from 2010 to 2015 shows that **465 crashes** occurred within the Project Study Area.

465 total crashes

87
injury

9
bicycle/pedestrian

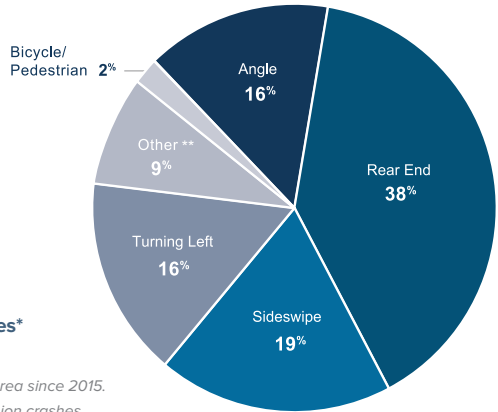
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fatalities*

**An additional 2 fatalities occurred in crashes in the study area since 2015.*

***Includes fixed object, parked vehicles, and other noncollision crashes.*

CRASH STUDY RESULTS

2010-2015



EVALUATING MOBILITY AND MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY

To determine the need for improvement, the study team evaluated queueing and the different types of multimodal connectivity in the area.

Queueing

Queueing is the length of vehicles accumulated at each approach of an intersection. When a train occupies the crossings, queues on both 63rd St. and 65th St. back up for several blocks, negatively impacting the traffic on blocked side streets.

63rd St. at BRC is a 911 critical crossing. If trains block the crossing for more than 5 minutes, emergency services must be notified.

Intermodal Transportation

The IL 43 corridor and east-west movements are critical to the manufacturing and freight along I-55.

Public Transportation

CTA and PACE operate bus routes that are impacted when trains occupy the crossings.

Non-Motorized Modes

It is difficult to bike or walk along Harlem Ave. due to lack of bike separation and narrow sidewalks*.

**According to a survey conducted by the Village of Summit and the Active Transportation Alliance.*

// DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVES

The study team developed 21 alternatives and grouped them into the following categories:

Group 1 Minor Build

Group 2 BRC Elevated / Depressed

Group 3 63rd St. Elevated

Group 4 63rd St. Depressed

Group 5 65th St. Elevated

Group 6 65th St. Depressed

Group 7 Combinations for 63rd St. and 65th St. Elevated/Depressed.

To determine if each alternative meets the Purpose and Need, goals of the study, and adheres to the NEPA process, the study team considered:

- Safety
- Mobility and Connectivity
- Construction Cost
- Residential and business access
- School and park access

Alternatives can be viewed in detail at il43study.org/documents.

After tonight's meeting, the study team will consider all comments submitted and continue to evaluate alternatives.

To stay updated on the study's progress or to be notified of upcoming meetings:



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