# Muskego Yard Freight Rail Bypass Project

**Public Presentation** 





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### Presentation purpose and agenda

#### Purpose

 Present project design concepts and obtain input from local officials and the public

#### Agenda

- Project background
- Existing and proposed operations
- Project features and right of way
- Environmental review
- Schedule
- Next steps



#### Project background

- Improved freight operations at Muskego Yard and improved safety in the Milwaukee Intermodal Station critical to future passenger rail growth.
- WisDOT and Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) coordinating potential Muskego Yard improvements since 2010.
- WisDOT received \$26.6M Federal Rail Administration (FRA) grant to complete final design and construction.

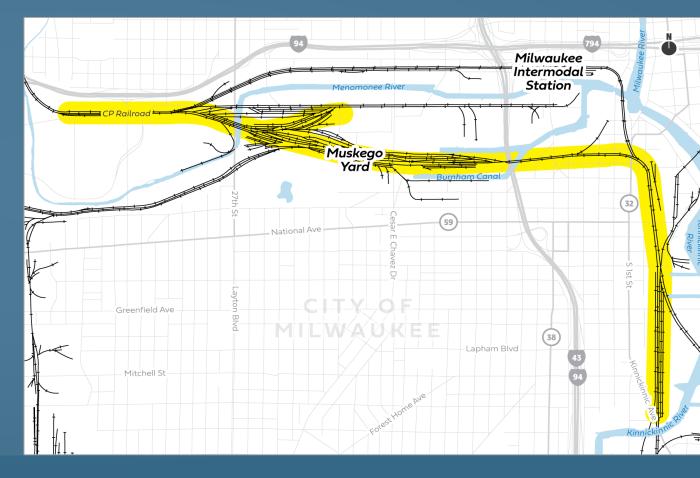


#### **Project overview**

Freight rail improvement project that will update and reconfigure existing rail and yard facilities along CPR corridor.

- Creates double-track mainline through Muskego Rail Yard
- Installs new signal system
- Rehabilitates and replaces bridges

The project is located along CPR tracks just north of the Kinnickinnic River to just west of 35<sup>th</sup> Street in Milwaukee.



















# Project purpose and outcomes

Improve safety and efficiency of freight rail movement through Milwaukee.

- Reduces freight travel times.
- Improves flexibility of yard operations.
- Increases train yard access.



Allows up to 11 daily freight trains to bypass the MIS.

- Frees up capacity at the MIS.
- Provides opportunity to increase Hiawatha service.
- Reduces travel time delays at local street crossings.











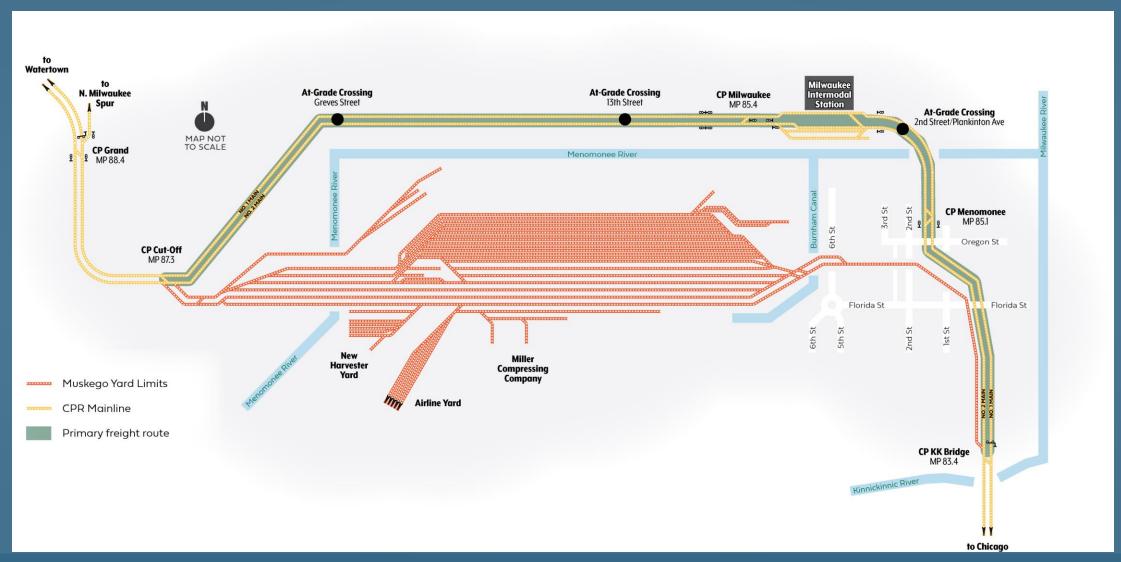








# **Existing train operations**











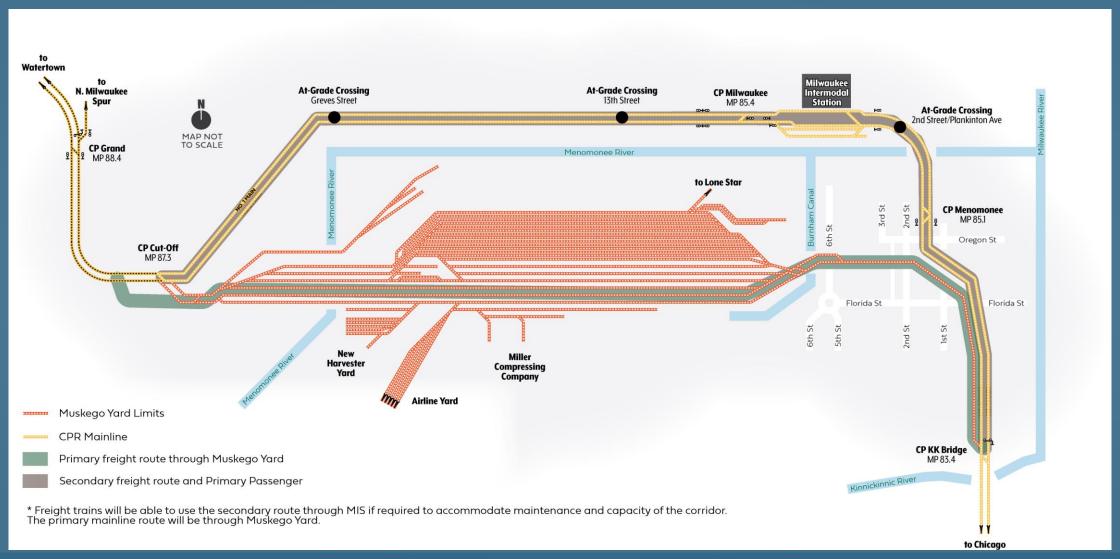








## Proposed train operations











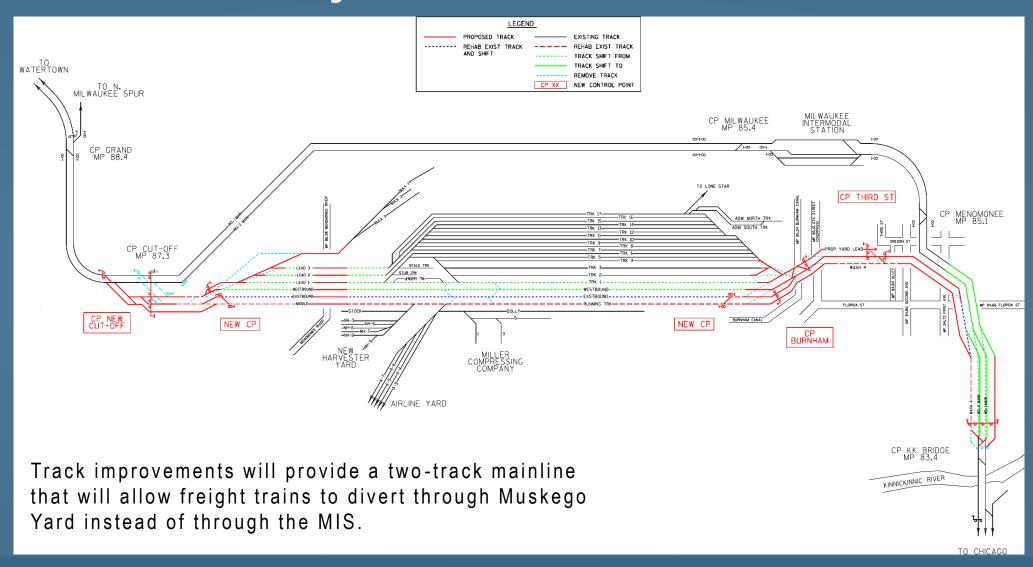








### Project features - Track



















#### Project features - Signals

#### Implement Centralized Traffic Control (CTC) system

- Replaces manual control with remote control communications.
- Allows signals to automatically change in response to track occupancy and movement authorities.
- Improved operational efficiency and higher speed movements through Muskego Yard

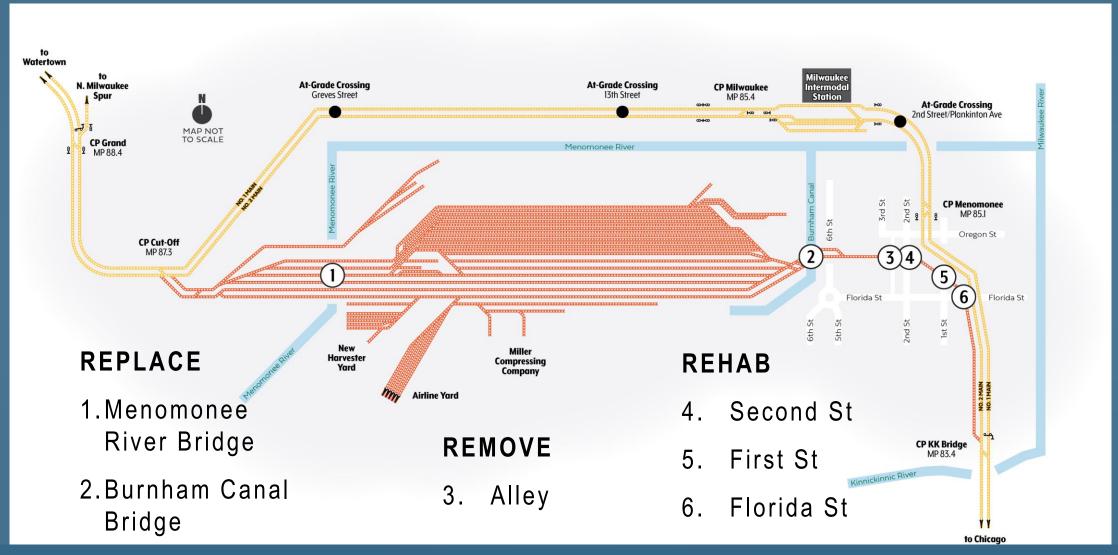


Staff signal



Cantilever signal

### **Project features - Structures**













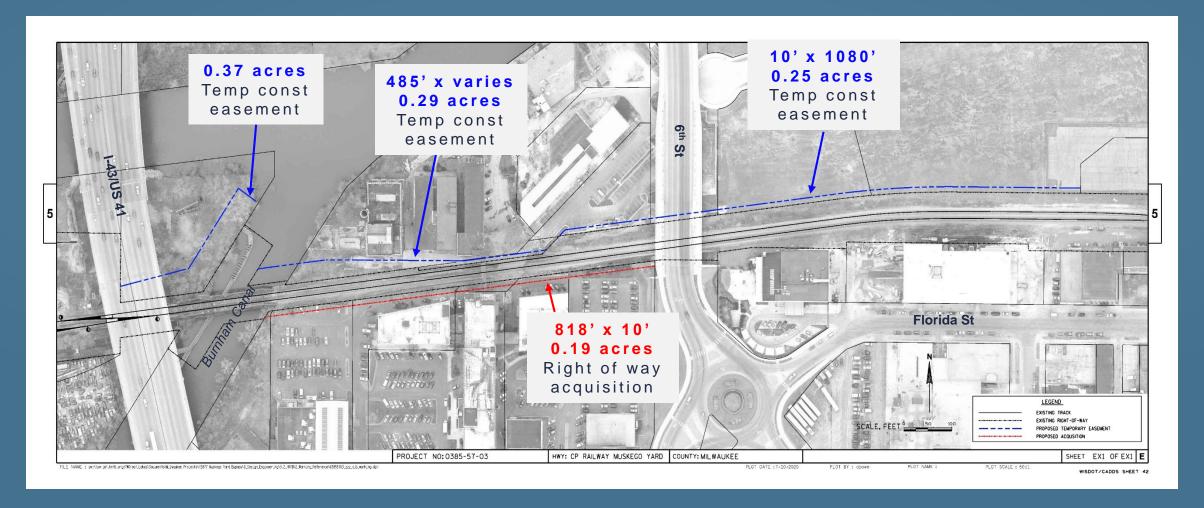






# Anticipated right of way

- 0.90 acres of temporary construction easement
- 0.19 acres of permanent acquisition



#### **Environmental review**

#### **Ongoing studies**

- Social/economic impacts
- Noise and vibration
- Cultural resources
- Natural resources
- Hazardous materials





















# **Project Timeline**



















### **Next steps**

- Continuing coordination with CPR
- Complete preliminary engineering
- FRA complete environmental review
- Ongoing stakeholder coordination
- Initiate final design and construction















# Submit your comments

Comments due August 7, 2020

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