# Construction Project Briefing

April 14, 2021



# **Today's Presentation**

- Jefferson Park to O'Hare Signals Project
- System-Wide Traction Power Upgrades (Transformers Replacement) Project
- Red and Purple Modernization Project



Justification of Need:	The existing 30-year old signal system is approaching the end of its useful life. Maintaining the system has become increasingly difficult in as much as many components are now obsolete and difficult to repair or replace.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$ 207M
Construction Contract Value:	\$ 153,696,433.00
Earned to Date:	62%
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0
Percent Time Used:	97%
DBE:	Goal: 10% Design / 15% Construction Commitment: 10.1% Design / 15% Construction Contract is on track to meet the DBE goal Outreach events conducted: 2 (CTA) 1 (KAJV)
Funding Source:	CTA Bonds, RTA Bonds, Federal Formula Funds, and Federal TIFIA loan
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	NTP: May 21, 2018; Substantial Completion May 20, 2021
Designer of Record:	KAJV – Mott McDonald
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	STV/KAJV

#### Detailed Overview of Scope:

This is a design-build project that existing relay houses are going to be replaced with new relay houses on elevated or at grade platforms and existing relay rooms are proposed to be expanded/ refurbished and/or reconfigured to accommodate the new signal equipment. The existing relay houses/ rooms are located at the following locations: Jefferson Park, Central, Foster, Nagle, Harlem, Cumberland, River Road, Rosemont East, Rosemont Yard, Rosemont West, Old Manheim, O'Hare East and O'Hare West. Special trackwork improvements are at Central Interlocking.



Impact on Customers:	There will be 11 weekend Line Cuts: 2 – 9 Day Line Cuts from O'Hare to Rosemont, 2 Weekend Line Cuts from Rosemont to Harlem, and 7 Line Cuts from Harlem to Jefferson Park. Bus shuttles will be provided for these line cuts. In addition, there are 90 nighttime single track outages that may affect customers.	
Benefit to System:	This will be the last section of the Blue Line to receive upgraded signals and interlockin systems. When completed, these systems will assure consistent, safe and reliable trad operations on the entire Blue Line for many years to come. The proposed new equipment w provide bi-directional railway traffic protection and maintain headways at 90 seconds at 35 m nominal. The Project will be designed with infrastructure provisions for a future Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) system, such as ducts for serial fiber/ cables, ample spare root for hardware in each relay/ audio house and ideal locations for transponders, radio transmitter antennae and wayside zone controllers.	
Benefit to Community:	Improved Reliability and Safety	
Impact on Accessibility:	During the 11 weekend Line Cuts, train stations will be inaccessible.	
Estimated # of Jobs Created:	106 Direct, 507 Indirect	
Customer Communication Need:	Construction activity notices will be provided to inform customers that Line Cuts will impact their commute.	
Comparable Projects:		

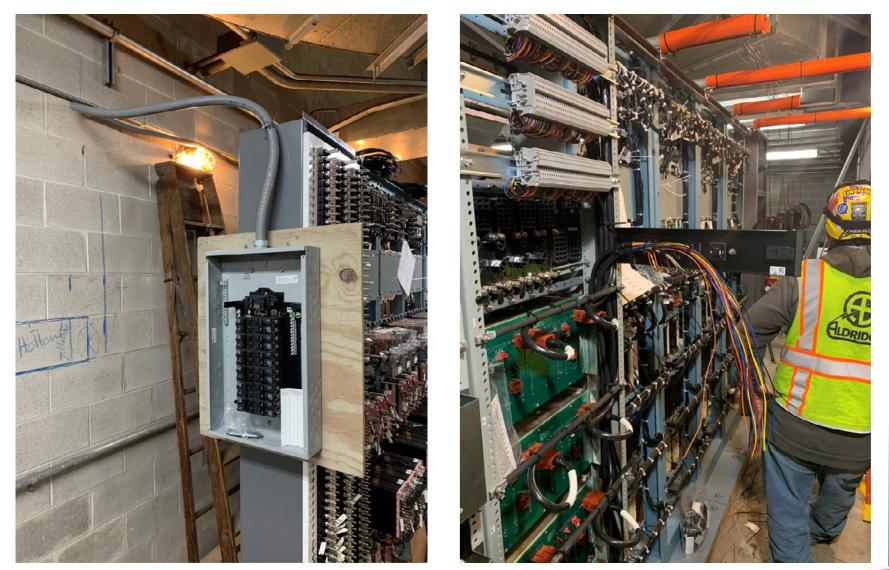
- Ravenswood Loop Connector
- Congress Dearborn Jefferson Park to Forest Park Signal Replacement

#### **Construction Progress**

Phase	Description	Status
Construction		
	Signal & Traction Power Cable Installation.	Ongoing
	Relay Houses are being manufactured.	Ongoing
	Signal Equipment Installation.	Ongoing
	Nagle Cutover has been completed.	Completed
	Harlem Interlocking infrastructure work has been progressing.	Ongoing
	All Relay House Books of Plans have been submitted.	Ongoing Review



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**O'Hare Temporary Rack Installation and Wiring** 





#### **Old Mannheim Junction Box Installation and Wiring**





Nagle Interlocking and Signage



#### **Project Title: System-Wide Traction Power Upgrades Transformer Replacements**

Justification of Need:	Existing transformers were past the unit's life expectancy. Some of the existing Oil transformers started leaking PCBs presenting a potential safety hazard. Also this upgrade is needed in order to meet the future traction power demands of the 7000 series railcar fleet and during times when the CTA runs more railcars during peak hours.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$9,246,890.00
Construction Contract Value:	\$5,877,000.00
Earned to Date:	82%
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0%
Percent Time Used:	76%
DBE:	<ul> <li>Goal: 10%</li> <li>Commitment: 10.19%</li> <li>Contract is on track to meet the DBE goal</li> </ul>
Funding Source:	A combination of (2010 IDOT and 2018 FEDERAL grants)
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	<ul><li>NTP: January 27, 2020</li><li>Substantial Completion: July 25, 2021</li></ul>
Designer of Record:	CTA Engineering
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	WSP / John Burns Construction Company

**Detailed Overview of Scope:** Isolating, disconnecting, removing, legally disposing of, delivering, installing and restoring power to fourteen (14) transformers at the following substation locations throughout the system:

- Two (2) 2500 kva dry type transformers at 17th Substation.
- One (1) 2500 kva dry type transformer at Douglas Substation.
- Three (3) 2500 kva dry type transformers at Edmunds Substation.
- Three (3) 3000 kva oil transformer at Franklin Substation.
- One (1) 2500 kva dry type transformer at Harding Substation.
- Three (3) 2500 kva dry type transformers at Lotus Substation.
- One (1) 2500 kva dry type transformer at Washington Substation.



Impact on Customers:	No customer impacts.	
Benefit to System:	This improvement will enable the CTA to continue to meet traction power needs and increase traction power capacity to meet future demands and maintain current and future service levels and load on the system.	
Benefit to Community:	Will maintain current operations with less delays due to power availability.	
Impact on Accessibility:	None	
Estimated # of Jobs Created:	TBD	
Customer Communication Need:	Construction activity notices and signage information are provided for any alley or sidewalk closures while removal of existing and delivery of new transformers occurred.	
Comparable Projects:		
<ul> <li>Previous JOC project (J12-045) provided</li> <li>79th: Rectifier, transformer, busduct, DC</li> <li>Milwaukee: Rectifier, transformer, busduct</li> </ul>	C breaker & Cubicle, AC breaker & Cubicle.	

- Broadway: Rectifier, transformer, busduct, DC breaker & Cubicle.
- Clifton: Rectifier, transformer, busduct, AC breaker & Cubicle.
- East Lake: Rectifier, transformer, busduct, DC breaker & Cubicle, AC breaker & Cubicle.



#### **Construction Progress**

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	<ul> <li>Transformer 1 replacement (dry type) at 17th Substation.</li> </ul>	Completed
	Transformer 2 replacement (dry type) at 17th Substation.	Completed
	Transformer 1 replacement (dry type) at Harding Substation.	Completed
	Transformer 1 replacement (dry type) at Lotus Substation.	Completed
	<ul> <li>Transformer 2 replacement (dry type) at Lotus Substation.</li> </ul>	Completed
	Transformer 3 replacement (dry type) at Lotus Substation.	Completed
	Transformer 1 replacement (dry type) at Washington Substation.	Completed
	<ul> <li>Transformer 1 replacement (dry type) at Edmunds Substation.</li> </ul>	Completed
	Transformer 2 replacement (dry type) at Edmunds Substation.	Completed
	Transformer 3 replacement (dry type) at Edmunds Substation.	Completed
	Transformer 1 replacement (dry type) at Douglas Substation.	Completed
	<ul> <li>Franklin Substation, site preparation activities include:</li> </ul>	
	• 1) Soil excavation around containment pad.	Ongoing
	2) Soil sampling and PCB remediation.	Ongoing
	• 3) Restoration of concrete containment pad.	Ongoing
	<ul> <li>Transformer 1 replacement (oil type) at Franklin Substation.</li> </ul>	Ongoing
	Transformer 2 replacement (oil type) at Franklin Substation.	Started
	Transformer 3 replacement (oil type) at Franklin Substation.	Started





CDM Smith Environmental Consultant Taking Soil Samples for Testing at Franklin Substation





Epoxy Coat 1 Over Containment Pad at Franklin Substation





#### Epoxy Coat 1 - Mil Test

#### Finished Layer of Epoxy





#### Forming and Reinforcement of the Containment Pad



Justification of Need:	The RPM Phase One Project is greatly needed in order to expand capacity on CTA's most utilized rail line and to replace aging infrastructure.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$2.1 Billion (excludes Transit TIF interest payments)
Contract Value:	\$1,272,275,929
Earned to Date:	35%
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0%
Percent Time Used:	38%
	Design Goal: 20% / Commitment: 20.64%
DBE:	Construction Goal: 20% / Commitment 20%
	Contract is on track to meet the DBE goal
Funding Source:	CTA Financing, FTA Core Capacity Grant, CMAQ, TIFs
NTP / Construction Start / Estimated Completion	February 8, 2019 / October 2019 / 2025
Design Build Contractor:	Walsh-Fluor Design-Build Team
Owners Representative:	Elevated Solutions Partners

#### **Detailed Overview of Scope:**

RPM Phase One consists of the following elements that will allow CTA to expand service along the Red and Purple lines:

- Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization (LBMM) complete reconstruction and addition of ADA accessibility at four Red Line stations (Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr) and reconstruction of 6 miles of track, structures, and viaducts from Leland Ave. to Ardmore Ave.
- Red-Purple Bypass (RPB) Construction of a grade-separated bypass for the Brown Line at Clark Junction, just north of Belmont Ave. Includes realignment and reconstruction of 1.4 miles of mainline tracks and structure between Belmont station and south of Cornelia Ave.
- Corridor Signal Improvements (CSI) Installation of new higher-capacity signal system on 23 miles of track between Belmont and Howard stations.

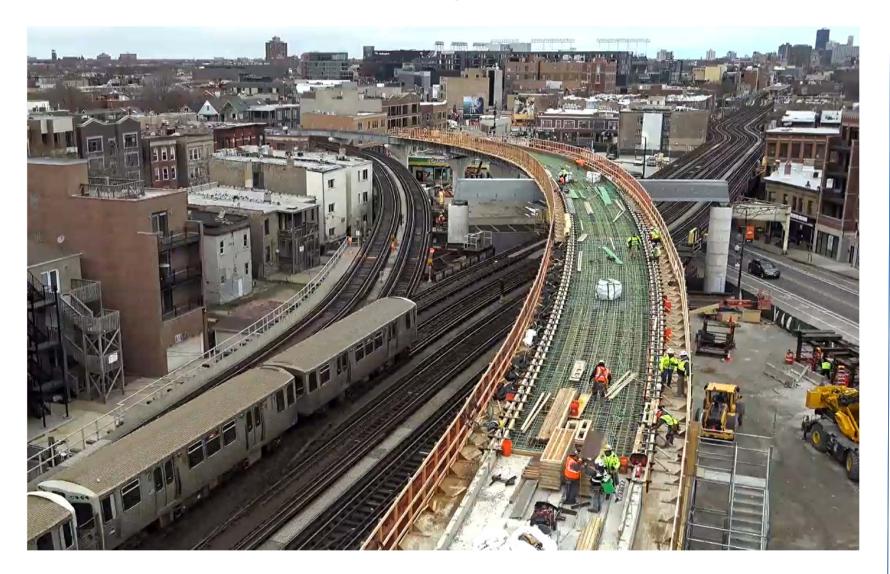


Impact on Customers:	Track closures and temporary station closures during construction. Temporary relocation of bus stops and bus reroutes during construction phasing. Temporary sidewalk, traffic lane, and parking lane closures during construction phasing.
Benefit to System:	The Red-Purple Bypass will allow CTA to operate more trains and reduce delays at the Clark Junction. Signal improvements will reduce customer congestion by allowing for additional trains. 100 year old structures are being replaced to improve reliability and extend life of system. Four new, larger, ADA accessible stations with wider platforms will replace current 90+ year old facilities.
Benefit to Community:	Improved pedestrian safety around new modern stations and structures. Enhanced lighting, improved street clearance, removal of columns from streets, enhanced signage, improved areas under track structures, and new station entrance at Hollywood Avenue.
Impact on Accessibility:	Upon project completion, Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations will include elevator access and other ADA access improvements throughout. Station improvements include wider platforms, better lighting, and modern accessible amenities.
Estimated # of Jobs Created:	1,400+ and counting.
Customer Communication Need:	Frequent communication is required to provide customers advance and real-time information regarding rail and bus service modifications due to construction.

Comparable Projects:	
- Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project	
- Your New Blue Program	
- Red Line Extension	

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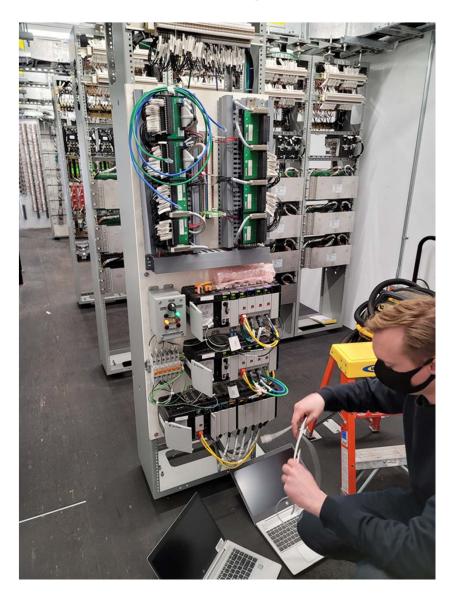
**RPB – Constructing Flyover Deck** 





**RPB – Flyover Track Structure in Newport / Roscoe Alley** 





LBMM – Thorndale Relay House Testing & Commissioning





LBMM – Box Girder Segments in Storage





LBMM – Bryn Mawr Temp Station Platform



Outreach type	Major Activities	Timing
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