Agenda

- Share Project Status
- Blue Line Recommendations
- Gather input from the community
  - Elected officials and community residents
CTA Study on 55 year old Forest Park Branch:
- Confirm existing conditions and ROW needs
- Prepare infrastructure, service, and design recommendations
- Evaluate funding options

CTA Blue Line Vision Study Area
Community Outreach Efforts

- **Public meetings (with IDOT)**
  - October 7 & 8, 2013 – 203 participants
  - **Upcoming Spring 2017**

- **IDOT I-290 Corridor Advisory Group Meetings**
  - 5 status updates throughout the project, including 2/2013, 7/2013, 9/2013, 7/2014, 8/2015

- **IDOT stakeholder briefings (Fall 2015)**
  - Broadview, Forest Park, Bellwood, Hillside, Cook County, Chicago Aldermen, CDOT

- **Chicago community outreach**
  - June / July 2016
  - Targeted outreach for feedback and increased participation
  - Elected officials, peer agency representatives, local community groups, businesses and residents
RECOMMENDATION: Modernization and Reconstruction for Branch

✓ Rehabilitate infrastructure, starting with track work
   (27.3% slow zones, ongoing maintenance to delay increases)

✓ Propose wider station platforms and elevator access for entire branch
   —Utilize design opportunities to lessen weather/noise impacts on branch

✓ Maintain existing layout for double entry stations; continue to evaluate opportunities for single-entry stations (Western, Pulaski and Cicero)

✓ Include turn-back track west of IMD to accommodate construction phasing and future service increase to IMD

✓ Redesign Forest Park Terminal within current parcel to modernize yard and shop, bus and pedestrian connections
Recommendation: Improve existing design

- ADA accessible
- Landscaping
- Pedestrian crossings/refuges
- Station entrance design and locations
- Reduced noise via station design
- Bike racks
- Lighting
- CTA maintenance & construction
Recommendation: Continue to evaluate single-entry stations at Western, Pulaski, and Cicero

Station may include dual head houses over main access (shown above), reopening an auxiliary access, and/or simply adding amenities to existing design.
Recommendation: Continue to evaluate single-entry stations with auxiliary entrances

- Keeler Avenue (Pulaski station)
- Lavergne Avenue (Cicero station)
Next Steps

Give us your feedback on the stations

- How do you access these stations?
- How can we improve your customer experience?
- Tell us which station improvement concept you prefer!

We will consider your input in the final station design concepts

Our final recommendations will be presented at the Eisenhower/CTA Blue Line Vision Study public hearing in 2017
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Thank You for attending!

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