Overview of Rail Operations in Chicago

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Transportation Hub For The Nation

**AIR HUB**
- O’Hare
- Midway

**ROAD HUB**
- I-94
- I-90
- I-57
- I-55
- I-80
- I-65

**RAIL HUB**
- BNSF
- Canadian National
- Canadian Pacific
- CSX
- Norfolk Southern
- Union Pacific
Chicago is North America’s Rail Hub
Chicago’s Rail Operations and Infrastructure are Complex

- 1,200 daily trains
- 12 commuter rail routes
- 18 intermodal hubs
- 40 yards and terminals
- 2,800 track miles (excluding yards)
- 900 highway-rail grade crossings
- 132 rail-rail grade crossings
U.S. Freight Transportation

Source: Eno Transportation Foundation
Ozone and PM2.5 Source Contributions

**VOC**
- MAR: 1%
- on-road: 22%
- nonroad: 21%
- EGU: 0%
- nonEGU: 8%

**PM**
- MAR: 5%
- on-road: 13%
- nonroad: 19%
- EGU: 13%
- nonEGU: 9%

**NOx**
- MAR: 13%
- on-road: 7%
- nonEGU: 11%
- nonroad: 18%
- area: 49%

**MAR = Marine Aircraft Rail**
*(note, most of the total is from rail)*

2005 Annual Emissions
Cook County, IL
STREAMLINING CHICAGO’S RAILROADS

Key to railroads
Not all lines shown

BN/NS: Burlington Northern Santa Fe
BRC: Belt Railway of Chicago
CG/W: Chicago & North Western
CN: Canadian National
CP: Canadian Pacific
CRL: Chicago Rail Link
CSS: Chicago South Shore & South Bend
CSX: CSX Transportation
E/El: Elgin, Joliet & Eastern
IHIB: Indiana Harbor Belt
METRA: Metra
ME: Metro Electric
MJ: Manufacturer’s Junction
NS: Norfolk Southern
UP: Union Pacific

Chicago’s rail corridors
- Central
- Western Ave.
- Passenger Express
- Beltway
- East-West Connector

New grade crossing separations appear in red numbers per table (left)
The Belt Clearing Yard

Clearing Yard
Chicago, Illinois