



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. You can read about the alternative service options for your neighborhood inside this brochure.

In addition, to make travel easier for South Side residents during the project, CTA is offering these convenient discounts:

Free Rail Entry at the 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.

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

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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.

Starting this May, the Red Line will be completely closed for five months, from the Cermak-Chinatown station to the 95th Street station. 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 brochure).



Deteriorated ties and trackbed on the Dan Ryan branch 'L', like these, are requiring slower train speeds and longer trip times.

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.

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.

How will this benefit Red Line riders?

New tracks will reduce up to 20 minutes from 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 to bus drivers and traffic control aides.

CTA's five-month approach to the project will bring better and faster service—and modern trains and stations—nearly four years sooner than a weekends-only work schedule (the Red Line has the highest weekend ridership of any line).

#3 King Drive, #4 Cottage Grove, #28 Stony Island and #29 State. Transfer to Red or Green line trains or east-west bus routes.