

Slide 1: CTA Blue Line Forest Park Branch Feasibility/Vision Study

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Slide 2: What is the Blue Line Feasibility / Vision Study?

- Opportunity to assess current conditions
 - Modernization needs exist for rail infrastructure and customer amenities
- Planning for modernization
 - Near-term (10 years)
 - Long-term (2040)
- Early outreach and comment opportunity for project stakeholders
- Recommendations will inform IDOT's I-290 Phase 1 Study

The study is not...

- Environmental Impact Statement
- Part of a Federally mandated project development process

Slide 3: Project Study Area & Background

- Study area is existing Blue Line from Clinton to Forest Park, and continuing to Mannheim Rd for review of IDOT transit proposals
- The 55-year old Blue Line / I-290 facility was completed in 1958 as the 1st integrated transit / highway facility

A map showing the study area: The Study area captures the complete Blue Line from Clinton to Forest Park, and also allows for the evaluation of alternatives that could continue to Mannheim Road in coordination with I-290 EIS study.

Specifically, from 1 block east of Clinton station at Canal Street (east) to Mannheim Road (west), Madison Street (north) to Roosevelt Road (south).

Slide 4: Blue Line Feasibility / Vision Study Scope of Work

- Determine existing conditions
 - Infrastructure needs
 - Transit markets and ridership trends
- Develop potential conceptual service patterns
 - Evaluate potential expansion alternatives included in IDOT I-290 EIS
- Determine station access needs and design modernized station prototypes

- Emphasis on improving livability in Oak Park
- Evaluate and refine conceptual service and station access alternatives
- Consider funding options

Joint Partnerships

- IDOT's I-290 EIS Study
 - Modeling resources
 - Coordinated outreach
- Village of Oak Park
 - Support for station design

Slide 5: Project Schedule

An image that shows the project schedule, described by the following notes:

- 8-month vision study
- Service concepts and potential alternatives will be presented to public in late Spring (April), final concepts and station prototypes will be presented to public late summer
- Updates will be made public via website as project advances
- Continued coordination with project partners, key community stakeholders, and outreach to public

(Note: project schedule has been updated to reflect some schedule delays and project slip which would allow completion in spring 2014.)

Slide 6: Connection with I-290 Phase I Study

There is a desire to coordinate major investments between IDOT and CTA so that a combined alternative can be advanced.

- The CTA Feasibility/Vision Study will inform responses to transit alternatives in IDOT's I-290 Phase I Study

Benefits of coordinated projects:

- Multimodal coordination improves mobility
- Coordinated implementation may allow:
 - Potential cost savings
 - Reduced customer inconvenience during maintenance / construction
 - Broader funding opportunities than isolated projects