The Chicago Gateway

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Chicago Rail Network

- Busiest rail hub in the United States for the last 150 years
- All 6 Class 1 railroads access Chicago.
- Over 2,000 rail miles.
- 11 Commuter Rail Lines
- 25% of all freight trains
- 46% of all intermodal originates, terminates, or passes through Chicago
CTCO – How it Began

• 1999 – Chicago Planning Group formed

• 2000 – Chicago Transportation Coordination Office (CTCO)

• 2016 – Chicago Integrated Rail Operations (CIROC)

• 2023 – CTCO current day is staffed Metra, BNSF, CSX, NS, UP, IHB, BRC
CTCO Purpose

• Process Improvements
• Central Office for Regional Rail Matters
• Industry representation for Federal & Local Government Agencies
• Strategic Long-Term Facilities and Process Planning (CREATE)
• Weekly STB reporting
US Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary Polly Trottenberg
Chicago Protocol:

• Metra/Amtrak performance

• Intermodal performance

• General Merchandise/Bulk performance
CIROC Purpose

- Launched in 2016
- Staffed 24/7
- Oversight of Network health
- Trains Held Report
- Daily Coordination Calls
- Central location for Engineering Planning
OPCON Process

- Weather Conditions
- Operating Conditions
- Volume Conditions

**Green:** Normal Operating Conditions

**Yellow:** 8 – 12 inches of snow forecasted in a 24-hour period or temperatures between -5 and -19 degrees
- Action item: Increase daily call frequency to include plan owners

**Red:** Forecast exceeds 12 inches of snow in a 24-hour period, winds greater than 35 mph, or accumulation adversely affecting rail operations
- Action item: Strategic measures to reduce volume into the Chicago Complex
- OPCON matrix provides guidance
Chicago Scorecard

- Key Performance Indicators
  - Inventory
  - Dwell
  - Resources
  - Trains Held

- Distributed twice daily to all stakeholders
Weekly Engineering Report

- Discussed on daily operations calls with all carriers
- Detail reports shared weekly with all plan owners
- Schedule adjustments as necessary

| Chain of Command | Work Description | Track Milepost | Start Date | End Date | Estimated Time | Track Use | Reasons | Affected Traffic
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<td>BRC CLEARING YARD</td>
<td>Maintenance</td>
<td>Hamp (11 - 1 - 12)</td>
<td>Sun 01/01</td>
<td>Sun 12/31</td>
<td>10:00 AM to 10:30 AM</td>
<td>1 track</td>
<td>Prevent maintenance</td>
<td>BRC trains will experience delays.</td>
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<td>BRC West Yard</td>
<td>Vehicle Replacement</td>
<td>Hamp (11 - 1 - 11)</td>
<td>Tue 09/12</td>
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<td>09:00 AM to 09:30 AM</td>
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<td>Perform maintenance</td>
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<td>HSB</td>
<td>Switch Maintenance</td>
<td>All trains (CT 350 - CP 398)</td>
<td>Mon 08/10</td>
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<td>08:00 AM to 08:30 AM</td>
<td>2 tracks</td>
<td>Perform switch maintenance</td>
<td>HSB trains will experience delays.</td>
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**CHICAGO WEEKLY MAINTENANCE OF WAY SCHEDULE**

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<th>Date of Issue</th>
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**Outages**

- BRC CLEARING YARD: Maintenance
- BRC West Yard: Vehicle Replacement
- HSB: Switch Maintenance

**Additional Information**

- Windows every Thursday: This will slow down inbound trains.
- System tie train on inbound with impacts to HSB, CN, CSX, BRC, Metra.
- System rail train on inbound (will slow and retie inbound).