



Appendix K
Public Scoping Written Comments
Comments 1,001-1,100

RPM. 1001

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:44 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Purple Line Changes

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From: Thomas Nolting [tnolting@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:41 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Purple Line Changes

Steve,

Just wanted to send you a note to let you know that one of the reasons I moved to Evanston was because of the Purple line and it's express trains. I take it everyday to get to work and rather than limiting or stopping that express trains, I wish they would run the purple line express all day.

Thanks

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RPM. 1002

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston Express service

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From: Mary Griswold [mgris@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:45 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston Express service

Dear Sirs,

I was unable to attend the public meeting in Evanston, but would like to comment on your proposals.

Evanston Express service is the best thing on the El. I have not owned an automobile since 1980. I am a freelance worker and have managed to get to locations all around greater Chicagoland using transit. The key ingredient is the time saved on the Express, in both directions. In addition to work related Express travel, I use it often to attend cultural events in the evening. The proximity of my house to a Purple Line stop adds a very real value to it.

Increase Express service, please, no cutbacks. My choice would be the 4-track modernization. Driving is out of the question with the pollution, traffic, high gas prices, parking nightmares, etc. You know all this.

Sincerely, Mary Griswold

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RPM-1003

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston CTA service

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From: Wright, Richard [Rwright@kentlaw.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:46 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston CTA service

Express service between Evanston and downtown Chicago should be expanded rather than reduced or eliminated. Without the express service, the ride is sooooo long that it is not worth taking the CTA rather than the METRA train or even driving (which is faster even during rush hour than the CTA without express service).

RPM. 1004

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd. El Stop!!

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From: Adela Seal [am_seal@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:45 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep South Blvd. El Stop!!

Please keep the South Blvd. El stop!! We use it daily and it would be very inconvenient to walk 4 blocks north to the Main Street stop.

Thank you!

Adela Seal
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RPM 1005

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:50 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line Train

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From: Matt Fowler [matt.fowler.mksq@statefarm.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:49 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line Train

To whom it may concern,

Please do not stop running the Purple Line Express. For myself and many others it is needed in order for us to get to and from work on a daily basis. The express is a vital aspect of keeping the economy in the Evanston/Chicago area going and should not be discontinued.

Sincerely,

Matt

Matt Fowler

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RPM 1006

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To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: aribeary91@aol.com [aribeary91@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:56 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

Dear CTA,

There has been talk about getting ride of the South Blvd stop on the purple line. I think this would be a bad idea. I am a student at Loyola and many students here use the stop for commuting reasons and work. Numerous students work in the elementary schools, middle school, and St.Francis, which is right off the South Blvd stop. In general, I think it's a bad idea to abolish the closet stop to a hospital, outside of the fact that many students use it.

Thank you,
Ariel Horvitz

RPM. 1007

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:13 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attention: Steve Hands

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From: Frank Sternberg [frank_sternberg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Attention: Steve Hands

To Steve Hands

I live in Evanston. I am opposed to closing the South Blvd. and Foster St.
Chicago Transit Agency stations.

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RPM. 1008

Lea, Claudia

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To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple line

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From: Phyllis Arist [lesmotsdujour@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:02 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple line

Alternative 1 could be acceptable but for LONG overdue need for viaduct repairs; upgrading of condition of Main St. station also needed.
Phyllis Arist

RPM.1009

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:14 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Station Closures in Evanston

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From: Larry LaBoda [llaboda@amtamassage.org]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:03 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Station Closures in Evanston

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to advise you that we think that it would a mistake to close the South Blvd. and Foster Ave. Purple line stations. These access points to the CTA are a valuable benefit to both Evanston and Chicago And should remain open.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:14 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line Changes & South Blvd Station

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From: Janet McGill [jcmcg1337@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:06 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line Changes & South Blvd Station

I missed the recent town meeting regarding modernization of the Purple Line (f/k/a Evanston Express). I just received an e-mail from the City of Evanston advising of certain proposals that are on the table. I'm all for modernizing the stations and track between Belmont and Linden. But, not at the expense of losing the Express portion of the line. I've taken this line downtown and back for the vast majority of my 60+ years. It has been through various incarnations, but it has always had an express portion.

Second, I understand that you are contemplating closing two of the stations in Evanston, South Blvd and Foster. I live a block from the South Blvd station so it is now a rare day when I don't catch the Purple. It was one of the reasons I chose that neighborhood. It would be a fair hike (4-5+ long blocks) in order to take the Purple or the Metra at Main. The odds are that I would either have to drive and leave my car to that neighborhood or I would just drive to work 60-90% of the time, despite being subsidized at work to take public transportation.

Every time you make changes or increase the price of a ride you drive more people back to their cars. Please consider this when making your decisions regarding the Purple Line Express.

Thank you

Janet C. McGill

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RPM · 1011

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:15 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please keep the South Blvd. Station open!

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From: sean odonnell [sdpod1@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:06 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please keep the South Blvd. Station open!

Dear Mr. Hands,

I understand that there is a possibility of closing the Evanston South Boulevard elevated train station.

I live a block away from the station, and that was a major consideration when I moved to my current home.

Every morning, I stand with my four year old son to see him on to his bus. He has special needs, and this bus takes him to his school where he receives the attention and therapy he needs. Only the close proximity to this El station allows me to do so and arrive at work on time. If I were to have to leave 30 minutes earlier, I would be unable to see him on to the bus, and if I were to wait for the bus then I would consistently arrive at work 30 minutes late.

Please do not close the South Boulevard station; there must be an alternative to the proposed renovations that would allow the station to remain open.

Sincerely,

Sean O'Donnell

RPM 1012

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:15 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: paulbcw@aol.com [paulbcw@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:13 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

Please keep the Purple Line as an express train! Very important to Evanston, as well as the CTA, as the Metra tracks are very close to the CTA tracks, believe me, no one wanting to get to work on time will take the Purple line to Howard, then switch to the Red Line! They **will take the Metra**. If you want to save money, I suggest closing the South Blvd stop on the Purple, as it is too close to Howard and few use it. Same goes for Jarvis on the Red Line, and Wellington on the Brown Line. That stop is just 2 blocks from both Diversey and Belmont. Just serves to slow down the line.

The Foster street stop on the Purple should be kept open. it is used heavily by students at Northwestern. It has enough traffic to justify its existence, especially when you factor in the chance of bad things happening to college students and the news it always makes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Paul Wells

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:16 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Future Proposals - Evanston

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From: William Scott [scottschicago@webtv.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:15 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Future Proposals - Evanston

The proposed up grading of the Evanston stations would be helpful - even the replacement of older stairs with better individual steps in depth and rise.
Lastly keep the Purple Line Loop Express trains with the current number of stops. Please do not add any additional stops.

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:18 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Comments on CTA Proposed Improvements to Purple Line
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From: Patrick D Dabbs [Patrick.Dabbs@abbott.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:15 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Comments on CTA Proposed Improvements to Purple Line

Please consider further funding for improvements to the Purple Line. Don't close the South Blvd station and don't eliminate express service. Doing so would prompt a decrease in home value for myself and an increase in overall commuter traffic on Sheridan Road to the Loop. It would also make Evanston a less appealing area to live.

Kind regards,

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:18 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: el trains

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From: Marsha Geib [marsha@carmelme.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:16 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: el trains

As a person who doesn't drive, alternative 3 makes the most sense (even tho I use South Blvd, I can go to Main Street.

Marsha Geib

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RPM. 1016

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:45 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple line plans

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From: Tracy Van Moorlehem [tvanmoo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:21 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple line plans

Attention: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy

Dear Mr. Hands:

My husband and I live near the South Boulevard purple line stop and work downtown on Michigan Avenue. We both ride the purple express round trip, every day, from South Boulevard to Belmont and then switch to the Red Line. We are very concerned about the prospect of either our home stop being closed or Purple Express service being curtailed in any way. I wanted to share my concerns with you and the decision-makers.

First, on the topic of closing South Boulevard:

We bought our house because of its proximity to the South Boulevard stop. We sold one of our cars and committed ourselves to using public transportation whenever possible. While we certainly could walk further to the Main Station, it would add to our commute, which already takes nearly an hour door to door. If I had to walk to Main Street, anyway, why not just take the Metra, which has a stop there?

Our home's value would almost certainly go down. We would still have the train noise (the track is across the street from our house) without the convenience of a quick walk to a stop.

There are many low income residents near our house who do not have cars and rely on the train for purchasing groceries and running errands. And we regularly are stopped by riders from the city who are getting off the train at South Boulevard and who ask for directions to St. Francis Hospital to visit loved ones. Some are elderly or accompanied by small children. Their burden would be much greater if they had to walk from the Main stop.

Next, on the topic of the Purple Express:

I have long thought that Purple line ridership would go up greatly if the express service could be increased, rather than curtailed. The trip downtown is long and inconvenient when the express trains aren't running. On the days when I have to work past 7 downtown, I usually take the Metra home because my commute runs about an hour and 20 minutes, often with 15 minutes sitting at Howard waiting for a purple train. During the period when they are taking the express trains out of service is a particularly bad time for waiting.

Also, on weekends we typically drive downtown when practical because there aren't express trains. I would propose have very limited express trains on the weekend; even if one ran every hour, we would plan our day around that train in order to save the time and hassle of the non-express route. The same could be true of weekday service. I know that many of my friends in Evanston and Rogers Park work downtown but do not take the L because they believe it takes too long and there aren't enough express runs. Is it possible that CTA could generate more revenue by offering more and novel kinds of express service, rather than cutting it back?

Thanks for listening.

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RPM 1017

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:46 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA North RED and Purple Line Modernization Project

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From: Gail Daigle [gdd@grummanbutkus.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:30 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA North RED and Purple Line Modernization Project

Dear Mr. Hands,

I am writing to express both my support and concerns for the proposed improvements/changes to the CTA Red North and Purple Lines. I am an Evanston resident and I live on the corner of Sherman and Foster and I use the CTA on a regular basis.

I believe that the CTA should provide upgrades and repairs to the Purple Line bringing it into a state of good repair which would include both the stations and the viaducts as long as done in a fiscally responsible manner.

I would be opposed to eliminating the Foster stop since this is the station closest to my home and I witness firsthand how much use this station gets from Evanston residents and Northwestern University employees and students .

I would be strongly opposed to elimination of the Purple Line Express service from Evanston to the Loop and would support expanding the hours the Purple Line Express to the Loop. I know there are times that I would use the CTA more frequently in late evenings to and from the loop from Evanston compared to driving if the express was still running.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gail Daigle

Gail D. Daigle
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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:47 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: purple line express

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From: Kyla Ebels Duggan [kebelsduggan@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:36 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: purple line express

I have heard that the possibility of eliminating purple line express service is under consideration. I urge you not to adopt this plan. The purple line express is very well utilized and I suspect that many of the commuters who use it would opt to drive instead if it were eliminated. My family uses the purple line express daily to take our son to school downtown. We would opt to drive if express service were not available.

thanks for your consideration,
Kyla Ebels-Duggan

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RPM. 1019

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:48 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Modernization 4 Track Alternative

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From: Bill Kristofek [bill@kristofek.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Modernization 4 Track Alternative

Gentlemen,

I am an Evanston resident that uses the train regularly and after having had a chance to review all the alternatives I would like to cast my vote for the 4 Track Alternative.

Thank you,

Bill Kristofek
2700 Lincoln Street
Evanston, IL 60201

RPM.1020

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red & Purple Line Proposals, Attn. Mr. Steve Hands

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From: David Cook [drcook7@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:49 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: drcook7@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Red & Purple Line Proposals, Attn. Mr. Steve Hands

To:
Mr. Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority

Dear Mr. Hands:

I would like to take a few minutes to express my views on the above subject.

To me, a complete and total modernization of the 4 track system is the only beneficial way to serve the people of the north side of Chicago, Evanston and the surrounding suburbs for the future . A 2 or 3 track system would only slow down current travel times and does not address reverse commuting, except by lengthening the reverse commuters travel time.

Over the years, reduction of track capacity south of Armitage has increased travel times for Purple & Yellow Line riders. Elimination of A-B skip stop stations has increased travel times to the Loop for Red Line riders. Travel times from Howard Street to the Loop via the El or Subway, to me are not acceptable in their current form. Over the years, travel time as increased rather than decreased and that to me is not the purpose of "Rapid Transit" . Just a note, Metra service from Main Street in Evanston to Downtown is about 25 minutes, and that is with a track reduction from a 3 track system to a 2 track system.

For growth and prosperity, a successful transit system needs to be fast and efficient and be properly maintained.

Thank you or considering my opinion.

David Cook
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(email as above)

RPM-1021

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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Subject: FW: purple line

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From: Ann Lander [annlander@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:56 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: purple line

DO NOT STOP EXPRESS ROUTES-IT TAKES FOREVER TO GET DOWNTOWN!ALSO WHEN ARE YOU PAINTING THE VIADUCT AT RIDGE AND LINCOLN-IT'S A DISGRACE AND AN EYESORE

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1022

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:41 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple/Red renovation

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From: Shawn Jones [sjones@bglawoffices.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:03 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple/Red renovation

Steve Hands,

I attended the public meeting at the Fleetwood Jourdain Center in Evanston.

I prefer the 4-track modernization proposal. I am not as concerned about the closure of South and Foster as some, though I think it may be possible to keep them open for local trains and close them for the larger, 8-car express trains. I do think the alternative entrances may need to be tweaked.

Timing is a primary concern of mine, and no one seems to have an answer. While I would love modernization, and the Brown Line/South Red Line efforts show how much better the system can be after improvements have been made, I cannot evaluate such without knowing how long they will take to accomplish.

I look forward to faster trains!

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Lea, Claudia

RPM · 1023

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: closing South Blvd el stop

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From: Jane Woolley [jane.wool@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 12:52 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: closing South Blvd el stop

Dear CTA,

The South Blvd stop is my el stop. One of the main reasons I don't have a car anymore is to help the environment. The South Blvd el stop enables me to get around Chicago without a car. I use it many times a week, both to go to downtown Evanston and to go into Chicago. I am 67 years old and, while I can get to the Main Street station now, it will get harder and harder to do so. Please do not close my station.

I also take the Purple Line Express service. It makes it easy for me to get to and from Trader Joe's near the Armitage station as well as relieving the time needed to get to and from the Loop when it is running. Please leave it in place also.

Thank you,

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:42 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd CTA open

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From: Sita Balthazar [sita.balthazar@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:04 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep South Blvd CTA open

Dear Steve Hands,

Please keep the South Blvd CTA stop open.

Our names are Sita Balthazar and Peyton Luckett. We recently got married in Evanston and are expecting our first child. We moved to 551 Hinman Avenue over a year ago specifically because it is two blocks away from South Blvd. We have begun to build our lives here, and would like to continue to do so. We both use the CTA to get to work downtown Chicago, as well as to various concerts and festivals downtown. Our commute would increase by about 30 minutes if the train stop were closed, and we would greatly hesitate to take the CTA with a newborn if we had to transport everything and everyone to Main or Howard.

The South Blvd station is very important to Evanston. The station serves numerous parks, schools, and even St. Francis Hospital.

Modernization should not call for the closing of any stations. It should allow for renovations and increased access, not alienate riders. Modernization should not mean disruption of service.

We moved to Evanston because we believe it is a healthy community which values public transportation. The South Blvd stop is our connection to our work, friends, shops and wider community.

Sincerely,
Sita Balthazar
Peyton Luckett

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RPM-1025

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:44 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Comments on Proposed Purple Line Changes

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From: dspicuzza@comcast.net [dspicuzza@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:07 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Comments on Proposed Purple Line Changes

Dear Mr. Hands,

I am an Evanston resident and have reviewed the CTA's alternative proposals for updating/maintaining the Red and Purple lines. I was unable to attend a public meeting so would like to comment.

Maintaining the express line from Evanston to the Loop (Belmont) is very important, followed by keeping the South Blvd. station open. Station modernization is not as crucial to me.

I dislike any alternatives that would eliminate the express trains. The Red line would take even longer during rush hour to load and unload passengers at every stop if there was no express service.

Closing the South Blvd station would be a great inconvenience to me when I travel regularly to the Loop. I can walk to that station as opposed to spending more time waiting for a bus to Howard Street, where I know I'll probably have to stand during the ride south. I think it's important to continue to provide amenities to south Evanston, not just around Howard Street. If South Blvd was closed, I'm sure more people would drive to the Main Street area and clog streets with more cars.

I don't consider eight-train cars a priority, but IF South Blvd was eliminated, it would become a priority. Otherwise I'd never get a seat at Howard Street on the southbound express, and have less luck on the northbound portion.

I think it's important to maintain the stations and viaducts and bring them into ADA compliance. Some of the viaducts are a disgrace and an eyesore to the community.

Sure it would be nice to have modern stations with nice warming areas, but if service is reliable and timely, station ambiance is less important. They should just be clean and safe. A few more benches so your feet don't freeze standing a long time on concrete is always nice.

Thanks for this opportunity, and best of luck!

Donna Spicuzza
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Lea, Claudia

RPM 1026

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:45 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Redo Dempster Bridge and Garden Area near Station

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From: Susan Felts [Susan.Felts@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:08 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Redo Dempster Bridge and Garden Area near Station

Hello,

Please consider redoing the Dempster Street bridge. My brother is a civil engineer for the city of Chicago and will not let me take my kids underneath that bridge! He says it is a threat and will fall down soon.

Also, the garden by the Dempster street station entrance is a disgrace and disrespectful to the city of Evanston's beauty! It ruins the whole Dempster Street shopping area! It needs to be landscaped and maintained! It is always full of trash and weeds. I've weeded it a few times and tried to help it look better, but it is just too big for one person to maintain! I'd be happy to help with it in the future, but would need at least \$400 to buy bushes and plants to keep it looking great all year. We can work with local garden shops to donate plants and flowers. Please let me know how you can help to make it look decent.

Thanks,
Susan Felts

RPM 1027

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:47 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line Foster Street Station

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From: Martin Freed [atyfreed@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:09 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line Foster Street Station

I rely very heavily on the Foster Street Station on the Purple Line to get to my office. I am in my middle sixties and having to walk to the Noyes or Davis Street stations will diminish, if not foreclose, my access to the Purple Line substantially. Also, when I use the Foster Street station in the morning, I notice very heavy traffic by Northwestern students, for whom the station aligns most closely with the majority of the campus buildings to which they are going.

I recognize that the CTA has limited funds to allocate among different needs of the "L" system, but certainly the traffic experienced by the Foster Street station and its proximity to the Northwestern campus has to raise the priority of keeping it open above other areas where funds could be allocated. Appearance-wise, the station could use a coat of paint, but I for one would forgo that kind of work everywhere if it meant that the money used for such work would help keep the station open to patrons such as myself.

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: how about doing this for purple?

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From: Sally Armisen [sally@richardshapiro.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:23 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: how about doing this for purple?

why don't some red lines just start running express between belmont and howard...there are loads of red lines and red line riders. the trains could skip onto the purple line outside track at belmont or howard and stop at sheridan and loyala or something like that.

that way you could almost do away with purple lines from south of howard and or just run through trains to linden in rush hour like now, but they could have originated as red line trains and change into purple at belmont going north or howard going south.

it seems odd that the red line can't switch to use the faster route on the outside track like they do in new york say.

fyi i ride the purple line from downtown to evanston everyday.

Lea, Claudia

RPM 1029

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Boulevard Station Open

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From: Drury, David [DDrury@mmart.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:31 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
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cburrus@cityofevanston.org; janschakowsky@mail.house.gov
Subject: Keep South Boulevard Station Open

I am writing to ask for your support to keep the South Boulevard CTA Station open. A longtime resident of Evanston, I recently purchased property at the corner of Ridge and Oakton because of its close proximity to the Purple Line. I do not own a car, and rely on public transportation for my daily commute to the loop. Closing the South Boulevard station would add an additional 25 minutes a day to my commute. The 3rd, 8th and 9th Wards of Evanston need CTA service at South Boulevard to remain attractive. Closing this station would further depress the home values in an already depressed market, and affecting one of the least affluent sections of our city.

As we all know, on February 2 the region was hit by a massive blizzard that caused incalculable loss of business revenue and productivity. I was one of a handful of the 400 MMPI employees who made it to work that day...because the CTA was running. My four block walk to the South Boulevard Station was slightly more difficult, thanks to the excellent snow plowing of Evanston city streets and the CTA. Since I moved from Washington, D. C. to Chicago 12 years ago, I have been a "Jan Fan". The only time I met Congresswoman Schakowsky, was at the South Boulevard Station, where she was collecting signatures needed to put her name on the ballot for re-election.

I am proud of my Congresswoman, I love living in the City of Evanston, and I fully support the CTA with my money and enthusiasm. Please do all you can to keep South Boulevard Station open.

Sincerely,

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:50 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Alt #2 Purple Line

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From: Harrison Garo [harrisongaro@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:36 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Alt #2 Purple Line

I think this plan is the best and most responsible decision for the largest amount of riders. Thank you.

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Evanston, IL 60201

12 PM. 1031

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:50 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Central Street L station

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From: Bonnie Forkosh [bforkosh@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:43 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Central Street L station

Please give this station priority. It is in deplorable condition and hasn't had any modernization in more than twenty years. In addition, a public transit facility adjacent to a hospital, rehab clinic and medical offices should be totally handicapped accessible. The two empty storefronts look terrible and should be cleaned up as part of a total makeover. I live a block away from the Central St. station.

Bonnie Forkosh
806 Ridge Terrace
Evanston

Lea, Claudia

RPM-1032

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:56 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Purple Line Changes

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From: Tim Shinnick [tms@grummanbutkus.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:52 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Purple Line Changes

I would like to express my concern for limiting the Purple Line Express service. I ride this every day. This allows me to live in Lincoln Park and work in Evanston without having a long commute. Without the express service my commute would reach to over an hour and would consider different living arrangements. I could drive to work now but the train is comparable in time. If there wasn't the express I would probably drive more often. And since its easier to just get a monthly parking pass that would mean I would drive all the time. I specifically moved to where I am because there was a convenient purple line stop. The purple line is usually crowded in the morning too. So I don't think a cutting it is necessary.

RPM. 1033

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:25 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: The future of the Purple Line

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From: Scott Wagner [shwagsy@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 1:59 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: The future of the Purple Line

Mr. Hands,

I am writing to you today to express my concern over proposals encouraging the termination of the Purple Line Express service.

As a daily CTA rider and Evanston resident, I find the idea of not having an Express during both rush hour periods disheartening. 15-20 minutes each way does not sound like a monumental amount of time. However, that's a minimum half hour added to an otherwise long commute every day.

Removing the express service would force many commuters to seek alternative methods to travel to/from work. That would have a negative effect on the CTA's ridership numbers and adding to the already struggling public perception of the CTA. I also fear that eliminating the Express trains would also negatively impact the community connectivity between Evanston and Chicago--effecting employment opportunities and commerce.

Canceling Express Service is no way to improve the CTA Purple Line.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Scott Wagner

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RPM 1034

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:26 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: purple line improvement concerns

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From: Amy Knife Gould [knifegould@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:07 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: purple line improvement concerns

Dear Mr. Hands,

I wrote to you previously to express my concern over the elimination of the South Blvd stop along the Purple Line. My family relies on this stop for our weekly commutes. We bought our home three years ago, and one consideration was its proximity to an L stop. Our closest stop is South Blvd, so if this is removed, it will not only add time to our commutes, but will also damage our home value.

When I wrote you last, I was not aware that Purple Line Express Service may also be eliminated. This is terrible! In our worst-case scenario of the Purple Line "Improvement", we would have to walk to Main Street to catch the purple line AND ride it without an express. If these changes were made, it would easily add 50-60 minutes onto our daily commute to Chicago. What an outrage!

Also, our family has one car, but often relies on the L to get to doctors at Davis Street and Central Street. Walking my child up to Main Street to catch the L when he is sick is an additional hindrance.

Lastly, I will express my concern that by eliminating the South Blvd L stop, you would be affecting the residents of some of the lower income homes in Evanston. These are folks that rely on public transportation to get to/from work, medical care, and grocery stores.

Please consider NOT closing the South Blvd L stop, and NOT stopping the Purple Line Express.

Thank you.
Amy Gould
Evanston Resident

RPM 1035

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:27 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Purple Line Foster Street station -- keep it open, please, for many reasons

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From: Diane F. Korling [dkorling@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:23 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Purple Line Foster Street station -- keep it open, please, for many reasons

I am writing to add one more voice, that of a long-time neighborhood home-owner, to those asking that the CTA keep open the Foster Street station on the CTA Purple Line in Evanston.

As Northwestern University will have documented and any observer of foot-traffic can attest, this station at this location directly west of mid-campus serves university employees commuting to staff and academic work sites west and east of the el line. Being close to classroom destinations, the Foster Street station is also heavily used by students commuting to the university from neighborhoods of lower-cost housing along the CTA in south Evanston and in Chicago.

But "purple", the university color, doesn't tell it all. Significantly for those of us paying dearly in local Evanston real estate taxes, the accessibility provided by this long-established CTA station provides part of the land value and use value for present and any future occupants and owners.

Among calculations CTA and consultants have considered in proposing to close stations, the costs of catching up with long-deferred maintenance of station facilities, plus the heavy cost of elevators to make all stations handicapped accessible, may weigh heavily -- as must future maintenance of station facilities. Well, triage the need and space out improvements over time -- we have waited this long already.

The value of minutes saved by reducing the number of stops? Very slight, from the standpoint of the electrical power system, one suspects. The value to riders of minutes saved by fewer stops on this leg of a trip? A negative value, when one adds the need to walk farther at the start and the end of the trip.

At a time when planners elsewhere struggle to promote transit-oriented development so that transit may be feasible, please do not punish those of us who made our own land-use decisions based on existing access points to existing transit services.

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Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1036

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:28 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple line improvements

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From: catherine jackson [katiejoyjackson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:26 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple line improvements

Good afternoon and thank you for taking the time to review my thoughts regarding upgrades to the CTA Purple line. Overall, I think Alternative #1 is the best option - upgrade the stations to meet ADA requirements, and maintain the current stations/tracks. I don't think 8 cars are necessary for this line. I do not think weekly express service should be eliminated.

However, the viaducts and bridges are in a terrible state of disrepair - in particular the bridge at Dempster. I have witnessed chunks of concrete falling from this bridge on more than one occasion when the train is not rumbling by. It's simply falling apart and needs to be replaced before someone is seriously injured or killed. It is a disgrace.

Thanks.

Catherine Jackson Ordovery - Evanston resident

RPM.1037

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:53 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: transfer stations, 4 tracks

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From: Nancy Sreenan [nsreenan@ameritech.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:33 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: transfer stations, 4 tracks

I commented before when I came to the presentation in Evanston. What I forgot to comment on however, is the value to me of having transfer station at Wilson, because I work at Truman College. I imagine Loyola employees in Evanston feel the same way about a transfer station there.

Additionally, it's of utmost importance that the CTA keep 4 tracks, rather than consider using 3 only, as is the plan (if I recall) for the underground option.

Thanks
Nancy Sreenan.

RPM-1038

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:53 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA service in Evanston

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From: Elizabeth B. Luby [e-luby@northwestern.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:34 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA service in Evanston

Dear CTA Planners: I write to you to urge you to not only keep the Foster Street CTA station open but also to improve it's appearance and security. The station is vital to 100s of Northwestern University students and staff who use it daily. Foster Street Station is the closest stop for all those working and studying on the whole south portion of the Evanston campus. It will hinder those of us who work and study here now and far into the future. We are trying to get the American population to get out of the cars and onto public transportation. Why would closure of vital train stops be a remedy to too many cars on the roads? If the CTA needs money it should go to the large organizations (i.e., this university as well as the four other ones that are served by the northbound trains) and find some plan that will be mutually beneficial. If the universities don't want to cough up funds, they can provide expertise and incentives. Partnership that could benefit all.

I have lived in Evanston for 43 years. One of the great assets of this city has been the availability to public transportation. I now live on Foster Street, and frankly I don't need to own a car anymore
- I can take a bus or train to wherever I want to go.

Please keep the Foster Street station open and operating.

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RPM-1039

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:20 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Purple line proposed changes

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From: Heidrun Hoppe [h.hoppe@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Purple line proposed changes

Dear Mr. Hands –

I would like to express my opposition to the idea of eliminating the purple line express service to and from Evanston. This service is very important to both residents working in Chicago and Chicagoans working in Evanston. I often need to be in the loop for meetings and will use the express service even if my meeting is somewhat later, for the convenience of taking one train. While waiting for my meeting I shop, have a coffee or otherwise take advantage of what the loop has to offer. Similarly, I will stay in the loop longer after a meeting to take advantage of the express service coming home. I'm sure I am not along in doing this and it is one way that the CTA encourages me to add my economic bit to the loop. Thank you.

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RPM. 1040

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:21 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Boulevard El Stop Open

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From: Margaret Nagel [formargaretn@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:27 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep South Boulevard El Stop Open

I will soon be 75. When I retired, I chose to give up my car, which means that my retirement money goes much further. It also means that I love living near the El stop, which I use constantly, in order to get my groceries, keep doctor's appointments, and so forth. It means a lot to me that the South Boulevard El is closer to my home, when I am coming home with a heavy load of groceries, or when the sidewalks are covered with snow and ice. Having the nearby El stop also attracts people to move into this part of Evanston--helps keep the neighborhoods livable and pleasant. Please keep the South Boulevard El stop open.

Margaret Nagel, Evanston IL

RPM. 1041

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:22 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW:

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From: James Barrett [smmjlbarrett@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:45 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject:

I feel strongly that the Jarvis station should be CLOSED. You pull out of Howard and stop two blocks later.
All Stations should be about a mile apart like on the south side.

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RPM-1042

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:22 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands - Feedback on CTA Proposed Improvements to Purple Line

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From: Allison Hansen [ahansen81@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:53 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands - Feedback on CTA Proposed Improvements to Purple Line

Dear Mr. Hands,

As you consider alternatives to updating the purple line, I ask that you DO NOT close the South Blvd station. Many of us in south Evanston rely on the station to get to work every day. I would probably have to move or drive a car if you closed the station. I love the CTA and don't want to lose my L stop!

Thank you for your time,
Allison Hansen

RPM. 1043

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:23 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line Express- Please Keep this Going!

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From: Beyda, Art [art.beyda@siemens.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:53 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line Express- Please Keep this Going!

To Whom it may concern,
Please keep the Purple Line Express service. It is the only reason that I continue to use the CTA for transit.
Thanks,
Art Beyda

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1044

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red and Purple Modernization Project comments
Attachments: Deep-Station-Design-Barcelona-L9.png

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From: Eric Mathiasen [eric@mathiasen.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:10 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red and Purple Modernization Project comments

Hello CTA,

As someone who has lived near the Red Line on the North Side for most of the 15+ years I've lived in Chicago, I think there are only two options that should be considered, and when considering everything together, the only logical choice is to build the subway option.

These are the reasons I advocate the selection of the subway alternative:

- *) Long life.
- *) Greatest projected amount of new ridership.
- *) Eliminate conflicts with the Brown Line at the Clark Junction.
- *) Can be built with minimal disruption to current service.
- *) Better waiting conditions during inclement weather.
- *) Pricing is comparable (slightly less than, even) rebuilding the existing four-track alignment, which is my only other preferred option.
- *) Assuming it's well-executed, it gets Chicago in the mood of building subways again.

With that option, though, I have several other related comments and questions.

Questions:

- 1) Would the subway be deep bore like the existing Red/Blue Lines to avoid utilities, or cut-and-cover for easy surface access?
- 2) What is the estimated speed for a trip from Howard to Belmont via the proposed alternatives: Express 4-track with new transfer stations, local with 4-track, and 2-track subway.
- 3) Have you considered putting the subway under the existing alignment north of Wilson instead of under Broadway?
- 4) Does the CTA have any proposals for what to do with the existing alignment if a subway is chosen?

Suggestions/Comments/More detailed questions:

A) If the subway is selected and it's bored below utilities, would it be done with multiple tunnels, or one large-diameter tunnel enabling stacked platforms (instead of side-by-side) like Line 9 in the Barcelona Metro, or the Boston Red Line as visible at Harvard Square? (see attached illustration from Barcelona) If you build at least the segment between Wilson and Foster as stacked, it would greatly ease a future extension west on Lawrence to replace the northernmost leg of the Brown Line and link the Red, Brown and Blue Lines. While this has never been proposed before, I think that choosing to build a Red Line subway in a way that makes that easier would keep the option open and, should a Lawrence subway ever become a reality (which I think it could, as a way to provide service to the growing employment district near O'Hare, relieve the surface congestion on Lawrence and eliminated the Brown Line's at-grade crossings). Please seriously consider this bit of future-proofing even if a Lawrence Subway isn't currently even a twinkle in anyone's eye.

B) If a subway alignment is chosen, once it's completed could the existing embankment be converted into a linear park/bikeway (much like New York's High Line, or Bucktown residents' advocated Bloomingdale Trail for their Bloomingdale embankment)?

C) While I would actually prefer Wilson to be replaced with stations at Montrose and Lawrence, I understand the desire to save money and the impact that the nearby cemeteries have on your ridership projections (not many dead riders, I hope). I also believe that by not having a station at Lawrence, it leaves the door open for integration with a Lawrence subway (see suggestion A)), so I support having a stop only at Wilson instead of at Montrose and Lawrence.

D) Could both current Purple and Yellow lines be routed all the way downtown (I know this means the Yellow Line would need 8-car stations) once the rebuild is enabled?

E) I suggest the new stations be built in such a way they could be easily expanded to 10-car stations in the future.

F) I suggest the new stations be built in such a way the line could be automated in the future.

-Eric

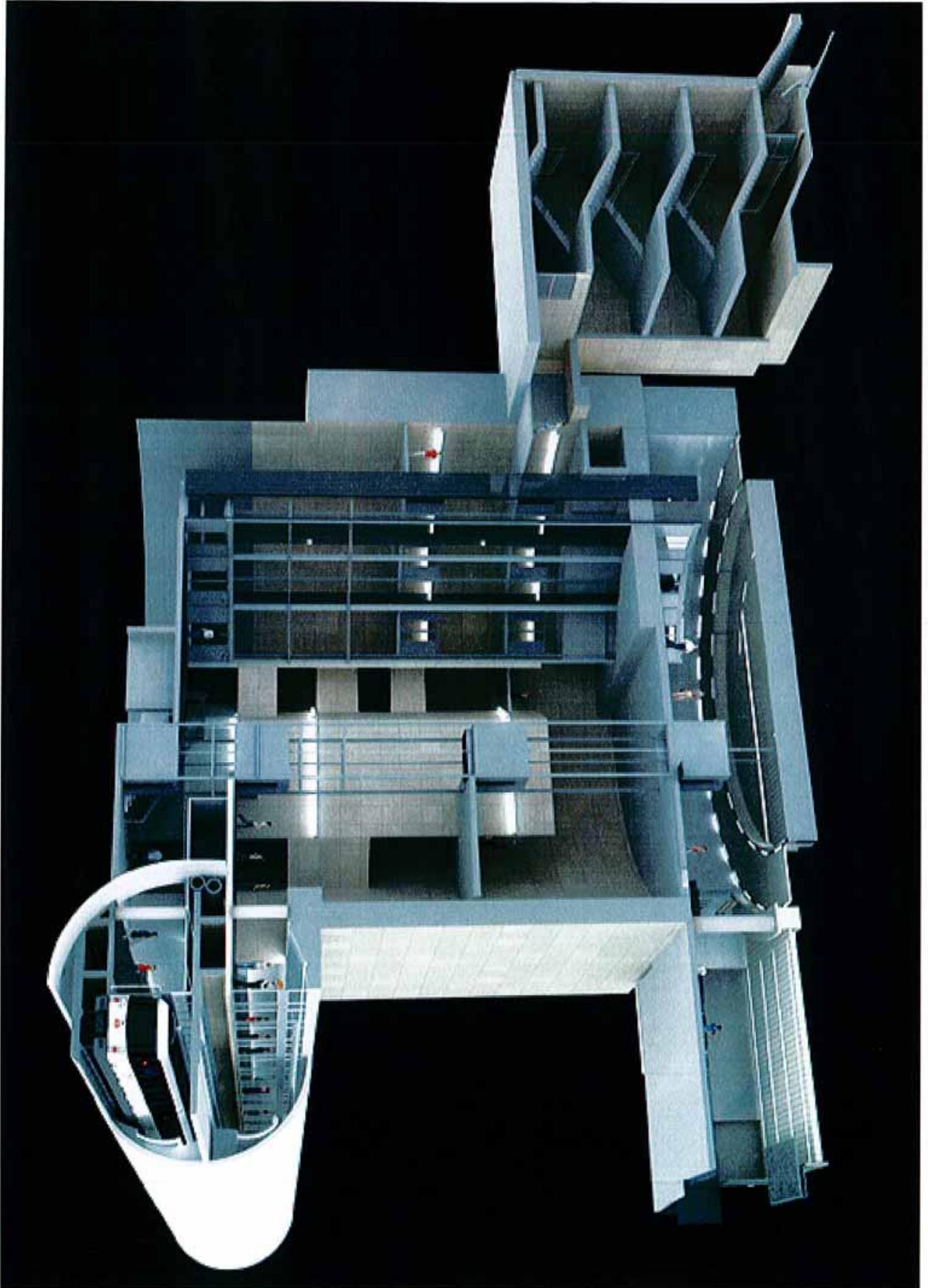
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Chicago (usually)



Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1045

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:28 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Comments from an Evanston Resident - Purple Line Modernization Project

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From: William Ryder [billryder@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:29 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: Wilson, Jeffrey
Subject: Comments from an Evanston Resident - Purple Line Modernization Project

Dear Steve Hands:

I am writing to make you aware of how the Modernization Project will impact my life as an Evanston resident.

I live at 533 Chicago Avenue in Evanston, and am a high-user of the South Boulevard station. I rely on the Purple line as a means of getting to and from work. Since I was unable to attend the CTA public meeting on January 27th, I wanted to take time to share with you my questions and concerns.

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In terms of supporting CTA objectives, please know that I greatly enjoy having South Blvd. express service during peak periods. Although I think an opportunity exists to potentially broaden these express hours, it is very convenient to have the luxury of traveling to and from work without having to make every red line stop.

I have cc'd Jeff Wilson so that my name and contact information is added to the project mailing list for future updates.

Also, should you wish to contact me directly:

William Ryder
533 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60202
billryder@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Regards,

William

Lea, Claudia

RPM · 1046

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To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Comments from an Evanston Resident - Purple Line Modernization Project

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William

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1047

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:30 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Alterations to the Purple Line in Evanston

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From: Amy Ditewig [aditewig@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:30 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Alterations to the Purple Line in Evanston

I wanted to let you know that I use the Purple line express very frequently for a reverse commute. I also use the purple line very frequently to catch the red line. Elimination of the purple line express would affect many people and I hope you consider an alternate option as I know many people in Evanston who use it and many people who use it from the city to get North. Please consider keeping the express and the purple line running. I use the Main and Davis stops in Evanston so I cannot speak for the use of the Foster and South stations but I enjoy the el service and hope it continues.

Thank you
Amy Ditewig

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Amy C. Ditewig

RPM. 1048

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:32 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd EL Stop

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From: Rich.Horvitz@rrd.com [Rich.Horvitz@rrd.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:35 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: South Blvd EL Stop

In regards to the possible closing of the South Blvd EL stop, I would like to register how it would affect my family's life.

My daughter is a Sophomore at Loyola's Lakeshore campus and often comes home to our South Blvd home for dinner and to babysit in the neighborhood. While it's a short EL ride, having to change trains at Howard street is a bit of an inconvenience but if she had to walk from Main street, especially in incimate weather or late at night, it would create a safety issue. (Note, walking from the Howard EL stop is not a safe option.)

I notice that a lot of cars park on South Blvd and the drivers walk down to the EL stop. That indicates to me that people commute to the South Blvd station due to free street parking and convenience. While I understand the budget and infrastructure issues at play, I recommend that the South Blvd stop...the first stop in Evanston, remain open.

Thanks.

Rich Horvitz
814 South Blvd
Evanston, IL 60202
847-475-2830

RPM. 1049

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:34 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd. and Foster St.

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From: mj galloway [hanahmjg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:49 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: South Blvd. and Foster St.

Hello,

I and many of my co-workers at St Francis Hospital regularly use the South Blvd stop to get to work, closing this stop will make getting to work a lot more difficult. The Foster stop is near several business and closing this stop will hurt these business and affect the many people who live in the area.

thank you
Mary Jane Galloway
evanston, il

Lea, Claudia

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:35 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: purple line

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From: William.Gaul@firstmidwest.com [William.Gaul@firstmidwest.com]

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:52 PM

To: North Red & Purple Modernization

Subject: purple line

I live in Evanston and love the purple line. How come none of the proposals have suggested a surcharge to ride express? I remember years ago having to pay a quarter. Still makes sense.

William L. Gaul, CFA, CTFA
Senior Vice President
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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:35 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston Proposal

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From: Donna [donalyn@ameritech.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 3:57 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston Proposal

Mr. Hands,

Eliminating the Purple Line Express for me means there would be no advantage to my using the CTA. I have friends who have stated the same.

Donna Serio
Evanston

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1052

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd El Stop - Closure still possible

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From: smeyerscomms@aol.com [smeyerscomms@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:36 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Fwd: South Blvd El Stop - Closure still possible

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Dear Mr. Hands:

Please note that as a 8 year resident and property owner in South Evanston, that the South Street Station was indeed one of the motivators for me to move in and stay in this area of Evanston, for both my children have and continue to use the South Street Station to go to and from school every day (one south for grade school currently, and the other north for high school). I also use the CTA via this station for my work every day, and it should be noted that as Evanston has pledged to go as GREEN as possible, my family has taken this stand to go as car free as possible.

The South Street Station is our SINGLE viable station for so many families, as farther north on Main Street is simply too far a distance and Howard is simply too unsafe for young children to get to. We look forward to your consideration of keeping South Street Station for all of these reasons: access, Green sustainability and safety for our families.

with appreciation
Sharon Meyers
Hull Terrace Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: Dianne Schuyler <dianneschuyler@sbcglobal.net>
To: Mary Chiaro <mary@plumbhome.net>; 'Jessica Horovitz' <jessicahz@tech.net>; Karen Johnson <karenjohnson@comcast.net>; Jacqueline Lee <jackielee.jl@comcast.net>; Michael & Renee Lock <mlock2195@comcast.net>; Jessica MacCrimmon <jhorow@luc.edu>; Andy MacCuimmon <andymac@ameritech.net>; Charlie & Linda Madigan <charlesmadigan@comcast.net>; Marsha Richman <directormarshar@sbcglobal.net>; David Rohner <david@therohners.com>; Patrick Tierney <ptierney@live.com>; Aimee Tierney <aimeetierney@hotmail.com>; Rodney Walston <rwalston@walstone.com>; Chris Baer <chrisbaer300@comcast.net>; Dennis Baer <dbaer14@comcast.net>; Jacob Courtney Brown <see_lyons@yahoo.com>; Julie Fleetwood <julieort@hotmail.com>; diane r johnson <drjohnson@fastmail.us>; Shani Beth-Halachmy <shanibh@sent.com>; bmoschel <bmoschel@earthlink.net>; Sandra Brown <sandra.brown@weichert.com>; Frank Carone <frankcarone58@gmail.com>; Colleen Calvani <colleen.calvani@gmail.com>; Harvey Dalin <dalinhar@yahoo.com>; davinawellman <davinawellman@sbcglobal.net>; Frederica Fissell <fredfissell@yahoo.com>; Gavin Galich <ggalich@comcast.com>; Madeline Gelis <mgelis@sbcglobal.net>; Sue Glaser <sglaser23@aol.com>; Mary Hawley <maryhawley@ameritech.net>; Will Herber <willherber@yahoo.com>; Jeff Irving <jeff_irving@administaff.com>; Judyth Lars <judyth@exite.com>; Lars <larsfridl@comcast.net>; Robert Lounsbury <rhounsbury@gmail.com>; Sharon Meyers <smeyerscomms@aol.com>; Reggie Ollie <r.ollie@comcast.net>; Phyllis <pdh55@att.net>; Mike Puican <mpuican@ameritech.net>; Nancy Schwartz <nanschwa@aol.com>; Willis Silverthorne

<wsilverthorne@amrosenthal.com>; Michelle Terry <michelle.terry37@gmail.com>; Tom Waterloo <tom.waterloo@gmail.com>; Tom Williams <tmmwilliamsdl39@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Fri, Feb 11, 2011 11:26 am
Subject: South Blvd El Stop - Closure still possible

Hello All

Some folks had read that the closure of the South Blvd El Stop was a dead issue and was no longer on the table. Looks like that information was incorrect.

Nothing has changed. CTA still considering closure one of multiple options for Purple Line improvements.

Please see the email below from Ann Rainey about who to write to if you are against the closure. Please do send your letters, they can make a difference. Thank you!

Dianne

-----Original Message-----

From: AnnRainey8 <AnnRainey8@aol.com>
To: Smeyerscomms <Smeyerscomms@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Feb 11, 2011 11:01 am
Subject: Fwd: Can you please reply

Sharon - below is explanation of the confusion caused by an erroneous article in the Northwestern Daily.

Many of us attended the forum and all I can tell you is to send ALL messages to

Send all CTA letters to

Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority, P.O. Box 7602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602, E-mail: RPM@transitchicago.com, Fax: (312) 681-4195.

CTA page on city site

<http://www.cityofevanston.org/news/2011/01/public-encouraged-to-comment-on-cta-proposed/>

You can copy aldermen but all we would do is forward. Direct contact with CTA at above address is best.

Ann Rainey
847 475 2949

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From: wbobkiewicz@cityofevanston.org
To: annrainey8@aol.com
Sent: 2/10/2011 5:55:36 P.M. Central Standard Time
Subj: RE: Can you please reply

No, they have not.

Tribune had an article on-line about ten days ago saying that no final decisions have been made on South Boulevard, but closure one of many options being considered at this point. Daily Northwestern misread article and had headline saying both South and Noyes would remain open. That wrong article was then reported around town.

City contact Daily and told them article was wrong and they took off

their website.

Nothing has changed. CTA still considering closure one of multiple options for Purple Line improvements.

Wally

From: AnnRainey8@aol.com [mailto:AnnRainey8@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 5:49 PM

To: Bobkiewicz, Wally

Subject: Re: Can you please reply

oops, I had mentioned that I had read somewhere that the CTA had removed South Boulevard from the chopping block and was hoping you could confirm that information.

Ann Rainey

847 475 2949

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In a message dated 2/10/2011 4:16:42 P.M. Central Standard Time, wbobkiewicz@cityofevanston.org writes:

Nothing more attached below..

-----Original Message-----

From: annrainey8@aol.com [mailto:annrainey8@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:20 PM

To: Bobkiewicz, Wally

Subject: Can you please reply

Cta station closing question.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

RPM. 1053

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Possible station closings in Evanston

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From: RAWLING, ALLYN [ALLYN.RAWLING@cbexchange.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:42 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Possible station closings in Evanston

Dear Mr. Hands,

I am a real estate agent who specializes in Evanston. I would like to add my voice to those who would like to keep both stations open. The South Boulevard station is an important feature for south Evanston – Main Street just is too far to walk for a goodly number of folks who are interested in condos and houses in the south end of town. The Rapid Transit line is one of the real draws to Evanston. If they can't get to Chicago from here, they may move even farther out – and take the Metra! The Foster stop is the closest one to many of Northwestern's buildings – once again, Noyes may be a good stop for north campus, but Foster is better for people needing to get to the southern half of campus.

The Red Line stops pretty much every 4 blocks in the city (except between Belmont & Fullerton where the Brown Line is used) and eliminating the South Boulevard stop out increases the distance from Howard to the next stop (Main Street) to about 1 mile – likewise eliminating the Foster stop would increase the distance between stops to about 1 mile. It's too far to walk in winter when the wind chill is below zero and too far to walk in the intense summer heat.

Thank you for your consideration,

Allyn Rawling

Coldwell Banker
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<http://www.allynrawling.com>

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RPM · 1054

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:50 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing the Foster "L" stop in Evanston

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From: JoAnn Casey [j-casey1@northwestern.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:49 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closing the Foster "L" stop in Evanston

I am writing to express my deep concern about the possibility that the stop at Foster Street in Evanston will be closed. This would present a huge hardship not only to students and staff who work at Northwestern University, but to clients who seek therapy from The Family Institute at Northwestern University. I really feel that the CTA would be doing a disservice to hundreds and hundreds of people who use the Foster Street stop every day. The alternative -- to walk from Davis Street or Noyes Street -- is really unacceptable, especially in inclement weather.

Please keep the Foster Street station open.

Jo Ann Casey
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RPM-1055

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:39 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep Purple Line Express

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From: Mark Epstein [mark@epsteinlawoffice.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:56 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep Purple Line Express

This is to ask that the Purple Line Express remain in service. It is critical to Evanston development. I am an Evanston resident.

Thank you,
Mark Epstein

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RPM. 1056

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:39 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: attention to: Steve Hands

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From: Stephen Boyd [stmboyd@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: attention to: Steve Hands

I am an Evanston resident and daily use the Evanston Express train to get to/from work in downtown Chicago. If it were eliminated I would resort to driving instead of using the CTA. Resorting to my car (*in the event of canceling the rush hour express*) will save me about an hour in travel time a day.

-Stephen Boyd

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1057

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:39 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Subject: Keep South Boulevard Station Open

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From: Elizabeth Avery [lizavery@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:11 PM
To: etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; mwynne@cityofevanston.org; arainery@cityofevanston.org; cburrus@cityofevanston.org; janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Subject: Keep South Boulevard Station Open

I am writing to ask for your support to keep the South Boulevard CTA Station open. A longtime resident of southern Evanston, I recently purchased property at the corner of Ridge and Oakton because of its close proximity to the Purple Line and affordable prices. I do own a car but I take public transportation into the city frequently and my roommate uses it every day to get to work. Closing the South Boulevard station would add an additional 25 minutes a day to my commute. The 3rd, 8th and 9th Wards of Evanston need CTA service at South Boulevard to remain attractive. Closing this station would further depress the home values in an already depressed market, and affecting one of the least affluent sections of our city. It will mean that I will either need to walk .83 miles to the Main street station or 1.2 miles to the Howard station versus .33 miles now to South Blvd station. It means I can safely get home at night. South Evanston is has a diverse mix of people who live in it. By removing the South Blvd Station it means that people who live even farther south than I will be forced to walk to the Howard station. This can be a VERY unsafe walk. I like living in a diverse area where there is a mix of nice condo's and homes and affordable apartments to rent in a a safe neighborhood. This is one of the parts of Evanston that people from all over can move into that is safe, affordable and diverse and still be near public transportation. Not only would this hurt the local housing prices but it could drive good people out of the neighborhood who rely on public transportation.

I fully support the CTA with my money and enthusiasm. Please do all you can to keep South Boulevard Station open.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Avery
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RPM: 1058

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:40 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Possible closing of Foster Street station in Evanston, Ill

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From: Herbert B Nechin [h-nechin@northwestern.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:11 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Possible closing of Foster Street station in Evanston, Ill

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to add my name to those who respectfully request that you do not close the Foster Street station in Evanston, Ill. I am the Interim Director of Planned Giving at Northwestern and have my office in the red brick building at 2020 Ridge Avenue. The building extends from Foster to Leon to the North.

I use the Purple line frequently, I get on at Fullerton and get off at Foster. I usually arrive at Foster by about 8:30 a.m. When I take the train back to Fullerton from Foster I usually leave at about 5:15- 5:30. The trip from Fullerton to Foster in the morning takes about 30-35 minutes. The return trip usually takes somewhat longer because the train can be more crowded.

I am a senior citizen and would find it very uncomfortable to walk to the office from either Noyes or Davis especially in the cold winter and the hot summer. I am a great fan of public transportation. It is my observation that Foster is the favored stop for Northwestern students. (I am a 1956 graduate of the school myself) In the morning there is frequently a long line to descend the stairs. The possible use of alternate stops at Church or Gaffield would not make the walk significantly shorter. Either would at least double the distance to travel; the stop at Church would probably be insignificant. I understand the importance of reviewing the efficiency of the CTA; I will also admit that the Foster Street Station is shabby but I would gladly accept the appearance as is for the sake of keeping the stop. I will also tell you that I have never been in favor of the free rides for seniors and will be happy to pay for the privilege of riding the train.

If it would be of interest to you, I would be willing to discuss this matter with you further. Your attention to this message is very much appreciated.

Herb Nechin

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1059

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:41 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Foster Stop

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From: file923@gmail.com [file923@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Ashley Anne Seewald
[AshleySeewald2012@u.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:13 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Foster Stop

To whom it may concern:

I would like to express my concern about the proposed purple line renovations. I believe the Foster Street El stop is important for many individuals traveling to and from Northwestern University. The University has many resources that are utilized by community members, including the Family Institute, a counseling community resource. Students and staff, and community members utilizing the University will surely be disappointed if the Foster Street El stop is removed.

I thoroughly appreciate the CTA's work in improving the purple line, and am excited for the upcoming renovations.

Sincerely,

Ashley Seewald

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Ashley Seewald
The Family Institute at Northwestern University
Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology Class of 2012
AshleySeewald2012@u.northwestern.edu
(847) 733-4300 x1152

RPM 1060

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:42 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: RPM comments

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From: amy.b.fry@gmail.com [amy.b.fry@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Amy Fry [AmyFry2011@u.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:20 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: RPM comments

Hello,

I support the plans for re-vamping the red and purple lines, but I am concerned about the removal of South Blvd and Foster stops. I am currently a Northwestern student who lives on South Blvd and has all my classes right off of Foster, so those are the only 2 purple line stops that I use. Removing both of them would be very inconvenient for me. At the very least, I think the Foster stop serves many NU students, so if it is going to be removed I think another stop should be placed in similar proximity to campus.

Thanks for your consideration,

--Amy Fry

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1061

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:43 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston Purple Line Express

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From: Sharon Ward [sdward48@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:15 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston Purple Line Express

To whom it may concern,

This is unacceptable to all of your passengers that use the purple line for commuting. It will cause us all to have a miserable commute. The express is the only happy part of commuting to the city. It will also cause others to NOT want to come to Evanston which will hurt our community financially. Please do not get rid of the Purple Line Express.

Sent from my iPhone by Sharon Ward.

RPM.1062

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:43 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW:

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From: oliver goold [ogould@att.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:39 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject:

Please continue the Purple Line Express service as scheduled. Discontinuation of service at stations with least service should be considered if that will offer significant savings. That may also apply to some Red Line stations that are close together. Thank you.

Oliver Goold

RPM-1063

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:43 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: attn: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy

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From: Melissa A [tuki22@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: attn: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy

I think clearly the Modernization 4-Track Project is the best. Any of the plans that has any kind of substantial improvements will put us in the whole. Let's at least get in the whole for something that is going to last for years.

Thank you,
Melissa Arkin
1234 Elmwood
Evanston, IL

RPM: 1064

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:52 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd CTA station

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From: KEVIN MURPHY [kburphy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 9:18 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: South Blvd CTA station

Please do not close this station. It is a major benefit to Evanston and to Chicago. Due to the parking situation in the city getting to the city without driving is essential. The stop is a major selling point for landlords and rentals in South Evanston as well a way to limit surface traffic. Please reconsider any plan to close it. Thanks, Kevin Murphy Seward St.

RPM-1065

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:52 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closure of Evanston Stop and Elimination of Express Service

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From: Joy Sanchez [sanchy3@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 9:29 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closure of Evanston Stop and Elimination of Express Service

Closer of the South Blvd and Foster stops in Evanston would be a great injustice and inconvenience to the residents in Evanston. At the current time, so many of us rely on Evanston Express for transportation in and about Evanston. I live in close proximity to the South Blvd stop which at the current time is an easy walking commute if that stop is eliminated, it would then add an additional 20-30 minutes to my daily travel and/or cost me to have to wait to take a bus to get to the train which at the current time I don't have to do.

If the Express service is discontinued I can guarantee you that most Evanstonians would stop using the CTA. The Evanston Express is our lifeline to the city. The CTA is always complaining about funding the elimination of this service would further cut CTA's income.

Joy
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and may nothing but happiness, come through your door.

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

RPM: 1066

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:53 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd

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From: Calandra, Joseph D [JCalandra@reshealthcare.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:37 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: South Blvd

The closing of the station at South Boulevard would have a significant negative impact on our community.

For over 30 years, I have practiced at St. Francis Hospital which is less than 2 blocks from this station. Our patients, doctors and staff all utilize this stop to get to our facility. Closing this would

increase the commute for these individuals or force them to drive to the hospital. The institution does provide free parking so that is not an issue for our staff or patient. They use the CTA

because it is a valuable cost efficient way to travel. We provide services to many patients who don't have any other transportation to get here for their doctor visits and/or tests. Taking a cab

is not an option for them.

If you decide to end the service at the South Boulevard station what would be the route people would use to get to St. Francis?

If you look at a map several other healthcare facilities are located along the red and purple lines are you considering closing those stops?

Please reconsider stopping this valuable service to our community.

Joseph D. Calandra M.D.
847-316-6101

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1067

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:54 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please keep the Foster Station

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From: Ken Shimokawa [kshimokawa@family-institute.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:43 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please keep the Foster Station

To Whom It May Concern:

The Foster station is the most convenient station as an employee at The Family Institute at Northwestern University and for many other students and staff at the Northwestern University. Even if access to buses may be improved from modernized station, if (1) timely connection from a station to the university is not provided AND/OR (2) additional charge for getting on a bus is required, the current proposed plan adds considerable burden on the Northwestern community. Please consider keeping the Foster station.

Sincerely,

Kenichi Shimokawa

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Madigan Fellow
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RPM. 1068

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:54 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Don't close the Foster L stop

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From: Keegan Walden [keeganwalden@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:45 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Don't close the Foster L stop

This is a regularly used stop for the Northwestern community. Consider closing the South, Main, or Dempster stops instead. Why would you close the Foster stop? It's probably the second most used station behind Davis. Thank you,

Keegan Walden

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1069

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:55 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Proposed Purple Line Up-Dating

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From: Paul R Alms [p-alms@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 11:22 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Proposed Purple Line Up-Dating

I reside in Evanston, close to the Dempster Street station. I strongly encourage the CTA to keep the South Boulevard and Foster Street Stations open. As a regular "E1" rider I note that many commuting University Students and staff use these stations which would create a burden for them. Many of them have chosen residences near these stations so as to accommodate their needs. They, most likely, would have to relocate, creating an unexpected and expensive burden in them.

Also, I regularly use the Purple Line Express to accommodate many obligations I have in the city. Although I could certainly use the Purple Line to Howard, transfer to the Red Line, then transfer to the Brown Line so as to deliver me to the west Loop, it creates a longer trip for me, time wise, and having to stand around waiting at the transfer points, often in in-climate weather. The convenience of the express during rush hours is unmeasurable. I encourage the CTA to retain it.

Lea, Claudia

RPM.1070

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:56 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line Express

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From: Janice Moore [jm Moore193@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 11:22 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line Express

Please keep the Purple Line Express running! It is an essential service to Evanston residents to bypass Chicago residential areas and quickly move to key business or educational stops in Chicago. I do not currently use the Purple Line Express but I have in the past and will in the future.

--
Janice Moore
Evanston resident for 30 years

RPM-1071

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:56 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Central Street improvement

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From: Sylvia Speredes [Sylvia.Speredes@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 11:44 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Central Street improvement

As a senior citizen of Evanston, I have experienced a need for an escalator at the Central Street station going up. Without that aid to getting up to the trains, I am unable to use that station, although it is the closest one to my residence.

Sylvia Speredes
2919 Hartzell St.
Evanston, IL 60201

RPM: 1072

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:56 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston Purple Line service

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From: Jerry Fuller [JFuller@acifund.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 11:48 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston Purple Line service

Evanston purple line service is critical for me and the employees at the Associated Colleges of Illinois in our commute to the loop. Without this service we will most likely move our offices out of Chicago. I urge you not to discontinue this service.

Jerry Fuller, Executive Director
Associated Colleges of Illinois

RPM. 1073

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:57 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: North re and purple modernization

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From: Edobor, Florevi [Florevi.Edobor@Reshealthcare.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 12:13 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: North re and purple modernization

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning and Policy
Chicago Transit Authority

Dear Sir:

I am a concerned citizen of Evanston and an employee of St. Francis Hospital writing your good office to plead you to not pursue eliminating the South Boulevard stop by the hospital. Without that stop area, it will have a big negative impact on our lives- patients, employees and citizens alike.

Thank you so much for your kindest consideration regarding this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Flo Edobor

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1074

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: An Evanston Residents Comment on the CTA's Proposed Improvements to Purple Line

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From: purpose7@aol.com [purpose7@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 1:51 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: An Evanston Residents Comment on the CTA's Proposed Improvements to Purple Line

Hello!

Thank you for asking for our feedback regarding the proposed improvements to the CTA's Purple Line.

As a resident of Evanston who does not own a car and is currently taking classes in downtown Chicago and formerly worked in the Loop for seven years, I rely on the Purple line's Express service, running both in-bound and out-bound during its current hours of operation.

I am in favor of the following:

Modernization 4 Track Alternative

Provide modern amenities at stations and extend the useful life of the system for the next 60-80 years
Increase train speed and reliability
Stations renovated to meet modern standards for accessibility and safety, including modern platform width
All stations altered to accommodate 8 car trains instead of current 6 car trains
Complete ADA accessibility
Consolidate stops through possible elimination of South Boulevard and Foster Street stations
Providing additional station access points, including adding a Washington entrance to Main station, a Gaffield entrance to Noyes station and a Church entrance to Davis station
Express service to/from Loop to Howard could be expanded due to upgrades on Red Line

Thank you.
Alicia Lancaster

RPM. 1075

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:05 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA invites you to the Red and Purple Modernization Project Public Scoping Meetings

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From: Kewanne Anthony Jenkins [kaj.kanthonyj@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 1:53 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA invites you to the Red and Purple Modernization Project Public Scoping Meetings

The CTA Red Line needs to be remodeled and maintained better. It is in bad shape and the train is disgusting when I travel to work or anytime I am riding it. I understand that it is a 24 hour train line but it is terribly disgusting and dirty. Homeless people surround you and it just needs to be fixed as soon as possible. Living around areas that have the Red Line Stations are terrible. The stations are usually outdated and dirty. Something needs to be done and the president of transit needs to do his job!

Thank you!

RPM.1076

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:06 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Update the South Blvd Stop

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From: Socorro Mucino [socorromm@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 2:55 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Update the South Blvd Stop

We need this station to be updated and remain opened

Socorro

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RPM. 1077

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:07 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston Express line cancellation

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From: Lindee Paris [lp4970@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 3:11 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston Express line cancellation

I protest the above and fell it would be a great disservice to the Evanston Community and the riders who use the CTA to commute to jobs in the city.
I also feel ADA access should be available so all commuters can access public transportation.
Evanston resident since 1981.

Lindee Paris
2555 Gross Point Road
Evanston, IL 60201

RPM. 1078

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:07 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: jrheuman@aol.com [jrheuman@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 3:22 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

I would like to see the Purple Line run once every hour all day to Belmont and back.

Also during non-rush hour times, esp. in winter, one has to wait for the Linden train at Howard when its just sitting a block south while we future passengers freeze. Why can't it wait at the Howard St. station?

John Heuman
421 Kedzie
Evanston, IL 60202

Lea, Claudia

RPM-1079

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:08 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: purple line

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From: bluesatmidnight@aol.com [bluesatmidnight@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 3:47 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: purple line

Hello -

Please do not close down the Purple line South Blvd. stop in Evanston. I use it to get to work six days a week and both Howard & Main stations are considerably farther away. Thank you.

Lydia Snow

RPM: 1080

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:11 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: purple line South Blvd & Express

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From: Jill Franklin [jsfranklin18@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 3:50 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: purple line South Blvd & Express

Hello,

I am writing to share my concerns about the possible closure of the South Blvd. Purple line stop and the possible curtailing of the Purple line express.

I use the South Blvd. station a few times a week generally later in the afternoon. Even at odd times, there are always other people waiting for the train downtown. When I arrive home at South Blvd., I often see people head south--those residents who live south of South Blvd. are really not served by either Howard or Main St. stations because both are significantly further away.

My other concern is the Express train. So many of us rely on this train to get to work or class. I am able to come home from work and run over to South Blvd. to catch the purple line express and get to class downtown. Without the express, I would have to leave work earlier. As it is, I have to take the red line home and transfer to purple--it takes over an hour because of all the wait time to transfer to purple and I get home around 10:30 p.m. Also, I have a friends who work at Evanston Northwestern hospital and live in the City--they rely on the Express to get to and from work. This train is essential to connecting Evanston with downtown. It is also essential for connecting Chicago residents to downtown Evanston where many Chicagoans work.

Please retain South Blvd. **and** the current frequency of the Express train (in fact, I have long wished for longer Express train hours).

Thank you,

Jill Franklin

Lea, Claudia

RPM: 1081

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:11 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple line changes

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From: Anne Berkeley [berkeley8@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 3:58 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple line changes

To: Steve Hands
Strategic Planning and Policy
CTA

From: Anne Berkeley
Evanston resident

Purple line service and stations are both in need of upgrade.
Please do your best to support Evanston by making long needed changes. We need more service not less.
Please do not eliminate express trains or any other part of the schedule.
Thanks for your consideration.

Lea, Claudia

RPM-1082

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:12 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd and Foster el stops in Evanston

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From: Kelly Sheridan [meowmeow336@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 4:52 PM
To: Wilson, Jeffrey; North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: South Blvd and Foster el stops in Evanston

To whom it may concern:

Please keep me apprised of updates concerning the South Blvd & Foster el stops in Evanston. I want these stations to remain open. Thank you very much.

Sincerely; a Southeast Evanston resident,

Kelly A. Sheridan

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RPM 1083

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 9:13 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd and Foster El stops to remain open in Evanston

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From: Kelly Sheridan [meowmeow336@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 4:55 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; Wilson, Jeffrey
Subject: South Blvd and Foster El stops to remain open in Evanston

To whom it may concern:

I am imploring you to keep the South Blvd & Foster el stops open in Evanston. We bought or rented here because of the proximity of the South Blvd & Foster el stops. I am an Evanston resident and have been for a very long time. I raised my son here. South Evanston and Foster el stops need to remain attractive. Commute time, including reaching the station, would average an additional 25 minutes a day. I do not want to be forced to move my apartment to another community if my el stop would close. Keeping South Blvd open is dire due to all the employees that work at St Francis Hospital & all the patients that rely on public transportation to get to the hospital and/or their doctor's appts. If the South Blvd el stop closed; I also would be willing to bet that crime would go up in the area. The 205 bus only runs Mon-Friday and stops running after 7pm. The 201 bus stops running after 8 pm. Closing the Foster el stop would not only effect Northwestern students that live in our community; but residents as well. It is very sad that our South Branch library is due to close; I moved to this area for many reasons: good schools, a library close by, and public transportation close to my apartment. I really do not wish to consider having to relocate because of this; but this could affect my decision to stay.

Sincerely; a Southeast Evanston resident,

Kelly A. Sheridan

N.B. Please keep me apprised of future developments. Thank you very much.

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1084

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:02 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA-Importance of the Purple Line & South Blvd

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From: Meghan Dietrich [meghan.dietrich@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 5:20 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA-Importance of the Purple Line & South Blvd

Dear Mr. Hands,

I'm very happy to hear that improvements are being planned for the CTA Red and Purple Lines. Thank you for taking a close look at the needs and safety of these CTA lines servicing the people of the Northside of Chicago, Evanston and the Northshore. We are grateful for your work. My comments are limited to the Evanston Purple Line options.

As an Evanston homeowner, one of the attractions for purchasing our residence was its proximity to the South Blvd. CTA Station. It's a 10-12 minute walk and a convenience that we greatly appreciate. Please *don't* discontinue stops to South Blvd. It's the first stop on the Purple Line in Evanston and probably (though I don't have statistics) services the most people with the least amount of income in Evanston. Please *don't* hand this group of people another discouraging piece of news by discontinuing the Purple Line from stopping here.

As well, please *don't* limit or eliminate the Purple Line Express to/from the city of Chicago. Again, another reason we bought our home close to the Purple Line, the timely ease of access into the city. Please *don't* make it any harder to commute into Chicago and home again by eliminating the Purple Line Express. It's the beauty of the Purple Line, the LifeLine of the Purple Line, the HeartBeat of the Purple Line. Please *don't* limit or eliminate the Express from running.

If both proposed options referenced above were implemented, an additional (approx.) 40-50 minutes would be added to travel time into the city, one way. Most of us here in this neighborhood have already lost our jobs, our incomes, our home's values, (many, our homes,) and we rely on the South Blvd. Purple Line Express to carry us to new possibilities in the city of Chicago in an accessible, affordable and timely manner. Please don't take that away from us, sir!

Thank you for your kind consideration. Many blessings on you and your team's endeavors, Mr. Hands.

Warm regards,
Meghan Dietrich
Evanston Resident

Lea, Claudia

RPM-1085

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:04 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Scoping Meeting Feedback

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From: arefin@gmail.com [arefin@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Arefin Huq [fig@arefin.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 5:28 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Scoping Meeting Feedback

I live in Edgewater by the Bryn Mawr stop and attend Northwestern University as a PhD student. I chose to live in Edgewater because I wanted to be close to school and close to downtown Chicago. The Red and Purple Lines allow me to commute to Evanston in the morning and from Evanston in the evening, and the Red Line allows me to go downtown on evenings and weekends.

Clearly the North Red and Purple Lines are in need of modernization.

Currently I experience the following problems:

- * delays on the Red line, often resulting in express trains that skip my stop
- * long wait times (up to 20 minutes) at Howard when transferring between the Red and Purple lines
- * frequent slow zones on both lines
- * unreliable spacings between trains resulting in long and unpredictable waits

I am strongly in favor of the 2-Track Underground Alternative. This alternative has the following advantages:

- * fast service in both directions between Evanston and Chicago
- * faster and more reliable service between the North Side (e.g. Edgewater) and downtown Chicago
- * no need to transfer at Howard
- * potential for more frequent service to and from Evanston, especially during off-peak and late night hours

Lea, Claudia

RPM.1086

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please do not close the Dempster station

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From: Danielle Pickard [daniellepickard@att.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 6:13 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please do not close the Dempster station

I use all the times. I live two blocks from it. Many students also live in the neighborhood and use it too.

I am an elderly who goes to Chicago frequently and use the el. Instead of cutting station, why not increase the fare?

Danielle R.Pickard
"Life is short. Eat dessert first!"
Jacques Torress

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1087

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line Improvements

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From: Dana Phelan [dana.phelan@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 7:10 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line Improvements

Hi,

I am an Evanston resident. In looking at the proposals, I think I agree with Alternative 3. It is important to me that train service would continue while under construction, and also that the express service to Belmont remains in place for our neighbors who work downtown. Also, given that these economic times are challenging for some and many might choose public transportation over driving, I support expanding the platforms to hold 8 car trains rather than 6.

Thanks very much.

Dana Phelan

Lea, Claudia

RPM-1088

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:22 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Response to Red & Purple Modernization Project

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From: Charles Perry [charlesperry23@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 7:12 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Response to Red & Purple Modernization Project

The 3 more expensive modernization projects seem like the only prudent options since the red and purple lines would get way over double the longevity for double the price of the basic rehabilitation.

I am attracted to the Modernization 3-track and Underground plans the most for these reasons:

- 1) 200 million dollars are saved over the 4 track option
- 2) Acquisition would be much less drastic than in the 4-track modernization option, and so I imagine a thousand difficulties would be avoided

In the debate between the 3 and 4 track options, another question is, do the operational concerns that rise from not having a reverse commute express outweigh the time and energy and money necessary to maintain the reverse commute while modernizing the track.

I can only imagine Evanston would have a fit because they would loose their express, but the underground option sounds great if it really is markedly faster.

In the end I am inclined to think the 200 million is worth saving. Go with 3-track or underground modernization!

--
Charles

RPM. 1089

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:23 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: Elizabeth Kinney [ekhope67@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 7:49 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

Attention: Steve Hands

Please keep the Purple Line! It really helps me get downtown or return from downtown quickly. The Red Line is very slow. Thank you for your consideration of my views. Elizabeth Kinney, 1024 Brummel Street, Evanston, IL 60202

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1090

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:23 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red & Purple Modernization Project

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From: Dan Zoloth Dorfman [dzdorfman@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 8:12 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red & Purple Modernization Project

Mr. Hand:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the CTA's proposals for the future of the Red & Purple Lines. My family & I moved to Chicagoland 8 years ago & chose to live in Evanston in part because of the ready access to CTA & service to downtown Chicago. I use CTA every day to commute to work & value the service highly. I strongly favor Alternative 3 - the 4-Track Modernization Alternative. I believe that any alternative that eliminates the Howard-Belmont express would be a mistake. My experience is that the train is always crowded on the express, often with many riders having to stand. So expanding the express makes sense to me, certainly in commute hours. Even eliminating the reverse-commute express would be a mistake, I believe. Again, my own observations of passengers getting off the north-bound Purple Line in the morning leads me to believe that the service is important to many commuters who come to Evanston each workday.

Thank you for considering the views of your riders.

Yours truly,
Dan Z. Dorfman

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Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1091

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:24 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: PLEASE Keep South Blvd Open!

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From: Kara Johnson [karajohnson2015@u.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 10:37 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: PLEASE Keep South Blvd Open!

Dear Mr. Hands,

I am writing to ask that you please do what you can to keep South Boulevard Station open.

I am a new Evanston resident, having moved here in September from Massachusetts, to enter the English PhD program at Northwestern. I chose South Evanston (Hinman & South Boulevard, specifically) because it has the reputation for being a safe, convenient, and neighborly residence to live. An overwhelming number of people recommended South Evanston as the perfect neighborhood.

A HUGE factor in my decision to rent here (and sign a 2-year lease on my apartment) was the location of the Purple Line. If South Boulevard closes, I will undoubtedly move to another neighborhood when my lease is up. It is unfortunate that I may have to face that decision, as I was planning on this move to be a permanent one.

As a graduate student, I rely daily on this train station's timely train schedule to get to my classes every day. Also, as a professional dancer, I find South Evanston the perfect neighborhood to conveniently travel to Chicago and continue my regular ballet training at the Joffrey Ballet School.

I know I am speaking for many young students, professionals, and families who also chose South Boulevard for similar reasons.

I hope you consider how this would affect numerous individuals and families (and their qualities of life, and convenient accessibility to both downtown Evanston AND downtown Chicago) in South Boulevard neighborhoods.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions about my concern regarding this issue. Thank you for your kind consideration,

Sincerely,
Kara
(413) 210-0893

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Kara Johnson
Graduate Student
English
Northwestern University

RPM-1092

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:25 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Improvements to the Red and Purple Lines

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From: Kathy Todd [kmarytodd@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 7:16 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Improvements to the Red and Purple Lines

I support Alternative 3, which would focus on those services that are most valuable to me as an Evanston resident.

Kathleen Todd
2414 Thayer Street
Evanston, IL 60201

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1093

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:30 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: viodock on lincoln in evanston

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From: jackjackja@aol.com [jackjackja@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 8:18 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: viodock on lincoln in evanston

the viadock on lincoln and ridge in evanston is terrible. it has never been painted and is a sore eye to the neighborhood.

Lea, Claudia

RPM.1094

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:30 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: do not close the South Blvd stop!!

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From: mjames84837@aol.com [mjames84837@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 8:20 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: do not close the South Blvd stop!!

Dear CTA,

Please do not close the South Blvd stop on the Purple Line!!

If you only saw how many people use that stop, you wouldn't close it!! For many people it's not realistic to walk to Howard or to Main. This stop is serving a community that really appreciates our el stop!!!

Thanks for listening,
Margaret James
826 Mulford, Evanston

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 1095

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:31 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing south blvd station

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From: Callozzo, Valerie [VCallozzo@Reshealthcare.org]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 9:33 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closing south blvd station

To Whom it May Concern;CTA:

There are countless numbers of us here, at St Francis Hospital, whol count on the use of the South Blvd CTA station.

Please, take your riders into consideration and do not close this station.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie Callozzo

RPM. 1096

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:35 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Red Line stop

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From: Bradley Dennis [bradleywdennis@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 9:50 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Red Line stop

Good Morning,

I would like to voice my opinion that the Jarvis Red Line stop should stay open. I use the stop daily and am always joined by my fellow neighbors.

The stop is essential to our neighborhood.

Bradley Dennis
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W 312.429.8043

RPM. 1097

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:36 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: main and south blvd el stops

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From: Mark Smith [msmith1638@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 10:05 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: main and south blvd el stops

Please do not close the main and south blvd el stops, these stops serve the south Evanston community which needs access to the loop during rush hour. Closing down these stops will reduce rider ship for the CTA and adversely effect the south Evanston Community.

Thanks
Mark Smith
Main Street El stop user and downtown commuter.

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:36 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: RPM Comments

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From: George Zrust [gzrust@ameritech.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 10:32 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: RPM Comments

To Whom This Concerns:

I have reviewed all of the RPM literature and have these comments:

First, it would be highly unwise to give up four tracks for two or three, even with the advantages of a subway line under Broadway. Clearly, the Four-track Modernization option is the best alternative, but it will need greater operational flexibility to take full advantage of it.

Right now, the CTA is greatly under-utilizing the four tracks it has, even when the Purple Line is running. Most traffic and wear is concentrated on the inner tracks while the outside tracks are idle the majority of the time. The signaling and dispatching of trains needs to allow diverting trains around trains stalled for the typical reasons that tie up the Red Line currently: passenger illness, police activity, and mechanical failure. This will take a more active approach to train operation than the CTA has currently, which has resulted in poor overall service and low speeds - both of which drive people away from transit.

CTA should also institute New York-style express service or a new version of the skip-stop service which CTA formerly had. Center island stations between the inner and outer tracks in each direction will facilitate both express and active dispatching of trains.

Density in this corridor may still justify the Broadway subway also, but clearly, money is always limited.

Some final points:

- Curve mitigation is very important: the tight curves at Sheridan are quaint holdovers that have no place in a modern transit system.
- Do not over-use concrete elevated when we already have quiet fill for much of this corridor - which could be improved with more sound deadening for the neighborhood. Noise pollution must be an important environmental consideration.
- Consider a subway under the current corridor to add capacity or express service - or put a 4-track subway in the current alignment.

I am happy to provide follow up thoughts, as I have ridden this corridor since the 1970's; am a life-long transit rider, and have worked in the past for the CTA (bus) and Amtrak. Please add me to the update list.

Thank you.

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Lea, Claudia

RAM.1099

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:38 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: tufnative@aol.com [tufnative@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 10:34 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

Steve,
Can't make it to the meeting, but mark my family down for supporting almost any plan that does NOT shut down stations or reduce express line travel in both directions! We like any plan that reduces car traffic between many north Chicago areas and downtown as much as possible, so keeping express in both directions helps a lot.
Best wishes in 2011 and beyond!
Antonio Valone

Lea, Claudia

RPM 1100

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 1:38 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please Don't Close South Blvd L

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From: John Watson [darwinsbulldog@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2011 10:38 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please Don't Close South Blvd L

Mr. Hands,

I live near the South Blvd L and use it for transportation to UIC where I work. My girlfriend also uses to it to travel downtown for her employment. We are strongly opposed to closing the L stop. We do not feel safe walking to the Howard stop and the Main stop is a long walk in the opposite direction from our destination. Closing the South Blvd stop will add significantly to our commute, as it will for the many people in our neighborhood who use the L. Please keep the stop open to facilitate transportation for our community. Thank you

John Watson