

The CTA wants to keep you informed about our proposed *Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Project*, part of the *Red Ahead Program*, a comprehensive initiative for maintaining, modernizing, and expanding Chicago's most-traveled rail line.

## Summer 2013 Newsletter

### RPM Project:

The goal of the RPM Project is to modernize and expand capacity on the northern section of the Red and Purple lines, which carry one out of every five CTA train passengers, and run on structures originally built more than 90 years ago.

### What RPM will mean for you:

- Speed:** Trips up to 12 minutes faster each way
- Comfort:** Smoother curves, fewer bottlenecks, less crowding as ridership grows
- Stations:** Reconstructed with elevators and wider platforms
- Jobs:** Over 10,000 jobs during construction created and additional long lasting economic benefits in your community

### RPM Project Status:

In February 2012, the CTA hosted two open houses on the RPM Project and community members gave us valuable input on the project and the construction alternatives. Since then we have been examining the construction alternatives to see how they would impact the surrounding environment, as part of developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

### What's next for RPM?

The CTA is continuing to coordinate with communities and will be hosting an open house and attending community group meetings throughout the winter to share preliminary findings of the environmental studies and learn about the communities' desires and concerns. After that outreach, we will make sure the proposed project responds to community concerns, and then issue the Draft EIS in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration for public review and comment. A public hearing will be held on the Draft EIS in 2014.

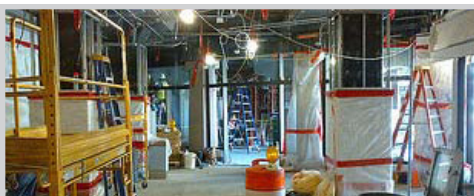


**RED AHEAD PROGRAM**

Map showing project locations along the Red Line South:

- Wilson Station Reconstruction Project
- Clark/Division Station Renovation
- 95th Street Terminus Improvements
- Red Line Extension

Learn more about the Red Ahead program by visiting our website: [transitchicago.com/redehead](http://transitchicago.com/redehead)



Jarvis - Station interior 12/5/2012



Jarvis - Station interior 12/13/2013

### Red North Station Interim Improvements Complete!

The CTA recently tackled some much-needed capital maintenance work at seven rail stations along the north branch of the Red Line. Work occurred between June and December 2012 and included: viaduct repairs, platform repairs or replacement, station water proofing, lighting improvements and new station house finishes (i.e. floors, doors, windows and lighting).

These seven stations still need to be rebuilt from the ground up, being some of the oldest on the system, with most built in the early 1900s. These interim improvements allowed us to make the capital repairs necessary to ensure we are good stewards of the infrastructure we have now, while we continue to plan for the future and pursue additional funding for the RPM project.

Learn more about the Red North Station Interim Improvements by visiting our website: [transitchicago.com/rednorth](http://transitchicago.com/rednorth)



## Get Involved and Stay Informed

We appreciate your feedback and encourage you to stay involved in the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Project to help us make your transit experience better.

If you are part of a community group that would like to learn more about the project, please send information about your organization and your upcoming meeting dates to us using the email or mailing address below. This winter, we would like to come out to your community to talk about the project and to hear your thoughts.

If you would like to be added to the project mailing or email list for future updates or have any questions about the RPM Project, please contact:

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