



# Appendix E

## Agency Scoping Meeting

(Sign-in sheet and meeting minutes)

# MEETING MINUTES

**RE:** Red Purple Modernization Project  
Agency Scoping Meeting

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, January 24, 2011

**CHAIRPERSON:** Steve Hands, CTA

**LOCATION:** CTA Offices, 567 West Lake Street

**TO:** Distribution and All Attendees

**ATTENDEES:**

| <i>Name</i>      | <i>Organization / Title</i>  |
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| Leah Dawson      | CTA  |
| Kevin O'Malley   | CTA  |
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| Michael Connelly | CTA  |
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| Kate Stenberg    | CWC Transit Group  |
| Claudia Lea      | CWC Transit Group  |
| Bob Tessiatore   | CWC Transit Group  |
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| Reggie Arkell    | Federal Transit Administration (FTA) / Community Planner                   |
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| Robert Fahlstrom | Chicago Department of Buildings (DOB) / Code Compliance                    |
| Bryan Wagner     | Illinois Tollway / Environmental Planner                                   |
| Dan Powers       | Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) / Railroad Safety Specialist            |
| Chuck Abraham    | Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) / Manager of Program Support  |
| Richard Hazlett  | Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) / Coordinating Planner         |
| John Donovan     | Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)                                      |
| Janine Farzin    | Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)                                    |
| Pat Harney       | City of Chicago Mayor's Office   |
| Diane Smith      | Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) / Assistant Director         |
| Brendan Daley    | Chicago Park District / Director of Green Initiatives                      |
| John Kryl        | Chicago Department of Environment (CDOE)/ Director                         |
| Kevin Laberge    | Chicago Department of Environment (CDOE)/ Environmental Engineer           |
| Kathleen Dickhut | Chicago Housing and Economic Development / Deputy Commissioner             |
| Kristen Andersen | Metra  |



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| David Kralik   | Metra  |
| Debra Shore    | Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) / Commissioner              |
| Joe Schuessler | Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) / Principal Civil Engineer  |
| Craig Sklenar  | City of Evanston / General Planner   |
| Susan Guderley | City of Evanston / Neighborhood Planner                                    |
| Ken Westlake   | US EPA / Chief   |
| Norma Reyes    | Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection (BACP) / Commissioner |
| Pam Sielski    | Forest Preserve District of Cook County                                    |

**PREPARED BY:** Claudia Lea

**ISSUE DATE:** January 24, 2011

**Meeting called to order at 10:30 am**

**Objective:** Red Purple Modernization (RPM) Project Agency Scoping Meeting

| <b>Item No.</b> | <b>Agency Comments</b>  |
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| <b>1.00</b>     | CTA and FTA welcomed the agency representatives and presented a short briefing on the project that included an overview of the project and timeline, tiered EIS approach, evaluation criteria for the EIS, definition of a participating agency, project history and the vision study process, the project description, purpose and need, and the alternatives proposed for study in the EIS. This presentation was followed by a break where the agencies were encouraged to view the exhibit boards around the room and talk with CTA staff for about 20 minutes. Following this opportunity to become familiar with the project area and the alternative, there was an open question and answer session with all participants. The follow comments are organized by topic and are not in the order in which they were discussed. |
| <b>2.00</b>     | <p><b>Service / Constructability / Ridership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>CDOE</u>: How does CTA plan on maintaining service during construction?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: All alternatives would leave at least two tracks available at most times in order to maintain service.</li> <li>• <u>CDOE</u>: What will happen to the berm material in the current embankments?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: This will be studied in the EIS.</li> <li>• <u>BACP</u>: Is there a plan to reuse or recycle materials (such as steel or embankment structure) in order to save cost? Or is CTA planning on scrapping it in order to make money from it?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: This will be studied in the EIS. Not all alternatives would remove</li> </ul>   |



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|          | <p>embankment or steel structures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>PACE</u>: Is there a comparison of running time between the options and does it include bus connections?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: We have travel time charts, but it is not shown on any of the exhibit boards. The preliminary estimates are from station to station only. Things that affect travel times include curve straightening, Howard express service, and station consolidation. Bus connections would be part of the final design process.</li> <li>• <u>Metra</u>: In the demand analysis, was there any consideration of shifts to other transportation modes such as commuter rail?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: A regional model was used, so Metra was included.</li> <li>• <u>PACE</u>: How do you calculate ridership?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: We would expect to lose certain riders under the alternatives where there is no more express option, but we would also expect to gain local ridership through improved local service and easier connections. Additional transfer stations would encourage more riders by reducing travel times for people boarding, alighting or transferring at these stations. The total ridership appears to be about the same for the various modernization alternatives, but it could represent different people. This will be studied more fully in the EIS.</li> <li>• <u>PACE</u>: What is the impact of the 2-track and 3-track alternatives on the reverse commute? Is the reverse market being evaluated for expansion of service?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: There would be no express service for the reverse commute with the 3-track alternative, and no express service for the 2-track alternative. An improved local service would be provided in the reverse commute direction, in some cases improving that commute compared to today. Projections were done using the 2030 projected population. The proposed Yellow Line Extension would serve the reverse commute, but since it is not funded it was not included in the analysis of reverse markets.</li> <li>• <u>City of Evanston</u>: How do you determine shifts in travel demand?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: We have reviewed ridership, and have changed services over the years to meet shifts in demand.</li> <li>• <u>EPA</u>: Does the travel analysis see shifts of commuters out of private vehicles into transit? Will this be included in the net air analysis?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: This will be studied in the EIS. Preliminary estimates of new ridership that we</li> </ul> |



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|          | <p>currently have may include riders shifting from private autos to trains and in this corridor, riders may also shift from buses to trains which would also benefit air quality.</p>  |
| 3.00     | <p><b>Right of Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>CDOE</u>: Is CTA planning on widening the corridor?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: Yes, we would need to widen much of the corridor in the 4-track modernization alternative. All other alternatives are primarily within the existing right of way; however, some acquisition would be expected in all alternatives.</li> </ul>  |
| 4.00     | <p><b>Costs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>CDOT</u>: For the costs of the alternatives there seems to be a small difference in costs – is this due to construction costs?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: The difference between the cost of the 3-track and the 4-track alternatives is small and is partly due to property acquisition costs and materials.</li> <li>• <u>PACE</u>: What has been the extent of planning for stations?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: Costs currently include station upgrades and right-of-way acquisitions. It does not include the cost or savings of rerouting buses.</li> </ul>   |
| 5.00     | <p><b>Station Consolidation and Secondary Entrances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>City of Evanston</u>: Did you do calculations to assess the impact on walking times due to stop consolidation?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: Because of secondary entrances, many riders would have a shorter walk and there would likely not be a significant increase in average walking time. This will be studied further in the EIS.</li> <li>• <u>City of Evanston</u>: What were the criteria for identifying stations to be consolidated?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: Station consolidation criteria were based on ridership, location, bus connections, and whether or not we can accommodate the population with additional entrances.</li> <li>• <u>BACP</u>: For consolidated stations, will you coordinate with other providers to make sure that ADA accessibility is not affected?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: If the station is accessible but the route to the sidewalk isn't, then the station would not be considered accessible so it would be important to coordinate to provide access along the entire route. Also, many stations are not currently accessible.</li> </ul> |



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|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>City of Evanston</u>: Will the secondary entrances be accessible?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: The station would be accessible, but it has not been determined whether the secondary entrances would be accessible.</li> <br/> <li>• <u>BACP</u>: How will station consolidation affect business communities such as Argyle and Berwyn? Station consolidation impacts the businesses since they rely on the commuter traffic.</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: Six alternatives are being evaluated and no final decisions have been made. We will create safe, accessible stations, and new stations would create new business opportunities. Impacts to businesses will be studied in the EIS.</li> </ul> |
| 6.00     | <p><b>Energy Efficiency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPA</u>: Does the project planning include expectations that you'll be aiming for high energy efficiency in design?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: CTA has a history of using green building design. The EIS energy analysis would include the impacts at each station, lighting, traction power, and air conditioning in cars.</li> </ul>  |
| 7.00     | <p><b>Tier 1 / Tier 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>EPA</u>: What kinds of projects would you do under a Tier 2?</li> <li>• <u>CTA</u>: Right now we are presenting a full set of alternatives for all areas of the corridor. What we do under Tier 2 depends on the preferred alternative that is selected, funding, and schedule priorities that are yet to be determined.</li> </ul>   |

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