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**MEDIA ADVISORY**
For Friday, Nov. 4, 2011
$19.5 Million CREATE Project Completed
Improves rail and street congestion, air quality in Alsip and Blue Island

WHEN:           10:00 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7, 2011
WHAT:           A ribbon cutting for the completed construction of a third main line along the Indiana Harbor Belt and a new rail bridge over 127th Street and upgraded existing track at interlockings. Allows for additional capacity for movements around trains waiting for yard access thus reducing rail and street congestion. This project is a key regional rail infrastructure project for the south suburbs.
WHERE:         4198 W. 123rd Street, Alsip, Illinois (123rd and IHB/CSX crossing)
WHO:            State Representative Monique Davis
               State Representative Robert Rita
               Mayor Patrick Kitching, Alsip
               Mayor Donald Peloquin, Blue Island
               Marva Boyd, Chief of Staff - Office of the Secretary, IDOT
               Joe Shacter, Division of Public & Intermodal Transportation, IDOT
               Mark Hinsdale, CSX Assistant Vice President

The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) program is a first-of-its-kind partnership, bringing together US DOT, Illinois Department of Transportation, the City of Chicago Department of Transportation and the Association of American Railroads (AAR). CREATE comprises 70 critically needed rail and highway infrastructure improvements in Northeastern Illinois, aimed at improving the quality of life of Illinois residents, and increasing the efficiency of freight and passenger rail service throughout the region and across the U.S.

Project information available upon request.