

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA)/Section 4(f) Evaluation

Notice of Public Hearing on the Red-Purple Bypass Project

When and Where?

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Center on Halsted (Gymnasium) | 3656 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60613

This location is served by:

CTA Addison station (Red Line), CTA Bus #8 Halsted, #36 Broadway, and #152 Addison

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CTA, as project sponsor to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), proposes to construct the Red-Purple Bypass Project. The project would construct a fifth track bypass just north of Belmont station where the CTA rail system Red, Purple, and Brown line tracks converge at an existing flat junction to expand transit capacity. Improvements as part of this project would also include reconstruction of approximately 0.3 mile of the mainline Red and Purple line tracks from Belmont station on the south to the segment of track between Newport and Cornelia Avenues on the north.

An Environmental Assessment (EA), which analyzes the effects of implementing the project on the physical, human, and natural environments, has recently been published for this project in accordance with federal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). All interested parties are invited to review the EA and attend the public hearing. The public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to express their views concerning the impacts and mitigation measures identified for the proposed improvements.

A copy of the EA is available through June 18, 2015 on the CTA website (transitchicago.com/RPMPProject) in plain text and pdf formats, at CTA headquarters (567 W. Lake Street, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60661) in regular and large print, as well as at the 44th Ward Alderman's Office (3223 N. Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657). Hard copies of the EA are also available at the following libraries during a public review period:

- **Merlo Library**
644 W. Belmont Avenue
Chicago, IL 60657
- **Lincoln Belmont Library**
1659 W. Melrose Street
Chicago, IL 60657
- **Harold Washington Library Center**
400 S. State Street
Chicago, IL 60605

A 30-day comment period (May 19 - June 18, 2015) has been established to take formal comments. All comments received during this comment period, and responses to those comments, will be incorporated into the final NEPA decision document. Comments may be made orally to a court reporter or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted anytime during the comment period in one of two ways:

- Via email: RedPurpleBypass@transitchicago.com
- Via US mail: Chicago Transit Authority, Strategic Planning, 10th Floor, Attn: Red-Purple Bypass Project, 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661

All written comments must be submitted by 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

Do you require assistance?

If you require an interpreter, including sign language services, or other accommodations at this meeting, contact Jeff Wilson, CTA Senior Manager for Government and Community Relations, at least five days prior to the meeting at 312-681-2712 or JWilson@transitchicago.com.

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