I urge everyone to please attend the meeting tomorrow night and voice your opposition!!!
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Evanston needs 4 track modernization to keep and expand the number of express trains and to retain the Foster and S Boulevard stations. We have 2 hospitals and need ADA access.
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In listening to the residents of the ward they seem to favor the four-track modernization. They want to keep the Express and to keep both the Foster and South Blvd. stations open. I support their recommendations.
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- Basic rehab for Purple Line up ADA accessibility
- Comalter upgrade that would widen platform at South Blvd.
- Modernization 4-track alternative for Red Line
- Express service between Howard and downtown

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My favorite plan overall is probably the Modernization 2-Track Underground Option, given integrating the Purple Line as part of the Red Line. However, if this is the case, I would like it to continue running as late as the Red Line rather than it stopping earlier (like how the Purple Line does now). I also don’t understand why Foster was picked as one of the ones to remove given that there are other stations in Evanston that are frequented less often on an average yearly basis. Ideally, I would like this plan to be executed without the removal of any stops, but if any are to be removed, I would suggest reconsidering which stations should be removed.
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I would like to see the Foster street and South Boulevard stops remain on the purple line. I think the best plan is the Basic Rehabilitation with transfer stations alternative. This will not only improve the quality of the stations but add additional stations to serve the residents of Evanston. Having additional stations to access the express service is a huge plus, especially for all the professionals who commute into the city of Chicago. It is important to keep in mind that Foster street and South Boulevard are some of the most frequented stops. It would be a disservice to the residents of Evanston and the students of Northwestern University.
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Of the proposed plans, I prefer the Basic Rehab with transfer stations alternative. Removing South Blvd is a big negative for me in terms of commute time, lowering my property value, and safety (harder to walk alone at night). I like the idea of combining the purple line with the red (a track option), but only if 1) express trains still run to downtown 2) the Evanston branch runs as late as the red line does now 3) South Blvd is not removed. This would be the ideal situation. Alternatively, adding increased operating hours and no transfer at Howard to Basic Rehab w/ transfer option plan would also be preferable.
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I favor the 4-track modernization option. If we are going to invest the kind of money being discussed here, it makes sense to go for the full rendition w/ the maximum capacity. The system now is seriously inadequate, & really not commensurate at all w/ a city of Chicago’s standing. Large sections appear to be held together w/ duct tape, & it is really only a matter of time before the system experiences a significant failure. Build the system that will best serve the whole city & pay for it with an automobile fuel tax...
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- Concerned about the South Bldg stop being closed. We use this stop. It also has access for St. Francis Hospital.
- Concerned about losing a Purple Line express. This is great for Evanston and reverse commuters.
- We should be adding lines and stations, not cutting.
- Additional Purple transfer points sound good. If Sheridan can be smoothed out.
- We should have at least 4 tracks.
- The Purple line should run at weekends to Chicago. The Red line takes too long.

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NEED AN ARRIVAL BOARD AT HOLLAND LIKE THEY HAVE AT BELMONT.

PURPLE LINE ENDS TOO EARLY AT WEEKENDS!
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I live right on the tracks south of the Sheridan stop. My concerns are over how much property will be taken to straighten the track & how parking will be changed. Will the support col. under the tracks change?
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My husband and I live on South Blvd and use it on almost a daily basis. We feel strongly that this station should not be eliminated. We feel that there is a safety concern with walking along Chicago Ave. to get to the Howard Station. Eliminating this station would make it harder for us to get to and from Chicago. It would also limit access to St. Francis Hospital for people who use the CTA to access it.

We also want to keep the Purple Line express trains running both north and south in the morning and evening rush hours.

I didn’t see this in the proposals, but is it possible to add an electronic board at Howard showing the expected arrival of the next train? The wait at Howard after transferring from the Purple Line is often long, and knowing when the next train is coming would make that less frustrating. I agree with the need to modernize the Red/Purple lines and make them accessible to people with disabilities. But please don’t eliminate stations or express lines.
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Recommend “NO ACTION” for now until Congress approves funding to do it right. Not likely in foreseeable future. Right = no closures and ADA elevators only at busiest stops. Re-tracking needed to decrease travel times.

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Thank you for your thorough presentation on CTA modernization of the Red & Purple lines. The update is much needed. My concern is regarding proposed closing of the South Blvd Stop. Saint Francis Hospital is located minutes from the South Blvd Stop. The CTA stop is used by employees and patients of Saint Francis. I am concerned about the capacity of employees who do not have cars to be able to get to work and for patients who do not drive to be able to access their medical care. (The proposal to route people off at Howard St. diminishes workers/patients capacity to get to the hospital.)
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I strongly support both the 3 track and 4 track modernization projects. While both options may cause the greatest stress on all parties during construction, I feel they would provide the greatest good for all concerned. By having at least one dedicated express line would be a welcome relief from the constant stop-starts. That addition might attract riders from the Union Pacific North Metra line. If you are going to build for the future please take the time, effort, and money to build the 4 track option to provide an excellent mass transit option for the future.

Build it right once so we don’t have to worry about it again for another 100 years!

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The proposed alternatives to the CTA structure as it stands now totally alienates major areas of South Evanston. By removing this station - which is, in fact, closing a key stop - it is a travesty to the many many residents of this area. You are potentially leaving a highly populated area zero public transportation. As a single female, I will never feel comfortable walking from Main St. to Sheridan & South Blvd by myself after dark. Your potential improvements leave that area a target for major blight and crime if the current stop is “closed.” It will not be torn down or razed, correct. This area is filled with high end homes and neighborhoods whose value will drop if close transportation are not a selling point. While I understand to challenges the CTA faces punishing an entire subsection of Chicago suburb.
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As a CTA rider who uses both Red and Purple lines, I am concerned about the proposed elimination of any Red and Purple Line stations. Red Line is already overcrowded during rush hours—getting rid of any stations will make the remaining stations even more congested. The elimination also ignores the stations' place in the surrounding communities. Lawrence L' station is located within blocks of Argyle ballroom. Foster station is the closest station to Northwestern University, South Blvd station is located near a hospital. While I appreciate CTA's desire to shorten travel times and optimize its resources, eliminating stations will harm the communities they serve and the riders who use them.
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I think the different proposals are interesting and I support the idea of a renovation that will last 60-80 years. I also believe it makes sense to close some of the existing Red and Purple Line stations. However, I strongly object to the closing of the South Boulevard station, which our family uses nearly every workday. It is not convenient to travel instead to Main or Howard because both are a considerable walking distance away. We would have to drive (wasting gas and polluting) and park. We have found that the 501 bus is not reliable and greatly increases our travel time. The South Boulevard station is at...

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CTA

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Dear Steve,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed closing of the 21st and Cermak station along the South Boulevard Line. This location is an important service for the diverse community, including many low-income households that will be negatively impacted by the change. Adding many blocks to their commute, and potentially forcing students to walk to the 51st/Beal station along routes that ARE NOT SAFE for anyone, but especially for teenagers. Please transform the system as much as you can, but PLEASE do not close the South Boulevard station. Thank you.

Mary R. [Signature]
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My major concern is the Evanston South Boulevard station in my area. I fail to see how adding a south access at Washington for the Main station will serve anyone who lives south of South Boulevard. There are many multi-unit buildings to the south and west of South Blvd who depend on that station. What about workers at St. Francis Hospital? The bus routes that operate along Ridge & Aubrey are not capable of shuttling all these people to/from Main or Howard. And weekend/after hours service is abysmal. Property values will go down for those residing at the condos opposite on Chicago Avenue. What will become of the old station—boarded up? A haven for questionable activity? This proposal sends a strong message to the residents of South Evanston.
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All in all, I feel this has been a PR vehicle for the CTA - spending money that should go directly into transit improvement/enhancement - NOT consolidation.
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Please don't close South Blvd. It would make it a huge distance to walk to Washington/Main depending where one lived. Accessibility is important as long as it works.

Davis to Noyes isn't that great a distance to eliminate Foster.

Right now in Evanston - Sunday transportation and late evening service is extremely limited - NE to SW is a long bus ride when there is bus service. The Central Street Station is a long way from the business district. One still needs a car to efficient.

South Station is in desperate need of repairs - it is leaking and slippery - the stairs are steep and difficult to climb.
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- I am strongly in favor of improvements which will reduce travel times. Therefore I am in favor of reducing station stops. The major problem with the CTA service is slow speed.

- I would also be in favor of Zone fares or an express surcharge if this would result in more resources to provide faster service.
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I have Auto Repair shop next to Jarvis L Stop. This will impact my business. 95% of my customers drop off vehicle for repairs and get in Red line to go downtown to work.
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Important to consolidate stations when they are close together (N end of Red, some places on Purple) while doing what is needed to keep it possible for people to have access to the system.

Make stations ADA accessible.

Improve walkways in Evanston.
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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVES TO CLOSING THE SOUTH BUND PURPLE LINE STOP? HAVE STUDIES ON RIDERSHIP ACTUALLY BEEN DONE? WHAT'S UP WITH THE YELLOW LINE/SKokie SWIFT? WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE TAKES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF HAVING STOPS AT RIDGE, ASBURY OR DOOLE IN EVANSTON?

WILL MORE BUSES BE PUT IN SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PEOPLE TO GO TO A MAIN STREET/PURPLE LINE WHO CAN NOT WALK?

I AM ALL FOR UPDATING EL STOPS, BUT CLOSING STOPS NEEDS FURTHER INVESTIGATION. IF YOU THINK YOU ARE SAVING RIDERSHIP TIME BY CLOSING STOPS, THAT IS NOT TRUE BECAUSE YOU WILL INCREASE TRAVEL TIME TO THE EL STOPS FOR SOUTH EVANSTON RIDERS.
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Quite simply put: It is my understanding that the purpose of this meeting is to seek public approval and/or opinion on proposals that are clearly very preliminary. In addition I was informed that there are not even bonds approved or available for a feasibility study. That being said I can neither comment nor support any of the information provided in this meeting. It is incredibly lacking in substance.

Call me when you have something significant to report.

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Eliminating stops in Evanston is irresponsible, you cannot eliminate stops because of your agencies gross neglect of yearly maintenance. If the Brown Line got full modernization without Rockwell and Francisco stops being cut the same should be done with the purple and northside Red. Every station should get the same treatment as all your modernization project have gone but without your wood preservation techniques that failed on your Brown Line project.
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I am most concerned with the closing of the South Boulevard Station. It would increase my walk by at least three blocks (added to the 8 blocks already traversed). Do not close stations more than 2 blocks from an existing station. Please do all possible to improve conditions and maintain stations. Decreasing travel time by a couple of minutes does not make up for the 5-10 increased walking time—Dah!!! Modernize what you can afford while maintaining stations. People can plan for an expected travel time, not everyone can “afford” to walk an extra 3-4 blocks.

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Preferences: 1) 2-Track Underground, 2) Modernization 4-Track

Comments: Secondary entrance at Waveland in Subway Proposal is only 2 block from Sheridan Secondary entrance, but this is OK given Wrigley Field traffic.
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Overall, I feel that the Modernization 2-track underground alternative presents the most benefits. I live in Evanston and waiting at Howard for a Purple line is a constant source of frustration. I often wait for 15-20 minutes, even during rush periods. As long as the frequency of trains is maintained between Linden and Belmont, I would wholeheartedly embrace this option.

At a minimum, all stations should be made ADA acceptable. Long term, basic rehabilitation is such a huge waste of money. The longevity is short (1/3 to 1/4 of the other options) but the cost is nearly one half. If Chicago has the option to actually make significant improvements, decrease travel time, increase ridership and make a huge environmental impact, they need to do it.

Small things: removing (“consolidating”) the South Blvd stop would negatively impact the area. It’s primarily residential & high crime & low traffic - train graveyards real!
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No one at the public meeting was able to explain how any of the new work alternatives were going to be paid for. $400,000,000 is a lot of money. Where is it coming from?

The answer had better not be increased taxes.

I would like someone to reply to my question.
Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:44 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please do not eliminate the Lawrence stop of the Red Line

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Subject: Please do not eliminate the Lawrence stop of the Red Line

To whom it may concern:

Please do not eliminate the Lawrence Red line stop. It is an important stop to have in the Uptown neighborhood. Particularly when there are concerts at the Aragon or Rivera theaters it receives a lot of use. It is also very important to keep those of us in the neighborhood connected to the rest of the city. It is especially important for those of us who do not have cars. I use this stop every day. Its absence would be significant to me.

Regards,

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From: Michele Hays [michlehays@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 2:06 PM  
To: North Red & Purple Modernization  
Subject: CTA scoping meeting in Evanston isn't accessible by public transportation!

First of all, I am a citizen living in Southeast Evanston who occasionally uses the South Blvd. station and who knows many people who use it regularly. I am opposed to the closure of this station.

However, I wanted to bring to your attention that the meeting you have scheduled to discuss this issue *isn't accessible to public transportation users!* Are you deliberately trying to remove stakeholders from the discussion of your plan for this station?

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From: Dawson [vaieel@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 2:15 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Support for the project

I just wanted to say I fully support upgrading the Red and Purple lines. In particular my vote would be for the 2-track subway.

Looking ahead this seems like the best option...
- It can accommodate the largest capacity
- Seems like it would be easier to expand stations underground if needed
- Stations would be warmer in the winter (and out of the bitterly cold wind, a huge plus)
- It would cut down on noise pollution in the surrounding neighborhoods

Thanks!
Joe Dawson
north side resident
I think that the Lawrance L stop should not be closed. I have ridden it for the past 7 years and if you look at it vs the Wilson stop where there is gang violence going on all the time on the CTA and surrounding area. I know that one of the reasons that I purchased my home was its location to that stop. You ask us to pay more and more for less and less. Cut some of the bus routes or the Sheridan stop. The lawrance stop is vital to the redevelopment of uptown... It is service to the Aaragon, Green mill and the Rivera. Which makes it important for all those business to succeed and keep uptown growing and expanding! People going to those venues use the red line so think of the revenue that they bring into the CTA. Look at What type of pull the sheridan stop has? What business around that area brings in the revenue that people coming and going from the Rivera,Green Mill and Aaragon bring in ! I guess we could say there are lots of important stops..But please look at how important the Lawrance stop is to the businesses and people that surround that stop.

Thank you in advance for your time..

Jeff Savage
To whom it may concern,

I would just like to voice a concern about the proposed station closes north of the Belmont red line stop. To be perfectly honest, people living in the north side neighborhoods already have to walk, in most cases, between 4 and 8 blocks to get to a red line stop. 8 blocks is a mile, making that walk-time even longer, especially in the winter time, is unfair. I personally chose to live where I do, on the north side of the city, because of my access to public transit. The 22 Clark bus is a block and a half away from my home, and the red line stop at Berwyn is approximately 6-8 blocks from my home. While not the most convenient during the winter months, it's more convenient than having to take a bus to transfer to the red line.

Please consider people living on the north side of the city when proposing and enacting these cuts and changes. We pay no less for train service than those living downtown. Please don't cut our access.

Thank you,
Leanne Strickler
Andersonville.
From: Marcus Devin [Mdevin@luc.edu]
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To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Do Not Eliminate Stops!

I have lived from Lakeview all the way to Andersonville over the past 16 years as have all of my friends. The closing of any of the stops north of Wilson is a horrible idea. Uptown, Edgewater, Rogers Park & Andersonville are all growing and improving areas of the city because people want close and quick access to downtown/Evanston. The stretch between Morse and Javis is already way to long, getting rid of Javis would make it even worse.
I also can not believe that there is talk of digging a new subway from Belmont to Loyola, how in the world is this cost effective? I also want to know why in the world we should believe that the new subway would be maintained any better than the downtown subway; cracks in the walls, bad lighting, urine smell, etc.

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From: Harvey Kahler [harvey.kahler@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 2:54 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Purple comments

I strongly favor the modernization scenario at this time inasmuch as the investment in installing elevators and other improvements, while a small part of the total, would be significant and would be lost with eventual modernization. All stations would comply fully with ADA standards with the modernization. The City needs to take the immediate and necessary steps to reserve potentially affected properties with the expansion of easement. For what it’s worth, the same Red Line Howard structural issues and need for wider platforms should have been addressed even before that costly station was rebuilt (Gateway Center) and will need to be rebuilt again, probably within the twenty years projected for the rehabilitation scenario.

How essential and realistic is a three or four-track line north of Belmont? The Purple line Express is faster; and I appreciate that when I can get it; but if I wait for it, I more often end up changing to the Red Line train I passed up taking. But how can the cost of extra structure, tracks, and signals be justified when the Purple Line only runs downtown every 15 min and only during peak hours? Would this jeopardized essential funding for the Red Line? Furthermore, the Purple Line imposes on the other lines using the elevated Loop and is the likely reason for its limited service to accommodate the ill-considered Pink Line service pretext for New Start funding.

A two-track line will facilitate curve easement between Clark Jct and Addison and perhaps at Sheridan and Loyola.

Ironically, the proposed additional express stations at Wilson and Loyola would slow service while Red Line stations are proposed for closing to speed up service! Added stops may help justify more frequent peak and all-day Purple Line service. Maybe the speed will attract a negligible number of new riders than the Red Line does; but would unnecessarily reduce utilization of the Red Line more, even though it is not operating near capacity. The possible motivations may be to make capacity available for either or both the proposed and problematic Circle Line and Airport Express.

An Ashland Line instead of a Circle Line as it relates to the Red Line, offers a better solution beginning at Lincoln Park West/Clark & Fullerton and proceeding west to Ashland and south to the Orange Line. The Circle Line offers no improvement to the Medical Center from South Side lines or between the South and Southwest Sides. Travel between the South and Southwest Sides might be better improved by a new east-west line in the 55th/63rd Corridor.

Increasing Purple Line service may more fully augment the Brown Line from Belmont south; but the Entire Brown Line would benefit with more frequent service from Kimball. Either would require a restructuring of Loop operations as follows:
Brown Line by way of Wells around the outer loop to Harlem/Lake; and the Purple or alternating Brown Line trains by way of Lake around the inner loop to Midway. The Pink Line would be restored to the Dearborn Subway to O’Hare; and alternating Red Line trains would go to either 63rd or 95th. Redevelopment of the South Side and continued growth on the North Side eventually will need another subway, whether Frankin or Clinton, through the West Loop area to fully realize the capacities of the Red and Brown Lines without the limitation of either a Purple, Circle, or Airport Line.

A twin-bore $5 billion subway considered along Broadway to Loyola would be disruptive to the community returning to an elevated track north of the Loyola station. The grade between Sheridan and Albion would be excessive; but closing just
Albion may be preferable to neighbors than closing both North Shore and Columbia. Albion would be more central between Sheridan and Pratt, but also entail more tunneling. Closing North Shore and Columbia would introduce more level track for braking control before the necessarily sharper curve into the Sheridan-Broadway alignment and the Loyola station.

Secondary entrances are needed generally to extend the reach and convenience of stations. However, I am concerned that this more about closing stations for faster service with little regard for the impact on businesses and the communities that have developed around them. I believe the convenience and community impact are more important than the three minutes that might be saved. I understand the desire to speed up service; but if someone wants to get Downtown faster from Rogers Park, Evanston, or Skokie, there is Metra. I'm retired now and don't ride regularly; and I take the Red Line from Howard to stop on the North Side as often as Downtown, including Jarvis and Lawrence. The proposed Rogers Av secondary entrance will not help.

I want a Lawrence entrance for a convenient transfer to a future east-west underground line from the lakefront to Jefferson Park. An elevated, or even using a portion of the existing Brown Line, seems just too impractical. Lawrence is too narrow for any reasonable surface LRT or BRT use; there is no alternative for vehicular traffic in this corridor; and the community wants a more walkable street with reduced traffic lanes that only might be practical with an underground line.

I was pleased to see the elevated structure proposed for replacing the embankment inasmuch as it still might allow the alley along most of the east side of present embankment. The wider four-track elevated trestle could extend above the alley.

The arcade under the elevated structure alternatives provides good station access convenience; but multiple access to the platform is just as important to disperse clumping of boarding passengers from around one entrance as well as shortening the walking distance and making the station convenient to more people.

I very much prefer the weather protection afforded by underground stations and the open sight lines of the Logan Square and Belmont/Kimball stations. Similar open elevated stations are possible as well as has already been achieved at Davis on the Purple Line. Full canopies and side walls should be built across the tracks for stations with island platforms on the Red and Purple Lines.

For a world-class system, the best would be to completely enclose the platforms for climate control with automatic doors matching the doors on the train cars like the Airport Transit System at O'Hare Airport. The CTA signal system is compatible with automatic train operation if manual operation would be unreliable. There are emergency doors in the unlikely event of a stop with a mis-match of doors. Furthermore, the danger of falling or being pushed onto the tracks is virtually eliminated and it's a lot less noisy. This should be considered as a retro-fit for all stations, even the subways and especially the nasty expressway median line stations.

The new track structure at Addison, Belmont, and Fullerton seems to have reduced noise considerably; but I hope more could be done. European subways seemed relatively quiet. Some noise seems to resonate from the elevated structure. I would like to know what the measured sound differences are for a station comparable to Diversey and at either the new Belmont or Fullerton station and compared to new European and Asian steel wheel system stations.

Given the capability for climate control and reduce snow and ice issues with enclosed platforms, reduced noise, and the natural light and views, I would prefer the elevated alternative to a subway.

For these reasons, I reluctantly accept the reduction of the North Side Mainline from four to two tracks. It was nice while it lasted. A number of rapid transit lines with similar express tracks were rationalized in New York City.

Both elevated and subway alternatives must deal with the removal of the existing embankment. Someone questioned whether the embankment could be repurposed for a bike train; but that inherits all the structural issues that face the L. A two-track elevated line would allow a "third track" for an elevated bicycle path with on and off ramps at, for example, Sheridan, Wilson, Bryn Mawr, Granville and Morse; but the concept, funding, and ramp locations would need to be studied further.

I really dreaded the possible costs and complications for rebuilding the retaining walls. Any idea on how much that would have been for the sake of comparison and public assurance?
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Subject: Potential closing of the Jarvis CTA station.

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the proposed closing of the Jarvis CTA station. Closing this station would be detrimental not only to the community, but to CTA ridership overall. With the sunk cost of building the platform/station already in place it makes little sense to abandon that investment by closing the station. Please take my opposition into consideration as the CTA plans for the future.

Kindest regards,

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Good Afternoon:

My name is AnJanette Hosley and I am a Rogers Park resident. I just learned of your plan to close the Jarvis station. This is completely unacceptable. I am opposed. What do we need to do to keep the station open? It would be a huge inconvenience for me and the other residents that frequent this stop. I look forward to a resolution.

Thank you,

AnJanette

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The closing of the Foster station would severely affect over 350 of my employees that work at Northwestern University. Parking in Evanston is either too expensive or non-existent.

A lot of the options for change are very good but they need to be done so that in the end there would be little or no impact on the students or employees of Northwestern University. None of the options seem to take them into account.
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I am mainly writing to protect my stop, Foster Ave., from closing. This is a consistently busy stop during rush hour, especially for people going north. The A/B rush of people existing going north is substantial. Students, campus workers, etc.

I have been going to this stop for over 10 years. Yes, it needs some TLC, but given the choice of no TLC and keeping the station, I will choose keeping it. There are also healthcare workers who work at the Matrix, a nursing home that uses that stop at all hours.

I commute into the city and the convenience and short walk keep me a loyal consumer.

I can’t imagine the riders don’t support the use that this station gets.
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Do NOT CLOSE ANY STATIONS! Especially not the South Blvd stop. I use it everyday, as does my husband. It’s the heart of South Evanston. If we are going to have to walk to Main, I’ll use the already fast, comfortable Metra. You say the “purpose is need” for this project is to “improve access to job markets.” How will closing (not consolidating - CLOSING) stations help the people of South Evanston use this access? It’s more affordable and better for property values to do the Basic rehab. alternative. If you need money, completely end all free rides to seniors on the CTA. How much time will actually be saved?

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1. I find the extended subway alternative attractive because I ride the train from Wilmette downtown and believe that would be faster and less disruptive to the streets and neighborhoods.

2. The 8-car trains could transport more people, BUT you have to consider the impact for those of us in Wilmette near Maple & Isabella crossings. I live ½ block from Maple and the Linden station and we already have long waits at frequent intervals during rush hour when the intersection is blocked.

3. I am totally against closing the Evanston Foster Station because it provides direct access to the center of the Northwestern campus and to my job. I do not want to add an additional 2 blocks walk on icy sidewalks or during bad weather from Noyes. Gaffney is a cul-de-sac and not suitable for a train entrance.

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The Foster St stop in Edison Park should not be closed. Many NHP students use this stop. The school is in the area. Many employees of GE should not be forced to transfer to another location. The area will fill with new businesses. This area at the junction of NHP businesses.

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From the perspective of Northwestern University students, having the Purple Line Express in operation to the fullest extent is vital for transportation. As a result the basic rehabilitation & basic rehabilitation w/ transfer stations are the best options for Northwestern students. Additionally, keeping the Foster stop is important as many students rely on that stop for commuting into the city (be it for work, visits, etc.). Please consider this perspective and the high usage of the Purple Line express and the Foster stop by Northwestern students. Thank you, and please feel free to contact me via email for additional comments.

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Closing the Foster EL station will not serve all the people—young and older—to make it difficult to reach the stations at Davis and Noyes. Without Foster station there is a very long walk to the stations. If we want to get people off the roads onto public transportation we have to have access to close stations.

Thank you for doing this.
January 27, 2011

Mr. Steve Hands
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Dear Mr. Hands:

On behalf of the employees, doctors and patients at Saint Francis Hospital, I strongly encourage the Chicago Transit Authority to revisit the potential closure of the South Boulevard ‘L’ station.

South Boulevard is our hospital’s CTA station. The South Boulevard station provides convenient, affordable access to our medical campus for people from around the Chicagoland area who arrive by public transportation to work, go to school, volunteer, see a doctor, get a mammogram, attend cardiac rehab and more. Our employees and our patients reflect the diversity of the local community.

Saint Francis Hospital is a medical destination for the North Shore and Chicago’s north side. We are the longest continually certified Level 1 trauma center on the North Shore. We are a nationally ranked teaching and research hospital. Our nurses and staff are key trainers for over 800 emergency responders annually and are the communications center for twelve municipal fire departments, six hospitals and two ambulance companies. The Saint Francis Hospital School of Radiography has educated future medical specialists for over 60 years. Additionally, Saint Francis Hospital is one of Evanston’s largest employers and one of its top taxpayers.

Closure of this ‘L’ station would greatly impact access to care for many patients and the financial viability of our institution. Given a difficult economy and a competitive market, external factors like access to convenient public transportation help us differentiate ourselves to prospective employees and future patients. Upon hearing about the possible closure, we were received many communications from physicians, staff and volunteers expressing concern for themselves and our patients with respect to the hardship this will cause.

Please consider the dramatic impact the closure of the South Boulevard ‘L’ station will have on the many people in our community who rely on Saint Francis Hospital now and for years to come.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Jeff Murphy
Executive Vice President/CEO

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth & Sisters of the Resurrection
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- Basic Rehab for Purple Line with ADA Accessibility - consider upgrade to widen platform at South Boulevard
- Modernization 4-track alternative for Red Line

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The proposed track & bridge improvements are great. I do want to question the proposed closing of Purple Line Foster Station. Usage at Foster exceeds Noyes and is used heavily by Northwestern students & faculty. It seems to me Foster Station could be extended north to accommodate Noyes users. References to reduced travel times are arguable but for commutes travel time includes walk time to stations. I'm not sure what are overall time savings for the individual.

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It would be in CTA's best interests to look at combining some of these proposals, specifically the "basic rehabilitation with transfer stations alternative" and the "modernization 4-track alternative." While many of the rehabilitation proposals would be appreciated, especially for additional transfer stations, structures, and accessibility, Evanston residents and Northwestern University students like the compact, close-stop shuttle service and feel the need to have the Foster station as an intermediary stop for the lengthy campus. Also, some statistics and studies (and sources) on how you determined possible station closures would be appreciated.
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Difficult to evaluate when alternatives lump together costs, ridership impacts, without breakout of what aspects have what costs/impacts.

- Speed, service, & reliability improvements are needed. Platform enhancements are far less of a priority. More trains, faster rides, & more dependable schedule — and riders will return. Then, you can spend money on cosmetics & architecture. Deliver the bus vs. service — transportation.

- ADA demand for buses was greatly exaggerated & led to enormus costs w/ commensurate ridership by disabled passengers.

- Purple line needs fewer stops not more. It is not really express any more. If necessary, skip-stop w/ Brown Line in peak.

- Restore A-B on red if possible for faster rides. # of stops between Loyola & Wilson is intolerable & has driven riders away.

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- Need more info from NU students before closing Foster. This may help for your campus.
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This suggestion does not concern the modernization project, but does concern a CTA issue.

At the Howard line stop, people wait for a train to enter from the train yard. The train rolls in and stops. The next step should be: The doors open and the passengers walk into the train. But me, in everyday actuality, the passengers must wait for the doors to open. Even in subzero weather, passengers must wait up to 5 or 6 minutes or so to enter the warm train. I am sure this is the result of some work rule. But to me, and virtually all passengers, this policy is the result of a callousness by the CTA toward its customers. Please change this work rule.
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I like the ADA accessibility ideas. It’s how it should be!
I’m worried about the South Blvd Station. I’m worried if it closed what it would do to my property value. And to future development in my neighborhood. It is a strong selling point (the reason I bought here). Does a station really add that much expense? (South is such an old station and needs upgrades) and it adds so much accessibility.

Thanks

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The most important objective is abatement of CO and pollutant emissions. Therefore, total net ridership gains are key.
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Evanston needs 4 track modernization

With 2 hospitals and no disability access at either stop we have a real problem - there are thousands of employees and even more patients that need access.

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This is a suggestion on how to improve the effectiveness of your public meetings in which have about a dozen or so posterboard displays. The problem I had was I had to go back and forth between posterboards several times, and would ask for help from your personnel before I understood how you organized the posterboards. The solution is very simple. You need one posterboard beginning that tells the citizen what to expect.

Text: The next 6 posterboards present various ALTERNATIVES, including the alternatives of doing nothing. They are presented in order of increasing functionality and increasing cost.
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- Restore A&B stops (as with red & green line)
- Consider safety issues at transfer stations (using people, not only turnstiles)
- Keep the Evanston Express in both directions
- Don't build in a pigeon roost in any new construction
- Don't eliminate S. Blvd. stop on Purple line. Too far to walk to Howard; unsafe, unshoveled sidewalks

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Keep S. Bldg. open. It is a long stretch from Main to Howard.
Bring back A/B trains on Red Line.
When I worked for CTA, 1979-1984, it took 21 minutes from Howard to the Mart. Now it's faster to take Metra to Ogilvie & walk to the Mart.

3 track proposals are penny wise & pound foolish.
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- Keep South Blvd open, its residential area
- Go with Modernization 4 Tracks
- Make Noyes as accessible as possible
- All from Foster, think of putting ramps and do people walked
- Definitely Rehab Wilson for transfer connection
- Like Belmont/Fullerton, there’s already existing platform
- Probably OK to close Janis’s
- Add in escalators!

Long term: Consolidate Brown/Orange Line
- Extend Orange Line beyond proposed Ford City
- Shopping Center Think of Waterfront
- Good way to extend Red Line west and east then south
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Here's what I want

- transit so speedy & reliable that it gets people out of cars
- transit systems like Japanese & European cities
  I'm not attached to particulars & transit areas
  So whatever it takes. I like to commute by bicycle & like to have transit 'back-up.' I would like bicycles on trains all the time even
  I like the idea of transfer stations @ Wilson & Loyal.

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Please do not close any entrances to the EL (that is, stations) as this will negatively impact CTA riders of all economic levels. I am especially concerned about the proposed closure of the Jarvis St. Station as I live in Oak Rogers Park and do not want to have an increase in the time it takes me to get to a station. I believe the Basic Rehabilitation Alternative, w/ ADA accessibility added and no stations closed is the best plan. I also believe senior citizens should have to pay to ride CTA, as they used to.

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For the purple line, I believe that all current stations should be retained. While 6-car platforms seem to be adequate for current ridership, I believe that station rehab should include plans for future expansion should ridership increase. I support ADA accessibility at all stations. I do not believe that the South Blvd and Foster stations should be closed because there is no suitable alternative for easy access for neighborhood residents in the case of the South Blvd station or Northwestern University in the case of Foster Street. The basic rehab alternative should be amended to include widening the South Blvd platform (Metra F or City Row) to the west appears to be adequate.

For the red line, the 4 track modernization alternative is preferable because it provides more operational flexibility by maintaining poor line express service with reduced travel times over the 12-track underground alternative at roughly the same cost. Reverse commute options should be maintained; thus I believe that the 3-track modernization alternative represents a poor cost-benefit choice.

PLEASE FIX THE ROOFS AT NOYES & FOSTER NOW! AND REPLACE THE DETERIORATED EVANSTON VIA DUCTS! THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN NEEDED FOR YEARS & HOPEFULLY ARE IN THE WORKS EVEN UNDER THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE.

The proposed to provide alternative Foster access at Cahnfield is a really bad idea. This is a one-block long Residential Street that does not connect to any major pedestrian route or destination. This is a really bad idea!

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Basic service only. No additional transfer. Ensure participation and employment of the unemployed who reside in the areas of change.
Lea, Claudia

North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:33 AM
Lea, Claudia
FW: Jarvis stop

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Martha Mathis [mathis831@gmail.com]
Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:58 PM
North Red & Purple Modernization
Jarvis stop

Hello! I just heard that CTA is contemplating removing the Jarvis stop from the Red Line. Please do not do this!! The Jarvis stop is important for our neighborhood's accessibility. Morse to Howard is too long a gap. Public transit is supposed to be helpful and many of us in Rogers Park depend on it. PLEASE KEEP THE JARVIS STOP OPEN!!!
Thank you for your consideration.
Martha Mathis
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From: Tara_Sedlacek@bcbsil.com [Tara_Sedlacek@bcbsil.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:59 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Station

Please don’t close the Jarvis station. It needs to be renovated. Not closed.

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From: Walters, Keri [kwalters@colum.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please do not close the Jarvis Red Line Station

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority

Dear Mr. Hands,

I received word today that the CTA is considering closing the Jarvis Red Line Station. I am writing to urge you, please, to not even consider this.

I live one block away from the Jarvis station. I use it on a daily basis. It is how I get to work in the morning, and how I get home at night. I chose to live where I live specifically for the wonderful train access.

If the Jarvis station were to close, I honestly would just drive to work. I would not walk 10 minutes to the Morse or Howard stations. I think many neighbors would do the same. This would not increase ridership for the CTA red line. I believe it would cost the CTA money.

Please reconsider and keep the Jarvis station open. Many, many neighbors get on and off the train with me everyday. I know it serves a large population of riders.

Thank you for your consideration,

Keri Walters
Rogers Park Resident
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From: Marnie Bill Swain [bilmarsalswain@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: ward49@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Repairing the northern section of the Red line

When is the Red Line going to repair the northern tracks and bridges to make it safer for the trains and the riders? This is especially noticeable on the line north of Lawrence and specifically by the Loyola and Morse stops. The leaning or "listing" of the train is quite obvious when observing it and when you are riding the train. The train leans at about a 15 to 25 degree angle at certain parts of the route (crossing North Shore for one) and seems very unstable and at risk of a derailment. The train usually travels very slow through these areas but the leaning or listing of the train on a straight passage indicates that the track itself is in disrepair and makes travel dangerous. The bridge structures are also in a very severe state of corrosion and crumbling. Several of them have steel beams inserted to provide structural support. The CTA has to make repairing the tracks and the bridges a priority for the safety of riders and civilians traveling under the tracks. Waiting to repair the tracks and bridges would be obvious negligence on the part of the CTA. I sincerely hope that repairs will occur BEFORE a tragic event happens.
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From: Bill Mania [maniabill@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; Alderman Joe Moore
Subject: Maintain Jarvis Red Line station

Steve,
Aldermen Moore,

I'm writing to urge you to maintain the Jarvis Red Line CTA station and to improve its condition. The Jarvis station is a key part of the Rogers Park community and the Jarvis Square businesses. Closing the Jarvis station would have a negative impact on the surrounding community.

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Bill Mania /ˈmæniə/  
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From: Conroy Donna [dmconroy@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Pls. Close Jarvis Station

I live north of the Howard Station. Jarvis is so close, I can even get off at Jarvis. There is no need for the Jarvis stop.

Please stay firm and close the Jarvis stop.

Donna Conroy
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773-764-5865 (w)
773-759-5865 (c)
For a nearby resident who lives on Lawrence at Kenmore, I just wanted to get my vote counted. I am AGAINST any option that nixes the Lawrence stop outright. While I appreciate the study and it's breadth of options, I think closing the Lawrence stop would be a disservice to the community to the area that residents and businesses have sworn in the past 5-10-15 years. And not just a disservice to us property owners, but also the transportation needs of the renters and the many mentally and physically disabled residents of the nearby community.

I understand the long-term bonuses of the other options, but I also would like to point out that most of us aren't guaranteed to be here in 60-80 years. Maybe it's a selfish thing to want a shorter term fix that saves our stop than a longer-term fix that closes it. So be it. We live here NOW. And we'd like a say in the place we call home.

One of my main concerns is that we sink our hard-earned money into our community as locally as possible—invest in your investment, right? Well, the Lawrence stop is a main component of that investment. And any option that takes away from that investment (any one that closes the Lawrence stop) is basically guaranteeing us Lawrence stop residents that we'll be investing for the immediate years in a depreciated commodity, a segment of the neighborhood that once had convenient access to an el stop. And we'll be investing our worked-for money in the future of the neighborhood immediately adjacent to the new and improved stops North and South of us.

We picked our area to buy in—and pay property taxes on—for its proximity to the Lawrence stop, and specifically not near the Wilton stop. Partly because of the access it provides to the Green Mill, The Riviera, Aragon Ballroom, The Uptown, Crew, Demera, Marigold, The Annoyance Theater, Fat Cat, Dib, Chase Bank, BoFA, Just Tires, etc. etc. The easier a neighborhood is to get to, the more people come to it. No Lawrence stop=less traffic to the area=less money into the neighborhood. That's Econ 101.

And property values have depreciated enough in the past few years and this might be the final death knell for residence owners and businesses on the fence. I'd hate to see all this progress negated because our transportation credential just got 86'ed.
And, finally, to have to walk the gauntlet to the Wilson station every day and night, not to mention facing however many years of construction with temporary everything? No thank you.

I'll take the Basic Rehab with Transfer Stations Alternative.

Thank you for making comments easily to submit. Also, kudos to the transparency of your Scoping Book. Very commendable for a city government organization, especially in Chicago.

**stu thompson**

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Dear Mr. Hands:

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to any red line plans that include the closing of the Jarvis Station. I use the Jarvis red line regularly and depend on it for transportation. Further, our community has seen great retail improvements around the Jarvis el in what we affectionately call Jarvis Square. Those businesses would be hurt terribly if the el station were to close.

Our densely populated community thrives largely due to our public transit options. We would like to see fully modernized stations in Rogers Park that are supported by bike sharing and parking. The CTA should be looking to increase ridership, and making transit less convenient will not accomplish that goal.

Please preserve and improve the Jarvis Station.

Sincerely,

Barbara Moore
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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:44 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis L Stop

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From: Angela Reese [aereese@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:03 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis L Stop

I just received an email from my Alderman, Joe Moore (49th Ward) that as part of the CTA renovation of the Red and Purple line, your intention to close the Jarvis L stop. This is absolutely absurd. I live at Touhy and Ashland and walking either to Morse or Howard entails a six block walk where as walking to Jarvis from my home is only three (and sometimes that can be bitingly bitter is frigid weather. Obviously, taking a bus and transferring to Howard is unacceptable, because it is rather absurd for me to walk to Clark and Touhy to ride to Howard and there just is no connection that would work for Morse.

On the one hand, one can see where, perhaps you would close Jarvis because, from all appearances is but a short distance from Howard, but if you are walking (and arthritic), it is a substantial distance. Also, walking up to Sheridan to catch the #147 to either Howard or Loyola wastes an awful lot of time. I cannot believe you people would not take into consideration the people who actually use that station from the surrounding area. Even going into Evanston, I tend to take the Red Line to Howard and then switch at the platform there rather than walking all the way to Howard to do so.

I do not drive and certainly cannot afford a cab and now on top of everything else (not to mention the increase in state income tax), CTA would add this additional burden.

I sincerely do hope you people will reconsider this action. There is nothing wrong with this station (and really, what sense does it make to close it after having spent money to make certain improvements between 2008-2009?)

Angela E. Reese
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Dear Steve,

I just received an e-mail from Alderman Moore informing me that the CTA is considering closing the Jarvis L station. As a resident of the 49th ward, a tax payer and a user of CTA I wish to communicate my ardent opposition to closing the Jarvis station.

Many new businesses have recently opened next to the Jarvis stop and depend upon that train stop for their customer base. Closing that stop would have a negative impact on the economy of our neighborhood.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration.

Sincerely,

Carl

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From: Nathan Bluestone [nathanbluestone@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:07 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Proposed closing of the Jarvis Redline Station

Hello Mr. Hands,

The Jarvis redline stop and surrounding area have been one of the best revitalization stories in Rogers Park. The resurgence of Jarvis Square has turned that section of Rogers Park from unsafe to desirable. That train stop is the lifeblood of the neighborhood—closing it will not only destroy progress, it will cripple a large part of Rogers Park. I applaud the extensive renovation of the Howard stop and its favorable effect on rider numbers.

For a city that lauds itself as a 'green city', the elimination of the Jarvis stop (and the routine reduction in bus lines, stops, etc) is an embarrassment. This city—hailing itself as a world-class town—has one of the worst public transportation systems I've ever seen. Within the past century, we went from having a top-notch street car system to being known as a 'driver's city'. If we pride ourselves on diversity and sustainability, we should be adding/renovating stops, not eliminating them.

Thank you for reading.
Please make the right call.

Thanks,
Nathan
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From: Paul Amato [8dolphins@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:09 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: Joe Moore; Paul Amato
Subject: DO NOT CLOSE JARVIS!!!

You do not realize how many people use this L stop or how convenient it is for seniors, students, and all of us who work in the LOOP. I'm aligned with Alderman Joe Moore's, position that this is absolutely "unacceptable". Don't do it. You'll regret it!

Serious Regards,

Paul
Paul A. Amato
Attn Steve Hands.

Urgent plea: Do not close Jarvis Station!

My wife and I—and several of our neighbors would be unable to use the EL if we needed to walk to either Morse or Howard to get a train. It’s too far for some of us, even during daylight hours, and not safe at night when my wife and I return, separately, from teaching.

We need the Jarvis EL station.

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From: Patrick McDowell [charles.patrick.mcdowell@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:11 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Oppose Closing Jarvis Station

I'm writing to oppose the closing of the Jarvis station as a possible "improvement" to the Red/Purple line on the north side.

As a resident of Rogers Park, I rely on the CTA for my daily commute to downtown. Not only should the Jarvis station NOT be closed, Jarvis, Morse and Loyola stations should be FULLY RENOVATED.

Rogers Park has seen a resurgence in their community in the past few years. Increased dining and retail have moved into the area and our alderman has worked to improve streets and sidewalks. The CTA should be doing the same. Closing of the Jarvis station would immediately undo all the work done in my community in the surrounding area within Rogers Park.

Again, DO NOT close the Jarvis station. Red Line improvements should include full renovations of the Loyola, Morse and Jarvis stations.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,
Charles McDowell
1225 W. Morse Ave.
Chicago, IL
I just learned that 3 out of 6 proposals for CTA improvements include closing the Jarvis el station. This would be a HUGE blow to the surrounding area. I purchased a condo around the block from the Jarvis el 2 years ago, and use the CTA to commute to work daily. I buy a monthly pass faithfully, and I use the el as much as possible (for commuting and otherwise). I encourage people visiting me to use the el as well. I'm a single woman and walking to the Howard or Morse el stops isn't exactly safe, let alone convenient.

The closing of an el station to save money is probably the worst idea I've ever heard...entire neighborhoods are supported by el stations. It's a horrible plan to just strip away such a wonderful amenity and pull the rug out from under the feet of the residents who depend on it. I'm sickened at the thought of this plan.

-Peggy Hogan

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:56 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands: Do not close the Jarvis El Stop

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From: Brad Perkins [biperk@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:19 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands: Do not close the Jarvis El Stop

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority
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Mr. Hands:
It is very irresponsible of your agency to consider closing the Jarvis El stop. As a community that contains many people who depend on public transportation, it is more than just an inconvenience to have to walk a few blocks, it can be a matter of life and death. It's not just people wanting to go downtown for work or play. It's people going to the doctor, to visit family or to school. Some of these people don't have the option of walking a few extra blocks to Howard or Morse and would sacrifice an active life just so your agency doesn't have to rehab one of the smaller stations on the North Side.

Closing the El stop will not solve your infrastructure problems and will increase your funding problems as many of the people who use the train station will no longer take the CTA and may opt to drive places, which will cause harm to the environment and to the roads that the city pays to keep up.

There are many other options to fixing the infrastructure of the Red Line that do not involve closing a station. It is much farther from the next stop than, say, Argyle, Lawrence and Wilson are on the Red Line or Montrose and Damen; or Western and Rockwell are on the Brown Line. Just because Rogers Park is on the "outer ring" of the city does not mean it should have to sacrifice when other areas that could easier do so are not being asked to.

The proposed plan was supposed to address how to fix the aging infrastructure of the Red Line. Closing this station does not address that because the trains still have to pass over the viaduct at Jarvis.

Please do not close this station. It will make everyone's lives more difficult -- the CTA's included -- if you do. At a time when you are doing everything you can to try to get people to ride the trains more, you should do everything you can to keep your customers happy. Do not drive them away. Do not close the Jarvis station.

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From: Patty Strub [strub@chapman.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:20 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep Jarvis Red Line Station OPEN

I have just heard that you are looking into closing the Jarvis Red Line Station. I am writing to voice my opinion that it should stay open. My son uses the Jarvis station every day for commuting to high school. It is located such that it provides the closest and SAFEST walk home for him.
The Jarvis stop is also needed to keep the wonderful new businesses in that area in business. The community’s thriving and is therefore much safer than it would be without the El Station.
KEEP THE JARVIS RED LINE STATION OPEN!!!

Patty Strub
Please consider the Environment before printing this email.

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Hi
I am local resident, homeowner and taxpayer. There are 4 people in our household and we all use the Jarvis El station. Three of us use it daily. I wanted to voice my opposition to closing the stop. Not only is important for us but it is an important part of our community.

Thanks

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From: scarter@tastefoodandwine.com [scarter@tastefoodandwine.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:23 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: ward49@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Jarvis St El Station/Taste Food and Wine

Good afternoon Steve,
I just learned of the CTA’s proposal to close the Jarvis St El station. I must voice my objections as strongly as possible. We have a small wine store in the neighborhood that provides employment for three local Rogers Park residents. If these plans go ahead we will have no choice but to close our business. This El station brings a lot of customers to our door, we would not be able to stay in business without it.
I await your response to my concerns.
Thank you,

Sandra Carter
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=> please don't print this e-mail unless you really need to
Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:01 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Addendum to my Earlier Email

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From: Angela Reese [aereese@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:23 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Addendum to my Earlier Email

I would like to point out, when work was being done rehabbing the stations on the Brown line, you did not close the Wellington Station. That station is closer to the Belmont Station than Jarvis is to Howard and yet it remains open; not only that, you're about to spend money on the Rockwell station to remediate sloppy work done on that one. I don't think it's too much to ask that if you can justify keeping Wellington (and the hospital is not a good reason) then the Jarvis Station should remain open.

Angela E. Reese
aereese@msn.com
Mr. Hands

I am a resident of the 49th Ward, residing at 5709 N Lakewood Ave.

I have heard of the proposed plan for the North end of the Red Line and would like to provide my support for this. We need change. Their are simply too many stops North of Addison on the Red Line.

If our ward has to give up one or more of the stops in our ward so be it, as long as the other wards both South and North give up ones as well in order to make for a more timely commute for everyone.

I would also like to suggest the renovation of the Loyola stop both structurally and ascetically, the stop is simply in bad shape. I believe it would also beneficial to make the Loyola stop a Purple Line stop as well.
Please feel free to contact me with questions. I will attempt to make tomorrow's meeting as well.

Regards

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:03 AM
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From: Hope McCoy [h-mccoy@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:45 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: ward49@cityofchicago.org; hope.mccoy@gmail.com
Subject: CTA Public Scoping

Mr. Hands,

I'm writing after hearing of the proposed closing of the Jarvis Red Line stop on the CTA rail. I strongly urge you to assess the surrounding neighborhood and reconsider. Currently there are coffee shops, wine shops, several restaurants, and bars surrounding the station, in addition to many other small businesses. The increase in these thriving businesses is due to Alderman Joe Moore's initiatives, as well as the close proximity of transportation. Also, professionals such as myself use this stop daily on their way to work in the city and in Evanston.

I hope you reconsider this proposition.

Regards

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From: andrew mullen [agm3975116@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:52 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: jarvis

are you people really that stupid that you are considering closing ANY stations. This is the worst idea since the cta closed all the yellow line stations. if you close jarvis that will just put more of a strain on howard, and those platforms aren't any wider now. it would also harm the businesses at jarvis square. Who ever came up with these plans to close jarvis could not have anything to do with a TRANSIT agency.
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From: Judith [jvg001@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:54 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: Joe Moore 49th Ward
Subject: Closing Jarvis Station

There is an entire population of Rogers Park who rely on the Jarvis El Station. I represent and am advocate for a community of Burmese refugees in East Rogers Park who would have to walk a long distance through unsafe areas in order to get to the Howard or Morse stations—and they are children.

They commute to schools in other areas of the city in order to obtain their education and the El is a vital link for their success. Parents would not want their children walking to Howard or to the Morse stops, especially in winter when it becomes dark at an early hour.

Additionally, the adult refugees use the El daily to commute to their jobs in the city and at O'Hare. They all are highly motivated to work and succeed in the US and in Chicago and need the Jarvis stop, not only for convenience, but for their safety. Most commute at night when it is most dangerous and it is a great concern to me you even have considered this option.

I am confident you will look at how negatively this will impact the lives of the refugee population in this area and reconsider.

Sincerely,
Judith V. Gramer
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Dear Mr. Hands,

I live in Rogers Park and want to express my strong opposition to the possibility that the Jarvis L station might be demolished as part of future Red Line "improvements." The presence of that station is extremely important for the flourishing of businesses in its vicinity.

Instead of demolishing it, please plan to fully renovate it, along with the Loyola and Morse stations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: John Doyle [dolebotixstudios@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:57 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: ward49@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Re: CTA May Close Jarvis Station--Attend Meeting to Oppose Plan

To whom it may concern,

Please do not close the CTA Red Line Jarvis station. This station is essential to the community of Roger's Park as a central point of virility. Thousands of commuters would be affected if this were to close and the Howard street and Morse Street stations would not be able to support the demand of the influx of commuters that would result in this closing.

As a fellow resident of Roger's Park and commuter, I implore you to not only reconsider this venture but also to consider remodeling this station in the near future as Jarvis street has seen a dramatic change in growth and community enhancement in recent years. The hard work of business owners and residents in this community would be totally disregarded if this station were to close.

Respectfully,

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From: erika buchan cow <ebuchancow@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Tue, January 25, 2011 4:46:27 PM
Subject: Fw: CTA May Close Jarvis Station--Attend Meeting to Oppose Plan

From: Alderman Joe Moore <ward49@cityofchicago.org>
Dear Neighbor,

I just learned today that three of the six options the CTA is considering in its proposed "improvements" to the Red and Purple line include the permanent closing of the Jarvis el station. This is unacceptable.

As I reported to you last week, the CTA is hosting a series of "public scoping meetings" to discuss the proposals. I urged you to attend the 49th Ward meeting to join me in pushing for improvements to the Jarvis, Morse and Loyola stations. Little did I know that not only were improvements to Jarvis not contemplated, the CTA was in fact thinking about closing the station!

At this point, no funding for the Red Line improvements has been identified and the work is still many years away, but it's not too early to state loudly and clearly that the Jarvis el station must stay open.

Join me at the CTA's "public scoping meeting" TOMORROW (Wednesday, January 26th), 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at New Field School, 1707 W. Morse (at Clark). Tell the CTA you OPPOSE the closing of the Jarvis el Station. Instead, demand the CTA give our community a long overdue NEW Jarvis Station, as well as improvements to the Morse and Loyola stations. I apologize for the last minute notice, but as I indicate above, I just learned today that the CTA was contemplating the closing of Jarvis.

Below I've attached a flier urging people to attend the meeting. Please feel free to make copies of the flier and distribute to your friends and neighbors:

At a time when the CTA is looking to increase ridership, it makes no sense to close a train station and force commuters to walk blocks out of their way to another station. Moreover, the Jarvis Square business district depends on the Jarvis station for its survival. The recent rejuvenation of
Jarvis Square would be undone in an instant if the el station were to close.

Please note that the public scoping meeting is not a traditional community meeting. Instead, it's more like an open house. The CTA will have six tables and display boards representing the six different options under consideration. Make sure you visit the tables that contain the closing of the Jarvis Station as one of the options and register your opposition to that plan.

If you are unable to attend tomorrow's meeting in the 49th Ward, you can attend one of the other northside community meetings. There is one tonight in the 48th Ward and another on Thursday in Evanston. Below are the time and locations of all three meetings:

**48th Ward**
Tonight (Tuesday, January 25)
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Senn High School
5900 N. Glenwood Ave

**49th Ward**
Tomorrow (Wednesday, January 26)
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
New Field School
1707 W. Morse (at Clark)

**Evanston**
Thursday, January 27th
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center
1655 Foster St.

In addition, the CTA is also receiving written comments. Please write to the CTA and tell them you oppose the closing of the Jarvis station and instead you want to see the station fully renovated. Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax, with attention 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

Thank you for your help on this very critical issue to our community.

Sincerely,
Joe Moore

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:08 AM  
To: Lea, Claudia  
Subject: FW: Don't close the Jarvis Station

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From: Jacque Harper [jacqueharper@earthlink.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:58 PM  
To: North Red & Purple Modernization  
Cc: dan@sullivana.com  
Subject: Don't close the Jarvis Station

I don't have time to write a big e-mail right now, but I would like to express my concern that you would close the Jarvis station.

I think the Jarvis station is an important one for the northern Rogers Park area, and I believe you should keep it open, so that the revitalization of this neighborhood is not impeded by difficult access to public transportation. Already it's difficult to find buses that run "through" from Rogers Park to neighborhoods south of Devon -- many of the current lines turn west at Devon rather than continuing down Broadway. The el fills this need.

I would be open to a plan that charges riders from far northern and southern stations slightly more than those from stations closer in -- or establishes some kind of zoned system. (I realize that may not be practical in the short term.)

My primary station is Morse. I sometimes get off at Loyola; but also like to patronize the establishments at Jarvis Square (Charmer's, Gruppo di Amici, Taste).

Thank you  
Jacque Harper

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From: Mary Paracka [mparacka@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 5:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis el station

Steve Hands
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Dear Mr. Hands:
I just learned of the CTA's plan to close the Jarvis el station. I urge you to reconsider this terrible idea.

Our community that contains many people who depend on public transportation, it is more than just an inconvenience to have to walk a few blocks, it can be a matter of life and death. Many in the neighborhood do not own cars, because they are elderly and cannot drive, so walking the extra four (or more blocks) to another station is hardly an option. Many would sacrifice heir independence just so your agency doesn't have to rehab one of the smaller stations on the North Side.

Closing the El stop will not solve your infrastructure problems and will increase your funding problems as many of the people who use the train station will no longer take the CTA and may opt to drive places, which will cause harm to the environment and to the roads that the city pays to keep up.

There are many other options to fixing the infrastructure of the Red Line that do not involve closing a station. Just because Rogers Park is on the "outer ring" of the city does not mean it should have to sacrifice when other areas that could easier do so are not being asked to. Our community needs the vibrancy and safety that an el station brings.

The proposed plan was supposed to address how to fix the aging infrastructure of the Red Line. Closing this station does not address that because the trains still have to pass over the viaduct at Jarvis. A new shelter was just installed at the station; it does not make sense to now close it.

Please do not close this station. It will make everyone's lives more difficult -- the CTA's included -- if you do. At a time when you are doing everything you can to try to get people to ride the trains more, you should do everything you can to keep your customers happy. Do not drive them away. Do not close the Jarvis station.

Sincerely,
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From: linda.van1@comcast.net [linda.van1@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 5:05 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: proposed Jarvis el closing

As a business owner in Jarvis Square (Taste Food and Wine) I can't begin to tell you how detrimental this station closing will be to my small business and the small businesses around me.

In addition, I can't even imagine myself walking alone at 10- or 11 at night with our daily deposit in my pocket to either the Howard or Morse Ave. station to get on the el.

In addition, there are hundreds of other women who live in the surrounding neighborhood who will be doing the same early in the morning or late at night. Not a safe option when there is an el stop right around the corner from your home.

Please...do not close the Jarvis el stop. It will ruin a very promising business and housing neighborhood
Dear CTA,

Please do NOT close the Jarvis red-line station. Many people in our neighborhood depend on that train stop for their transportation, and many have purchased homes/condos because of their location to this CTA train stop. Instead, this train station needs to be modernized, to ensure that our neighborhood revitalization continues. Closing it would only damage the re-birth of Rogers Park.

Thanks,

Michael J. Wolf

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From: Caitlin Kelly [caitlin_kelly@live.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 5:12 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis stop

Steve,
Please do not close the Jarvis stop. I live very close to this stop and it is very convenient for me. I recently moved to Rogers park and the nicest areas are around red line stops. This is a great neighborhood and we don't deserve this. I can not attend the meetings as I am working but please know how important this decision is and how many people it would negatively affect if you closed this stop. Thank you for your understanding and I appreciate you listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Kelly
Dear Mr. Hands,

I was just made aware by Alderman Joe Moore of a possible plan to close the Jarvis El Station. I would like to voice my strenuous opposition to this.

I have been a home-owner and a tax-payer in Rogers Park for 5 years, living around the corner from the Jarvis El stop. I have watched as the Jarvis Square area has blossomed and turned into an entertainment destination for people in both Chicago and Evanston. Currently we have a theater, a massage therapist, a dog groomer, an Irish pub, an excellent Italian restaurant, a Pakistani restaurant, a gym, several convenience stores, and a dry cleaner, along with a coffee shop that has become the center of our neighborhood. Morning commuters like me stop into Charmers faithfully on a daily basis. All of these are thriving small businesses, and all of them depend on their proximity to the El stop for business from other sections of the city. The closing of the Jarvis El stop would seriously jeopardize their ability to stay alive and deeply affect quality of life of this section of Rogers Park.

The closing of the Jarvis El stop would also put in jeopardy the viability of a neighborhood already staggering with foreclosures and declining property values. And since so many of those of us who live in the area use that El stop on a daily basis - early in the morning until far into the night - the foot traffic near the stop makes our neighborhood safer. I feel secure and confident walking from that El stop to my home around the corner late at night, and safe and secure walking to the theater and restaurants at night on that block. Forcing foot traffic to the Howard El stop will make the Jarvis Square area less-trafficked and therefore more dangerous in the early mornings and at night. Rogers Park has made strides forward in the past five years in terms of crime; we don’t need any steps backward.

This is not merely a question of convenience and having to walk a few blocks out of our way to get from one place to another. We in Rogers Park need that El stop.

Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,

Lisa (Elizabeth) Herceg
1534 W. Fargo Avenue, #3N
Chicago, IL 60626
Mr. Hands,

As a red line rider (my home stop is Jarvis) I need to voice my opinion on some of the proposed changes the CTA is considering.

When I read "Red, Purple Line Upgrades May Mean Cutting Stops" today, I momentarily thought I was reading the Onion.

The red line has the highest ridership. And yet we continue to deal with nasty, outdated stations while the brown line (and the red line stations in touristy areas - such as Grand and State - gets loads of improvements). It would be great for people who ride the red line day in and day out to receive such consideration.

Not only are we neglected for renovations, we’re under the threat of having stations taken away. That’s unbelievable. And unacceptable.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts.

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From: verdon1124@att.net [verdon1124@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 5:33 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Stop on Redline

I am FOR CLOSING Jarvis.
There are a couple of reasons: safety (decrease the amt of gangbangers, annoying teens and homeless vagrants), cost (why keep a station open when there are 2 stations in either directions that are about 3-4 blocks away?) If you want to make a smarter choice, improve Loyola or Granville or Thorndale, where most BUSINESS, STUDENTS and FAMILIES get on. I for one refuse to take my kids on the redline because of all the crappy stations that smell like urine and the gangbangers marking their territory. I live near Thorndale stop.

Thank

Lisa
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From: Jennifer Reeves Wilson [Jenniferreeveswilson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 6:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis REDLine Stop

Please do not close this REDLine stop as it is an important component of the Chicago Transit system for many individuals.

Thank you,

J. Wilson-Hicks
I am totally in favor of closing Jarvis street station! There is no reason to have 3 el stops!!!! within a 5 block range! (Howard, Jarvis and Morse) Thanks, Peggy Rios