

Red Line Extension (RLE) 2023 Year in Review



January

CTA Diversity Programs hosted the first Red Line Extension (RLE) Construction Management (CM) Networking Event!

Community members were invited to meet with potential contractors and other DBE firms to network and build partnerships in advance of the CM contract award.

RED AHEAD



RLE Construction Management Contract In-Person Diversity Networking Event

Prospective proposers are invited to learn about RLE construction management contracting opportunities and network with potential partners.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Registration – 10:00 a.m.

Presentation – 10:30 a.m.

Meet & Greet will immediately follow.

**Olive-Harvey College
10001 S. Woodlawn Ave.
Chicago, IL 60628**

Subcontracting opportunities may include:

- Field Inspection
- Security Personnel
- Testing and Inspection
- Quality Management
- Community Outreach
- Safety Professionals

Visit
tiny.cc/RLEMeetandGreet
to register.



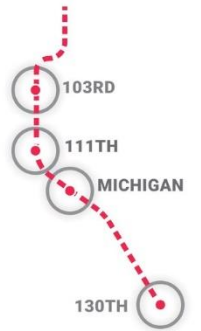
February

After multiple community meetings and months of hard work and analysis, the Draft Red Line Extension (RLE) Transit-Supportive Development (TSD) Plan became available for public review.

CTA worked with the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) to create a guide for future development in the long-disinvested communities located near the RLE project area.

RED LINE EXTENSION

Transit-Supportive Development Plan



March

President Biden released the Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2024, which called for \$350 million toward RLE, with the support from U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez, Sens. Duckworth and Durbin, Rep. Quigley and more.

MARCH 09, 2023

DUCKWORTH, DURBIN ANNOUNCE \$350 MILLION SLATED FOR CTA RED LINE EXTENSION

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] – U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) and U.S. Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-IL) today announced that \$350 million has been slated from the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to help continue the progress on the Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) Red Line Extension project. The Red Line Extension is one of the 18 major transit projects recommended for funding today in President Biden's Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget Request to Congress.

BUSINESS

Biden Proposes \$350M Federal Grant to Fund Far South Side CTA Red Line Extension

Heather Cherone | March 9, 2023 5:48 pm



A southbound CTA Red Line train is pictured in a file photo. (WTTW News)

President Joe Biden's proposed budget for 2024 includes \$350 million that would finally get the extension of the CTA's Red Line from 95th Street to the city's southern border near 130th Street off the drawing board.

April

The Spring 2023 RLE newsletter was released to highlight the project's exciting updates and progress, including the Biden Administration funding and our new Community Spotlight!

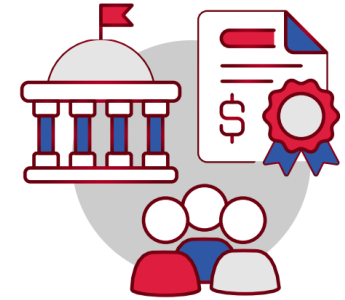
The RLE newsletter is released twice a year to our subscribers. Next year, you can expect a lot more news and more frequent updates!

Spring 2023
Newsletter



Biden Administration's Proposed Budget Includes \$350 Million for Red Line Extension Project

The City of Chicago and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) are thrilled that the Red Line Extension (RLE) Project – one of the most transformational investments in agency history – has been included in President Biden's Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2024. The inclusion of this significant level of funding in the President's Budget Recommendation reflects the importance of the RLE Project – not solely as a necessary transportation investment, but as a project that meets the Biden Administration's goals for infrastructure investments that foster equity and inclusion. If added to the final Congressional budget and approved, the \$350 million capital grant will continue adding momentum to this transformative project.



Red Line Extension Community Spotlight: Ware Ranch Steak House Re-Opens!

Since 1969, the Ware Ranch Steakhouse, located at 11147 S. Michigan Ave., has been a landmark in the Roseland community. Countless customers have dined at the restaurant since childhood, holding many memories of first dates, graduations, and after-church gatherings. In 2018, Judy and Victor Ware bought the business from the original owners, renovating the entire restaurant, including updating the kitchen and second floor to serve as a future event space. The restaurant boasts an extensive breakfast, lunch, and dinner menu, including customer favorites such as pancakes, French toast, and the famous "John Wayne" and "Roy Rogers" steak dinners!



Victor and Judy Ware, Owners, Ware Ranch Steak House

When asked about RLE, the Wares, who are longtime residents of the area, are excited and looking forward to the opportunities that the RLE and future development within the project area will bring to Roseland and surrounding neighborhoods. "RLE will help drive businesses to the area, giving folks a place to eat and shop," said Judy, who added she also believes the RLE will bring increased support to the businesses currently in the Roseland community.

Following a break-in and two fires that caused significant damage in 2020, the couple rebuilt the restaurant again and re-opened in early 2022. Despite these setbacks, the couple remains optimistic about the future of the steakhouse, one of few sit-down restaurants in Roseland. Their commitment to the restaurant demonstrates their dedication to the neighborhood.

May

CTA announced the agency selected three qualified contracting teams to submit design-build proposals for project construction.

CTA anticipates awarding the design-build contract in 2024.



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May 12, 2023

CTA Identifies Bidders for Historic Red Line Extension Project
CTA will select the most-qualified contracting team to build the transformational RLE project and the agency will work to meet the goal of DBE, minority firm participation

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) continues to advance the transformational Red Line Extension (RLE) project with the announcement that it has selected three prequalified teams to submit proposals on the transformative project to extend rail service to Chicago's Far South Side.

Bonus: May

The City of Chicago Plan Commission adopted the community-driven Red Line Extension (RLE) Transit-Supportive Development (TSD) Plan!

The RLE TSD Plan also works in conjunction with other major city investments like INVEST South/West and the Roseland Medical District Master Plan.



June + July

CTA Diversity Programs teams held two events with the short-listed prime contractors for residents and customers to learn more about upcoming opportunities and partnerships.

MEET THE CONTRACTORS Red Line Extension (RLE) Short Listed Primes Event



F.H. PASCHEN
RAGNAR BENSON
MILHOUSE
BOWA



June 8, 2023

9:00am – 12:00pm

CTA Headquarters
567 West Lake Street,
Chicago, IL 60661
2nd FL Conference Rooms A,B,C

Registration:

<https://bit.ly/3LxUq4R>

July 18, 2023

10:00am – 12:00pm

Olive Harvey College
10001 S Woodlawn Ave,
Chicago, IL 60628

Registration:

<https://bit.ly/44XGLgr>

The July event will focus on professional services opportunities

August

The RLE Transit-Supportive Development (TSD) Plan won the 2023 Strategic Plan Award from the American Planning Association - Illinois Chapter (APA-IL)!



Bonus: August

The RLE team joined 10th Ward Ald. Chico's back-to-school event and contributed pencils, folders and crayons for students in need.



September

Biggest news of the year:

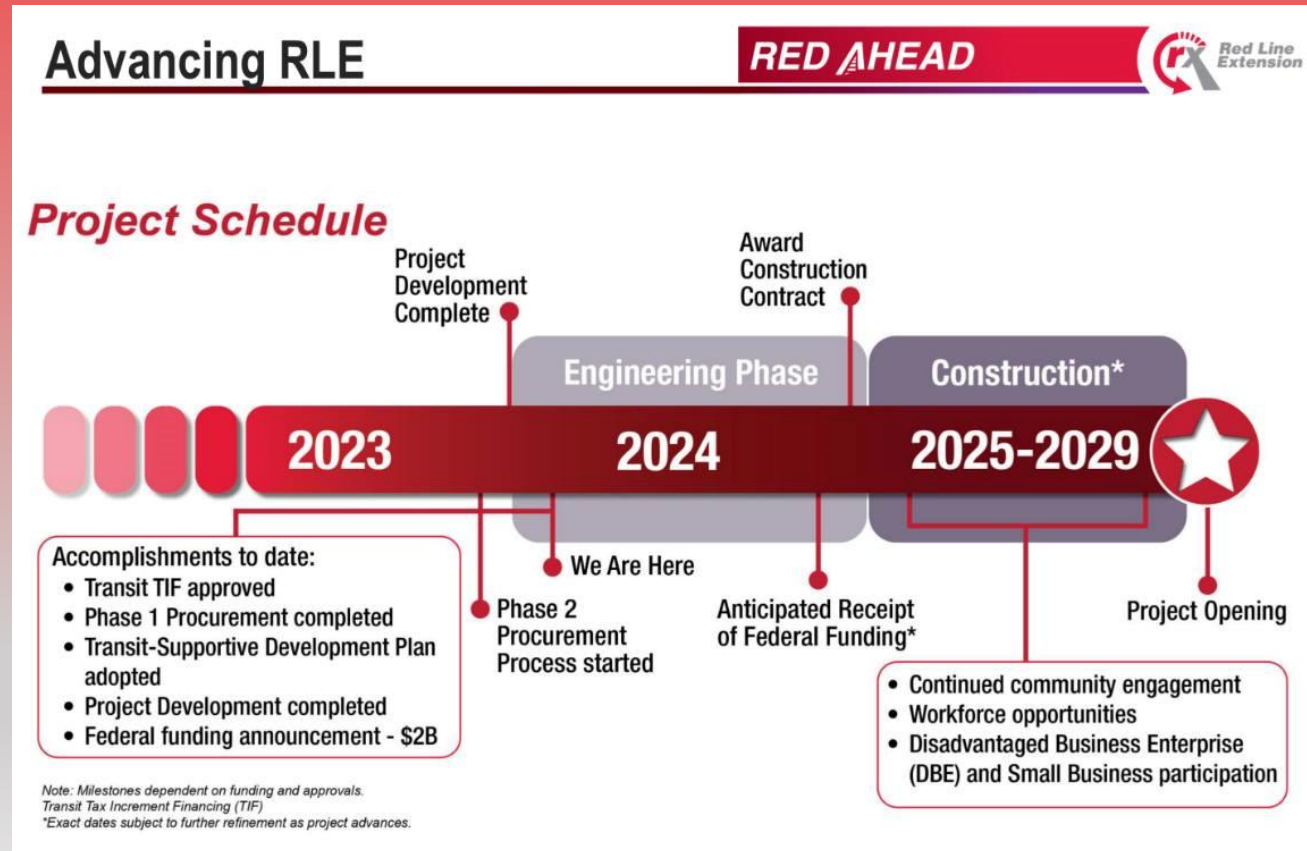
The federal government announced the RLE project is in line for \$1.973 billion in critical grant funding needed to build the project!

We held a press conference with CTA President Carter, Mayor Brandon Johnson, FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez, Sen. Dick Durbin, Rep. Mike Quigley, Ald. Anthony Beale, Ald. Ronnie Mosley, Alder. Peter Chico, the Chicago Housing Authority and more to celebrate the historic announcement.



October

The RLE project received a \$100 million grant from the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)/Carbon Reduction Program, moving us one-step closer to our goal of breaking ground in 2025. To date, the RLE project has received \$130 million from the CMAQ program!



Bonus: October

The RLE project won the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)'s Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in Environmental Documentation for our Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD). CTA President Carter was joined by FTA Administrator Fernandez to accept the award.



November

The RLE team met with community members at an Altgeld Public Library open house to discuss the project and upcoming opportunities to get involved.

JOIN US! RED LINE EXTENSION PROJECT COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, November 6
12:30 – 6:30 PM



Altgeld Public Library
955 E. 131st St.

Stop by any time!

Learn more about the Red Line Extension project, the construction and service timelines, training/employment, contracting opportunities, and more!

Pre-registration is encouraged to attend the open house.

To register, visit
<http://tiny.cc/130OpenHouse>

Or register by scanning the QR code.



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December

Huge congrats to our RLE Vice President TaNesheha Marshall for being honored by SOS Children's Villages - USA as a 2023 Honoree at their annual Evening of Hope Fundraiser!

SOS Illinois has provided care for Illinois' underserved youth and families for more than 30 years.



Happy holidays!

The CTA and RLE teams delivered holiday food baskets to families in need across the city via the CTA Holiday Bus with special guest, Santa!

