

ORDINANCE
CLOSURE TO VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC OF ALLEY LOCATED IMMEDIATELY
WEST OF B&OCTR RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN 68TH & 69TH STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago ("City") is an Illinois home rule municipality, and pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Baltimore and Ohio Chicago Terminal Railroad Company, an Illinois corporation ("B&OCTR"), desire to close to vehicular and pedestrian traffic the alley running north-south approximately one-quarter mile east of Western Avenue and immediately west of B&OCTR's existing right-of-way between 68th and 69th streets; and

WHEREAS, this closure is a necessary component of the Forest Hill Flyover (CREATE P3) Project, which is part of the larger Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency ("CREATE") Program; and

WHEREAS, the CREATE Program is designed to make the railroad network of Chicago safer, more efficient, and better able to accommodate growth in freight and passenger rail traffic, which involves improving the flow of passenger and freight rail traffic in Chicago, as well as associated street traffic, by eliminating conflicts and bottlenecks through grade separations; and

WHEREAS, the CREATE P3 Project is one of the more significant and costly elements of the CREATE Program and involves a rail-rail flyover – or bridge carrying one or more train tracks over another set of tracks (or over a street) - to separate CSX from Belt Railway Company, Norfolk Southern, and Metra near 74th Street and Bell Avenue, the overall project extending from 68th Street to 79th Street along the CSX rail line, which runs north-south approximately one-quarter mile east of Western Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the closure to vehicular and pedestrian traffic of the alley running north-south between 68th and 69th Street immediately west of B&OCTR right-of-way is necessary to enable the construction of the westernmost section of the CREATE P3 retaining wall; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the alley to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for use in constructing a portion of the CREATE P3 retaining wall is an improvement to transportation in the public interest and safety; now, therefore,

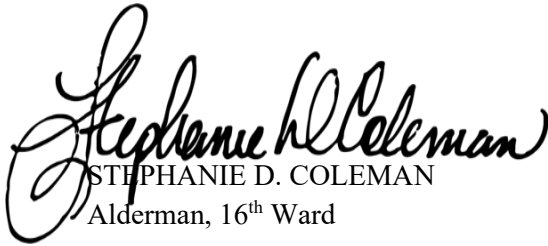
Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Chicago:

SECTION 1. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance, the portion of the alley running north-south approximately one-quarter mile east of Western Avenue and immediately west of B&OCTR's existing right-of-way between 68th and 69th streets, as shown and indicated by the words "CLOSED TO TRAFFIC" on the drawing hereto attached, which drawing for greater certainty is hereby made a part of this ordinance as Exhibit A ("Closed Public Way"), is hereby closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance, B&OCTR is authorized to construct a retaining wall within the Closed Public Way that will be used to maintain the Forest Hill Flyover in accordance with plans and specifications approved by and subject to permits issued by the Commissioner of Transportation ("Commissioner").

SECTION 5. The closure herein provided for is further made upon the express condition that B&OCTR comply with all conditions set forth in the Department of Water Management letter dated October 2, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie D. Coleman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

STEPHANIE D. COLEMAN
Alderman, 16th Ward