



Red Line South Reconstruction Project

Cermak-Chinatown to 95th/Dan Ryan • May 2013 – October 2013

CTA is rebuilding the south Red Line from just north of Cermak-Chinatown to 95th/Dan Ryan.

The work will benefit Red Line riders for decades to come—through faster travel times, increased reliability, and spruced-up stations with a variety of improvements.

This May, the Red Line will be completely closed after Roosevelt Road to 95th Street for five months. CTA will offer several alternative travel options during this closure to minimize the impact on customers as much as possible (see other side of this page).

Cermak-Chinatown

Sox-35th

47th

Garfield

63rd

69th

79th

87th

95th/Dan Ryan

Faster travel times

Better reliability

Improved stations

Project scope

CTA will replace all of the ties, rails, third rails, drainage system and ballast (the stone material that holds the ties in place) in the Red Line right-of-way. Additionally, eight stations along the Dan Ryan Branch will be improved, from basic enhancements like new paint and better lighting to additional customer amenities, like new benches and bike racks. New elevators will be installed at the Garfield, 63rd and 87th stations—making the entire south Red Line fully accessible.



How will this benefit Red Line riders?

New tracks will cut up to 20 minutes off the daily round-trip commute for South Side riders. That amounts to nearly four days per year!

Additionally, the station improvements will enhance the customer experience, and the new elevators at Garfield, 63rd and 87th will make those stations fully accessible.

The project has created hundreds of job opportunities, from construction trades and apprentices to bus drivers and traffic control aides.

The shorter project means better and faster service—and modern trains and stations—nearly four years ahead of a weekends-only work schedule (the Red Line has the highest weekend ridership of any line).

Why is this work necessary?

The Dan Ryan Branch opened in 1969, when Richard Nixon was in the White House, a gallon of gas cost 35 cents and Gale Sayers won the NFL rushing title. The original tracks are well beyond their expected lifespan, and call for a complete replacement. Because of the poor track condition, trains must travel slower—meaning trips are longer. Without rehabilitation, rail service will become even slower and the cost for replacement will continue to grow.



Dan Ryan terminal dedication, 1969



2000-series train at 67th, 1971





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Red Line South Alternative Travel Options

CTA understands that our customers will experience longer-than-normal commuting times during the Red Line South reconstruction project. Our goal is to provide a number of convenient travel options, and to minimize the project's impact as much as possible.

To help guide you through your travel alternatives, CTA is providing a number of travel options:

Alternate Rail Service

Red Line service on Green Line tracks — Roosevelt to Ashland/63rd:

After the Roosevelt subway station, Red Line trains will continue along the South Side elevated structure normally used by the Green Line. Trains will make all stops along the South Side elevated to the Ashland/63rd stop and return to Howard the same way.

Green Line service — Harlem to Loop and Cottage Grove:

Green Line trains will operate between Harlem and Cottage Grove. During weekday rush periods, alternating trains from Harlem will terminate downtown (at Roosevelt in the AM; counterclockwise around the Loop in the PM) and return to Harlem; all others will continue to Cottage Grove. Green Line customers needing to travel to/from Ashland/63rd should transfer between Red Line trains serving Ashland/63rd and Green Line trains at Garfield.

Free Rail Entry at Garfield Elevated Station

Customers at 69th, 79th, 87th and 95th Streets will be able to board Red and Green line trains for free at the Garfield elevated station.

Free Bus Shuttle Service

CTA will provide free shuttle bus service south of 63rd to connect customers with Red and Green Line service, and to provide service for local trips between 95th and 63rd. There will be five bus shuttle routes: four express shuttles and one local shuttle.

Express Bus Shuttles: CTA will provide five express bus shuttles (approximately 4am until 1am) for the duration of the Red Line South project.

Four shuttles will provide non-stop service between the Garfield elevated station and stops at closed Red Line stations between 95th/Dan Ryan and 69th. Most of these shuttles will operate via the Dan Ryan Expressway. The four express shuttles are:

- **#R95: 95th-Garfield Express shuttle** (via Dan Ryan)
- **#R87: 87th-Garfield Express shuttle** (via Dan Ryan)
- **#R79: 79th-Garfield Express shuttle** (via Dan Ryan)
- **#R69: 69th-Garfield Express shuttle** (via State Street)

A fifth non-stop shuttle will provide express service between the Roosevelt and Cermak-Chinatown stations – the **#R22 Cermak-Roosevelt Express**.

Local Bus Shuttle: From approximately 4am until 1am, a local bus shuttle – the **#R63 Dan Ryan Local Shuttle** – will operate between 63rd and 95th streets, with stops at 69th, 79th and 87th streets. From approximately 1am to 4am, it will extend to the Garfield elevated station as the **#R55 Dan Ryan Owl Shuttle** to connect to Red Line trains.

Supplemental Bus Service

CTA will provide expanded service to north-south streets, including:

- #3 King Drive
- #4 Cottage Grove
- #8 Halsted
- #8A South Halsted
- #9 Ashland
- #J14 Jeffery Jump
- #24 Wentworth
- #29 State
- #44 Wallace/Racine
- #48 South Damen

Other Bus Service

Rerouted Bus Service: CTA will extend these routes to help facilitate customer travel. They include:

- Extensions or reroutes of these bus services to connect with the South Side elevated stations: #N5, #8A, #44, #48, #51, #59, #71, and #169.

Discount Bus Rides

CTA will offer a 50-cent discount on bus rides along all bus routes south of 63rd Street.

Shuttle Bus Service Plan

