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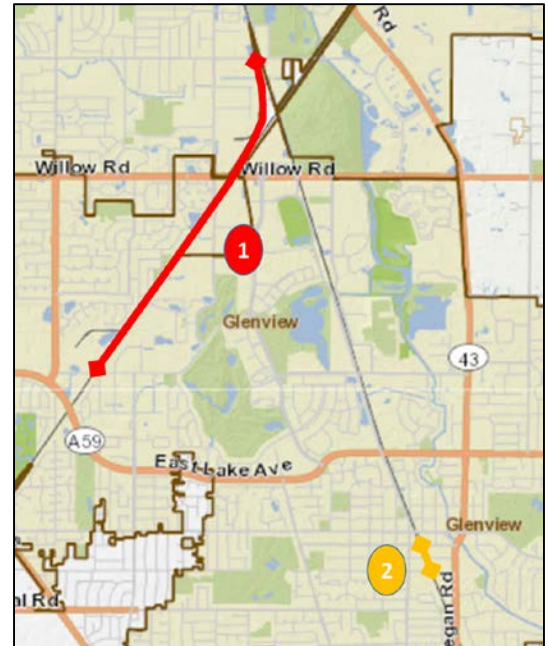


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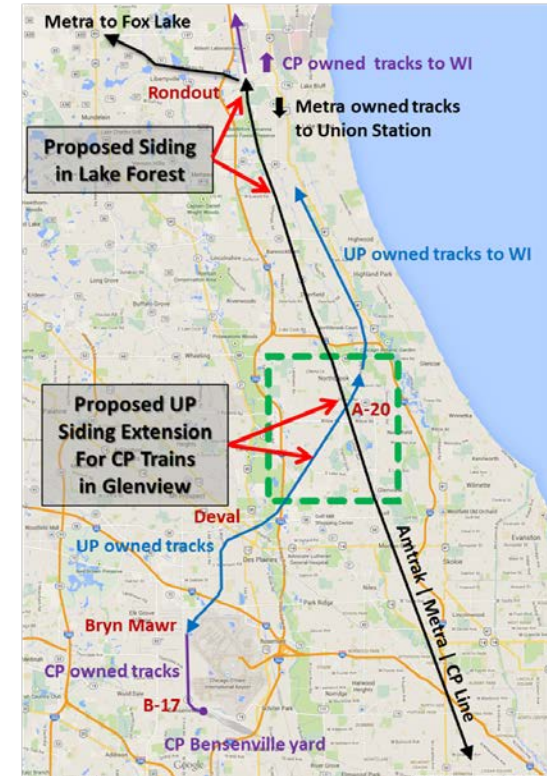
Background

- **WisDOT & IDOT propose an increase to Amtrak's Hiawatha service from 7 to 10 round trips**
 1. New track to hold 2-mile long freight trains adjacent to existing Union Pacific tracks
 2. New universal crossover switch proposed on Metra tracks south of Dewes Street
- **Community concerns with Amtrak's \$195M proposal:**
 - Project Need
 - Project's Environmental Impacts
- **History:**
 - Release of Environmental Assessment (EA) – Oct. 2016
 - Project Public Meeting – Nov. 2016
 - Public comment period ended - Jan. 2017
 - Glenview hosted Public Forum – Mar. 2018
- **Additional Information:**
 - www.glenview.il.us – Search “Hiawatha”
 - ACTION resident group - www.nothirdrail.com



Summary

- **Next Steps in Process:**
 - Release of Final EA – Q2 2018
 - Meetings with community leaders/legislators - Q2-Q3 2018
 - Release of Final EA to FRA – Q2-Q3 2018
 - FRA Decision Document – Q3-Q4 2018
- **Potential Action Items** (\$400,000 budget):
 - Communications – planning, educating, mobilizing, implementation - \$50,000.00 contract with Jasculca Terman
 - Research - engineering, rail, traffic, and environmental consultants; project alternatives - \$100,000.00 (TBD)
 - Lobbying - \$50,000.00 (TBD)
 - Litigation - potential NEPA violation; environmental issues - \$100,000.00 (TBD)
 - Contingency - \$100,000 (TBD)



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