

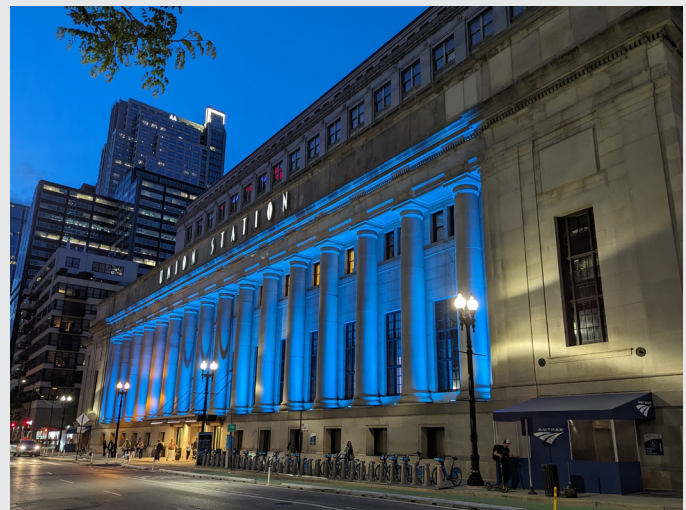


# CHICAGO HUB IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



Amtrak, in collaboration with Metra, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Department of Transportation, Cook County Department of Highways and Transportation, and the Michigan Department of Transportation, is making a significant investment in the Chicago Hub Improvement Program (CHIP). This initiative will transform both regional and intercity passenger rail service by improving connectivity to job centers, reducing carbon emissions, and addressing other critical needs.

As a key rail hub, Chicago plays a vital role in regional connections and economic growth. However, the aging infrastructure has struggled to keep pace with rising demand, leading to bottlenecks, delays, and safety concerns. CHIP is specifically designed to tackle these challenges, modernizing the rail network to meet the demands of the future.



## Chicago Union Station by the Numbers

3rd busiest passenger railroad terminal in the U.S.

2.7+ million Amtrak riders annually

30+ million Metra riders annually

400+ train movements each day

16 Amtrak intercity rail lines

6 Metra commuter rail lines

## CHIP BENEFITS



**REDUCED  
TRAVEL TIMES**



**SERVICE  
EXPANSION**



**IMPROVED  
PASSENGER  
EXPERIENCE**



**SAFETY  
IMPROVEMENTS**



**SUSTAINABILITY**



**JOB ACCESS**



**ENHANCED  
ACCESSIBILITY**



**IMPROVED  
RELIABILITY**

## Union Station Enhancements

### • Station Modernization

Modernization of the concourse and, mezzanine, as well as the entrance pavilions will enhance passenger flow, accessibility, and safety. The project transforms Union Station into a vibrant transportation hub that graciously welcomes travelers, commuters, and residents.

### • Platform Reactivation

The reactivation of four existing platforms and the reactivation of a dormant platform will increase station capacity, improve ADA accessibility with level boarding, and support future rail service expansion.

### • Platform & Ventilation Improvements

The expansion of four platforms and upgrading the ventilation system will address longstanding air quality, safety, and accessibility concerns.

## Infrastructure Upgrades

### • South Branch Viaduct

The existing South Branch bridge requires frequent lifts, disrupting Amtrak, Metra commuter trains, as well as freight rail and barge traffic. The project aims to minimize these disruptions by exploring the best options to span the river more efficiently.

### • New Chicago Maintenance Facilities

Amtrak's current maintenance facility is over-capacity and unable to support future growth. This project will assess current and potential future properties to determine the best layout for train storage and maintenance.

### • Southwest Michigan Capacity Enhancement

Restoring up to 19 miles of double track between Niles and Glenwood Road in southwest Michigan will significantly improve reliability by enabling opposing trains to pass each other without stopping.