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**MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES \$132 MILLION GRANT TO IMPROVE RAIL
CONGESTION ACROSS THE REGION**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced that Chicago has received a \$132 million federal grant for the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) Program for the 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project (CIP). This investment from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) will help separate several freight and passenger rail lines in the Englewood, Auburn Gresham and West Chatham neighborhoods that currently intersect and create significant delays, train idling and congestion. This project is an important step in updating the region's rail infrastructure and will help increase reliability and efficiency nationally.

"Transportation is not just Chicago's historic strength; it is our competitive advantage for the future," said Mayor Rahm Emanuel. "Federal investments in Chicago's rail system, roadways, waterways and airports create jobs for Chicago residents, strengthen our economy and benefit the entire country. I want to thank all the local, state and federal partners who came together to move full steam ahead on modernizing Chicago's rail system."

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