



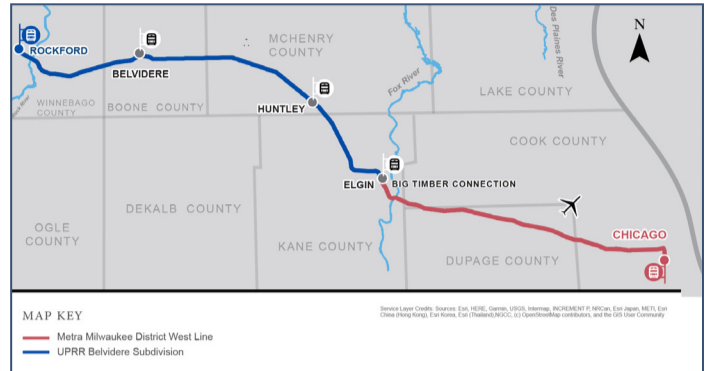
WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in the Chicago to Rockford Intercity Passenger Rail Program!

We look forward to keeping you informed of project updates, meetings and upcoming events and hope to hear your feedback as the program advances.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) have partnered with Union Pacific Railroad and Metra to re-establish intercity passenger rail service between **Chicago and Rockford**, with intermediate stops planned in **Elgin, Huntley and Belvidere**. This service will provide efficient, safe and reliable transportation operations, with passenger trains traveling at maximum speeds of up to 79 mph, to connect Illinois communities in Cook, Kane, McHenry, Boone and Winnebago Counties.



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PROJECT UPDATES

September 2024 Public Meetings

Thank you to all who attended the public information meetings held in September in the communities of Rockford, Belvidere, Elgin and Huntley. More than 350 people attended and engaged in meaningful conversations with the project team.

The second series of public information meetings reintroduced project information, provided community members with updates, and offered an opportunity to meet with IDOT and project staff consultants.

If you were not available to attend a meeting, we invite you to view the meeting presentation on the [project website](#).

[VIEW PUBLIC MEETING PRESENTATION](#)



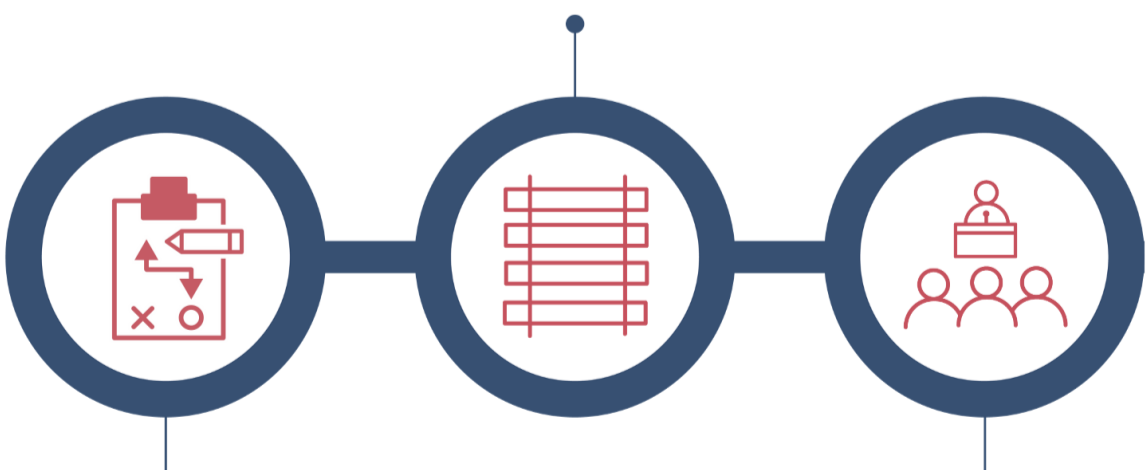
As the Chicago to Rockford Intercity Passenger Rail Program advances, we are committed to keeping you informed of our progress. Future public involvement opportunities will be announced through the project e-newsletter, the project website, direct outreach and coordination with local officials and community-based organizations who will be asked to assist in promoting public involvement activities.

We look forward to your participation.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Preliminary Engineering Design

- Track improvements
- Connection track at Big Timber
- Siding near Marengo
- Crossing improvements
- Stations



Field Surveys

- Track, crossing and station survey
- Environmental surveys

Agreements

- Intergovernmental agreements between IDOT and communities

Regular program updates and future public meetings will continue into 2025 and beyond.

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED



Visit chicagotorockfordrail.org to stay up to date about project happenings and to learn more about public involvement opportunities.



To submit a question or comment to the IDOT team via email, please contact: info@chicagotorockfordrail.com.



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