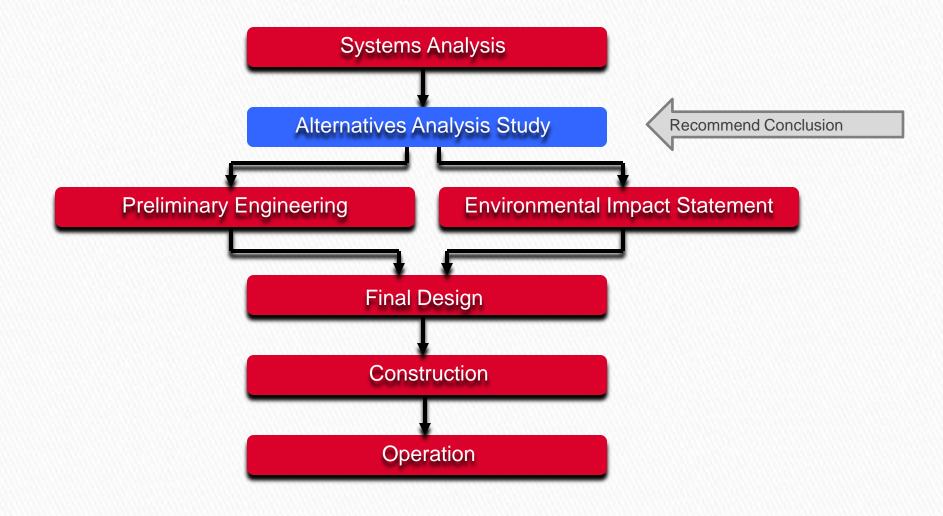
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# Red, Orange & Yellow Extensions Alternatives Analysis Studies Recommending adoption of locally preferred alternatives

### **New Starts Process**



### Schedule

- Adoption of Locally Preferred Alternative ends the Alternatives Analysis study and identifies project to advance
- NEPA scoping to begin in Fall 2009
- Submit application to enter Preliminary Engineering in Spring 2010

# **Next Steps**

- Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) will require additional funding to complete work beyond Scoping phase this fall
- Federal funding requested for Preliminary Engineering (PE)
  - Red: \$34 million
  - Orange: \$13 million
  - Yellow: \$10 million

 Full federal & state construction funding commitment not required until after completion of EIS & PE project phases, and subsequent FTA approvals



#### **Purpose & Need**

- Far South Side jobs-housing imbalance results in long commutes
- Access to 95<sup>th</sup> compromised by surrounding arterials & lack of parking
- Bus, pedestrian and auto arrivals to 95<sup>th</sup> St exceed design capacity causing delays, safety issues and compromising transit attractiveness
- Congestion will continue to adversely impact study area residents without alternative transportation options





#### **Recommended Alternative**

- 5.3 new miles of rapid transit
- Four new stations at 103<sup>rd</sup>, 111<sup>th</sup>, 115<sup>th</sup>, and 130<sup>th</sup>
- New park and ride lots and bus terminal facilities at each station

#### 78 new railcars

98<sup>th</sup> St yard and shop replacement site identified but not included in project cost

#### **Estimated Costs and Ridership**

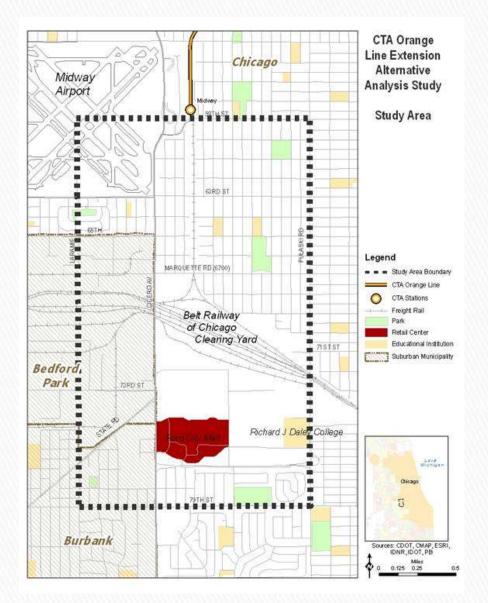
Capital Cost (\$YOE)	\$1,200 M
Annual O & M Cost (\$2009)	\$19 M
Average Weekday Ridership (2030)	41,000
Annual Ridership (2030)	13 M

Cost and ridership data as of August 2009



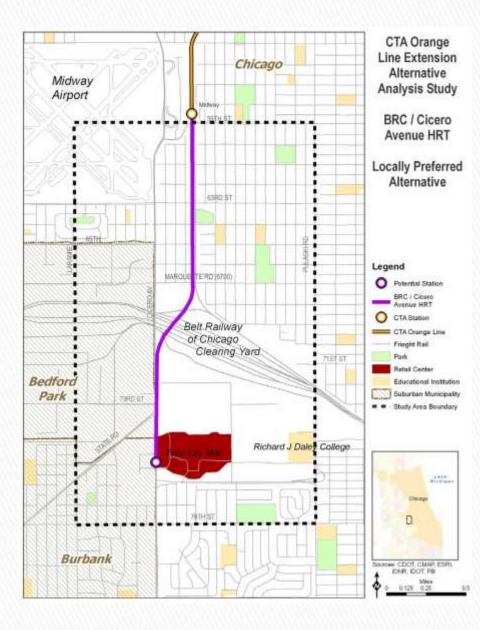
#### **Outreach and Public Involvement**

- Elected officials
  - Aldermen, State, & Federal officials notified and briefed
- Technical Advisory Committee
  - RTA, CMAP, CDOT, DCD, DZP, Metra, Pace, IDOT, Freight Railroads
- Project and Community Stakeholders
- Public Meetings
  - Screen 1 April 2007: 147 attendees, 209 comments
  - Screen 2 December 2008: 82 attendees, 131 comments
  - Screen 3 June 2009: 111 attendees, 606 comments



#### **Purpose and Need**

- Transit access is compromised due to limited parking availability and congestion approaching station
- Terminal performance compromised due to limited bus bays and parking access, and air passenger and commuter mix
- Alternative needed to constrained road network with high congestion and wide arterial spacing
- Improve transit in growing activity corridor, including reverse commute access to employment and activity centers



#### **Recommended Alternative**

- 2.3 new miles of rapid transit
- One new station at approximately 7600 South Cicero Ave
- Provision for future construction of station at 67<sup>th</sup> St (Marquette Rd)
- New park and ride structure and bus terminal facility
- 20 new railcars

#### **Estimated Costs and Ridership**

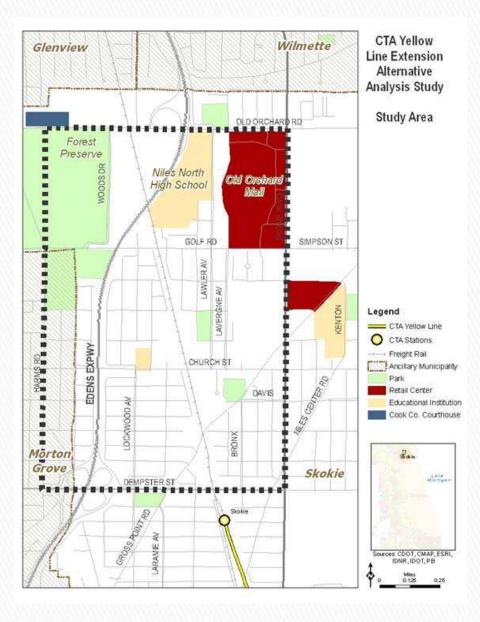
Capital Cost (\$YOE)	\$490 M
Annual O & M Cost (\$2009)	\$4 M
Average Weekday Ridership (2030)	7,200
Annual Ridership (2030)	2.3 M

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- Technical Advisory Committee
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- Project and Community Stakeholders
- Public Meetings
  - Screen 1 August 2008: 101 attendees, 108 comments
  - Screen 2 April 2009: 50 attendees, 50 comments



#### **Purpose and Need**

- Growing reverse commute market not well-served by existing network
- Leverage existing, underutilized transit system
- Support Village of Skokie transitoriented development initiatives
- Continued growth in study area arterial and expressway congestion will adversely impact study area trips without transport alternatives



#### **Recommended Alternative**

- 1.6 new route miles of rapid transit
- One new station at Old Orchard Road
- New park and ride lot (including replacement of existing parking at Niles North High School) and bus terminal facility

• 4 new railcars

#### **Estimated Costs and Ridership**

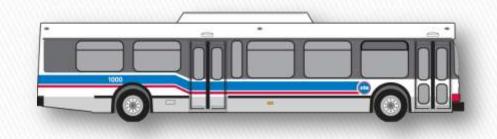
Capital Cost (\$YOE)	\$290 M
Annual O & M Cost (\$2009)	\$3 M
Average Weekday Ridership (2030)	5,800
Annual Ridership (2030)	1.8 M

Cost and ridership data as of August 2009



#### **Outreach and Public Involvement**

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- Technical Advisory Committee
  - RTA, CMAP, Village of Skokie, Metra, Pace, IDOT, Cook County, ComEd
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- Public Meetings
  - Screen 1 August 2008: 51 attendees, 138 comments
  - Screen 2 April 2009: 62 attendees, 103 comments



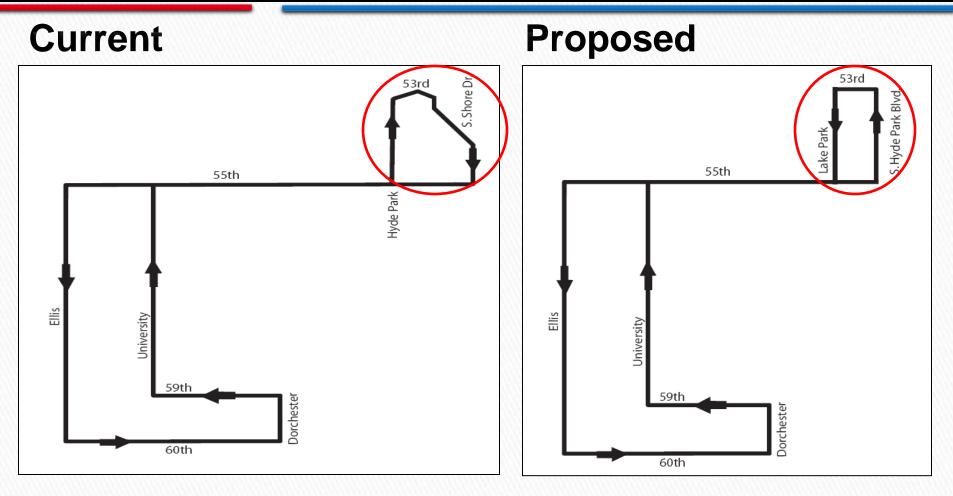
# University of Chicago Bus Routes Recommending 180-day Experiment and Elimination of Two Routes

# **University of Chicago - Bus Service**

- Two ordinances experiment on 2 routes and elimination of 2 routes
- Recommending 180-day experiment on 2 bus routes
  - #171 U of C Hyde Park
  - #172 U of C Kenwood
- Recommended for elimination Public hearing held July 30, 2009
  - #173 U of C Lakeview Express
  - #174 U of C Garfield Stations
- Service subsidized through an agreement between CTA and the University of Chicago



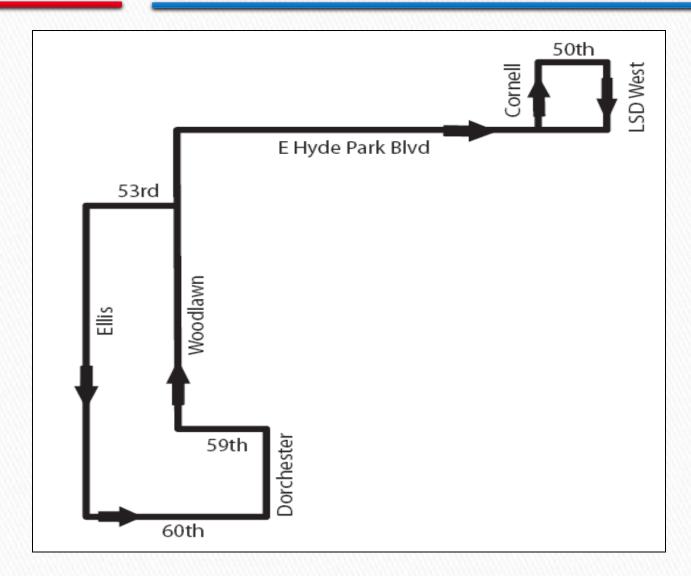
# #171 U of C – Hyde Park



Routing change due to closing of Shoreland Residence Hall

Reduce weekday frequency and end service two hours earlier

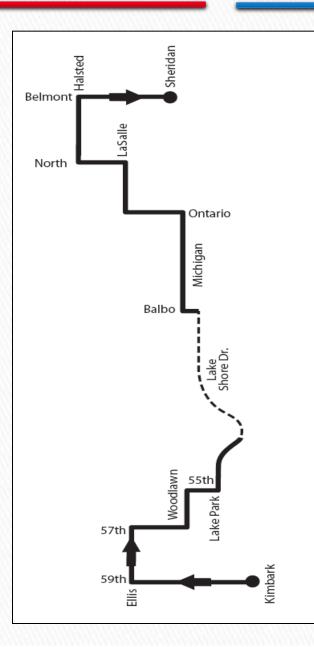
## #172 U of C – Kenwood



End service one hour earlier



# #173 U of C – Lakeview Express

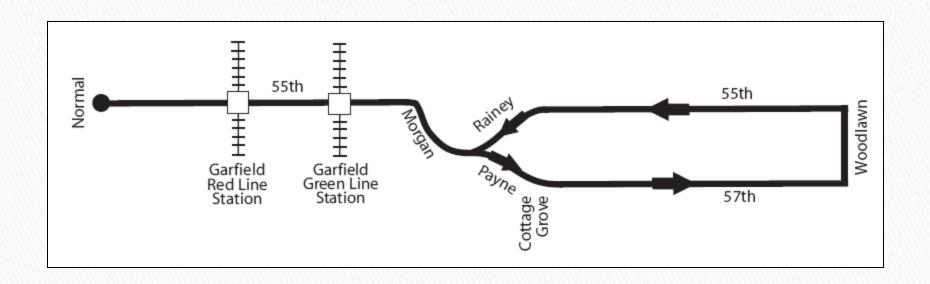


- Ridership is low 172 passengers per weekday
- Alternative service exists on other bus routes, including the #2 Hyde Park Express, #6 Jackson Park Express, #X28 Stony Island Express and #192 University of Chicago Hospitals Express\*
- University requested discontinuance of service
- Public hearing held July 30, 2009 to obtain feedback from the community

\*A transfer to another bus route or rail service will be required to reach Lakeview

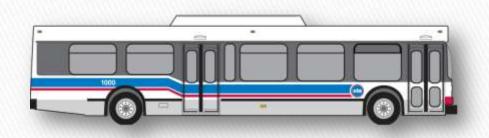


# #174 U of C – Garfield Stations



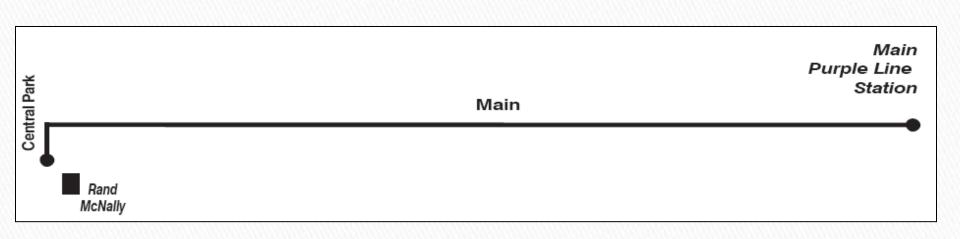
- Ridership is low 427 passengers per weekday
- Alternative service exists on #55 Garfield and #X55 Garfield Express
- University requested discontinuance of service
- Public hearing held July 30, 2009 to obtain feedback from the community





# **Evanston Service** Recommending Elimination of One Route and Adoption of 180day Experiment

# **#200 Main Shuttle**



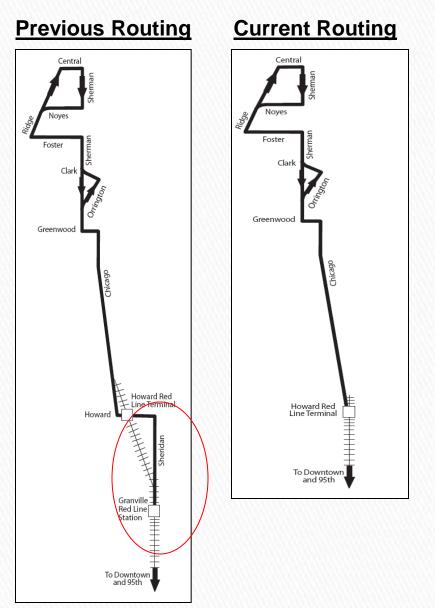
#### Recommended for Elimination

#### Ridership has decreased - 100 passengers per day

- Alternative service exists on #97 Skokie and #206 Evanston Circulator
- Rand McNally closed January 2009
- Current service has very low productivity
- Public hearing held July 23, 2009 to obtain feedback from the community



# **#N201 Central/Sherman**



- Adopt Owl routing to Howard as permanent
- Low ridership on portion of route south of Howard
- Howard is now an accessible station
- Alternative service exists on the Red Line
- Ridership has not decreased since new routing implemented
- Public hearing held July 23, 2009 to obtain feedback from community

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