



**Red Line
Extension**

RED LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

Meet the Contractor **Community Meeting**

10th Ward

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Altgeld Gardens Community Youth Center



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This project isn't just about infrastructure – it's about **jobs, growth and empowerment** for the South Side and beyond.

Traci Quinn

CEO, Pink Hats Construction & Development Group



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Project Overview

Red Line Extension

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- 5.5-mile extension of the CTA Red Line, from the 95th Street Terminal to 130th Street
- Four new stations at 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street
- Parking and bus connections at each station
- New train storage yard and maintenance facility at 120th Street
- **Groundbreaking: Early 2026**
- **Project completion: 2030**



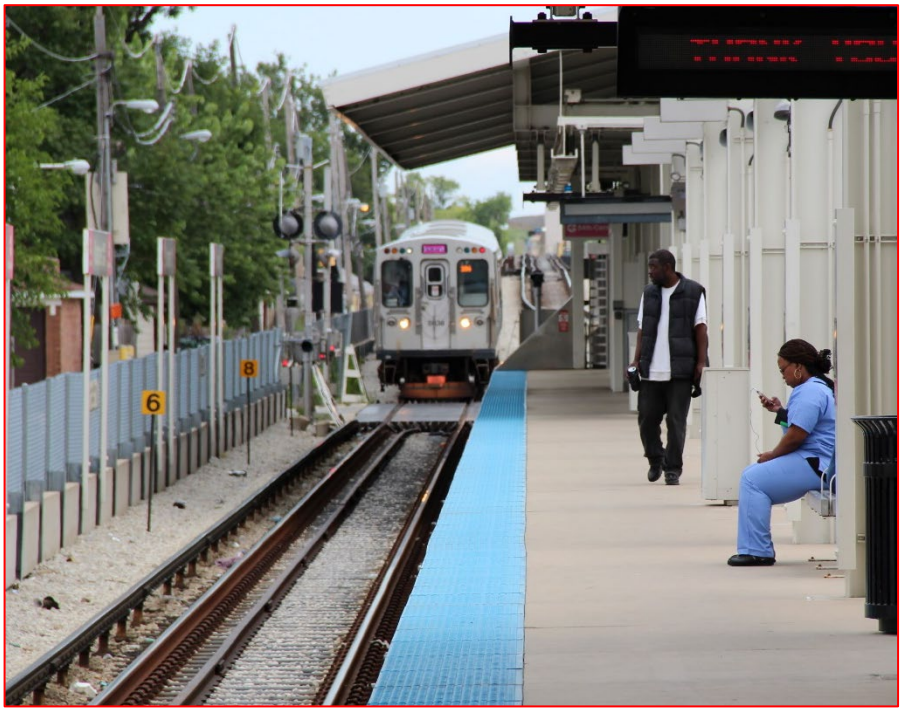
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New rail alignment will be elevated and at-grade.



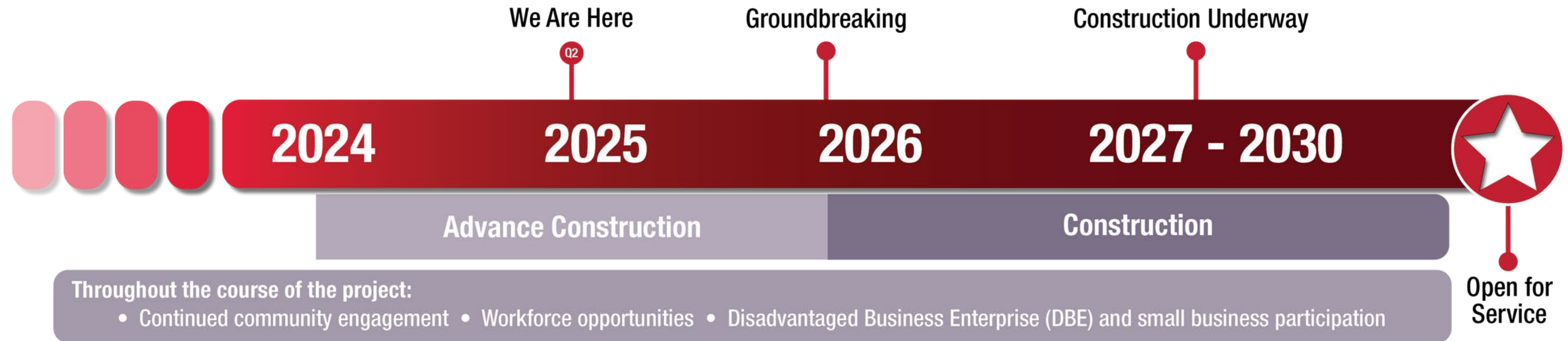
Elevated track structure



At-grade track



Project Schedule



Accomplishments to Date:

- Federal, state and local Transit Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funding secured
- Transit-Supportive Development (TSD) Plan adopted
- Contract to design and build RLE project awarded to Walsh VINCI Transit Community Partners
- Contracts with workforce agencies for RLE training and jobs awarded



How Does RLE Benefit You?

Overview of the Red Line Extension Project Benefits



Equity

Affordable rapid transit and improved mobility for residents and people with disabilities



Frequent Rail Service

Up to 30-minute time savings to riders traveling from 130th St. Station to the Loop



Connectivity

Newly accessible connections to the entire city via the CTA network



Economic Opportunity

46% increase in newly accessible jobs within an hour commute of the RLE project area



Sustainability

Sustainable transportation contributes to improved air quality, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and energy savings

An aerial photograph of a suburban neighborhood, likely in Chicago, showing rows of houses, trees, and a railway line. The central portion of the image is covered by a semi-transparent red overlay. In the background, the Chicago skyline is visible under a cloudy sky. The text "What's Happening Now" is centered over the red area in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

What's Happening Now

Getting Ready for Construction

What's Happening Now



**Property
Demolition**



**Utility Pole &
Equipment
Relocation**



Soil Boring

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Meet the Contractor

Design-Build Team

Extensive National and Global Transit Experience



WALSH CONSTRUCTION

Multiple mega projects within the Chicago area

- Four new CTA Red Line stations as part of the Red and Purple Modernization Project
- Renovation and expansion of the CTA Garfield Green Line station

VINCI

Multiple mega projects in U.S. and transit projects around the world



Construction Innovation



- One contracting team to both design and build the project **shortens the construction process**
- Use of pre-cast segments and the gantry system to build new Red Line track structure **minimizes impacts on the community**

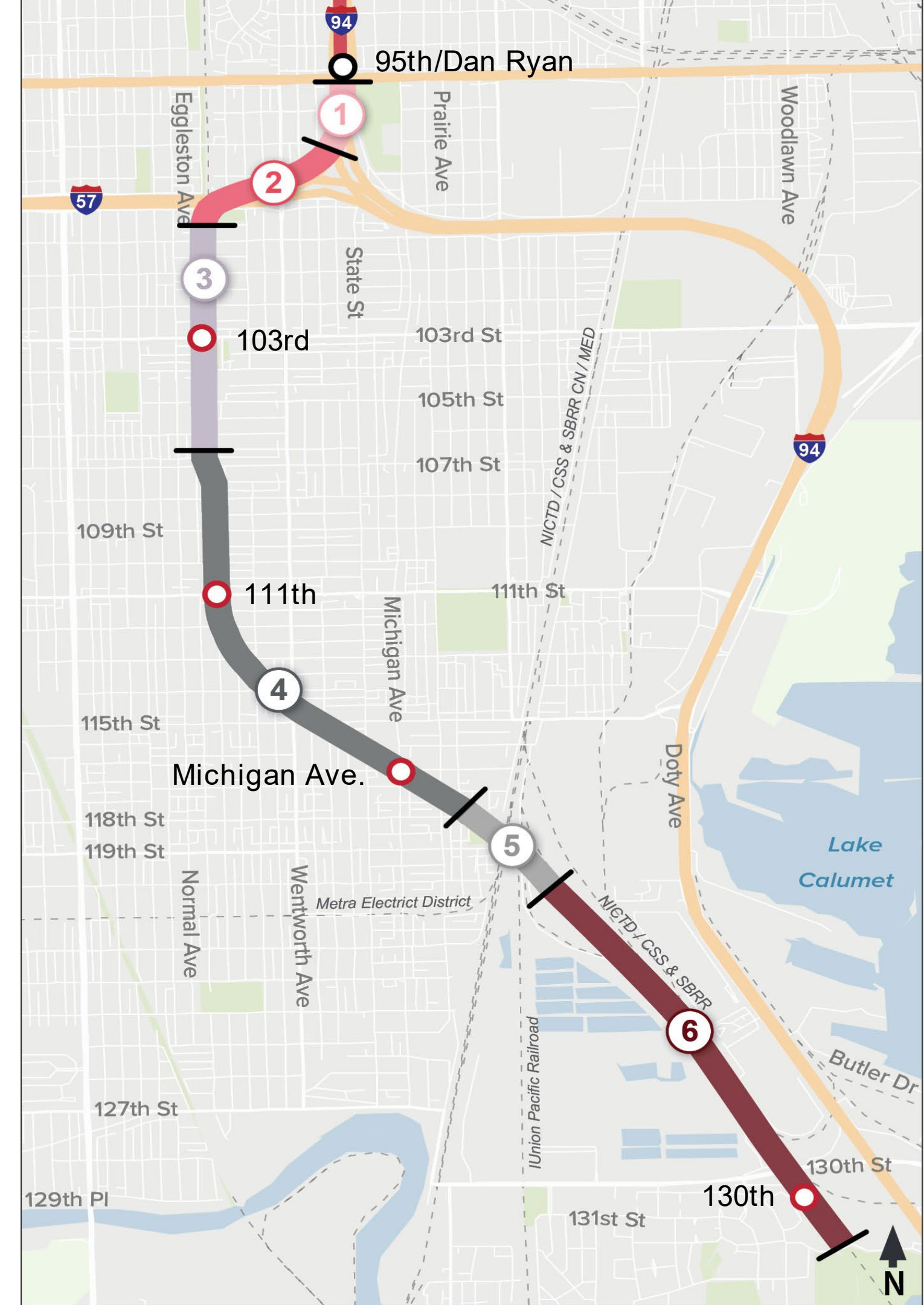
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Construction Updates

Construction Approach

The design and construction process is separated into six distinct zones:

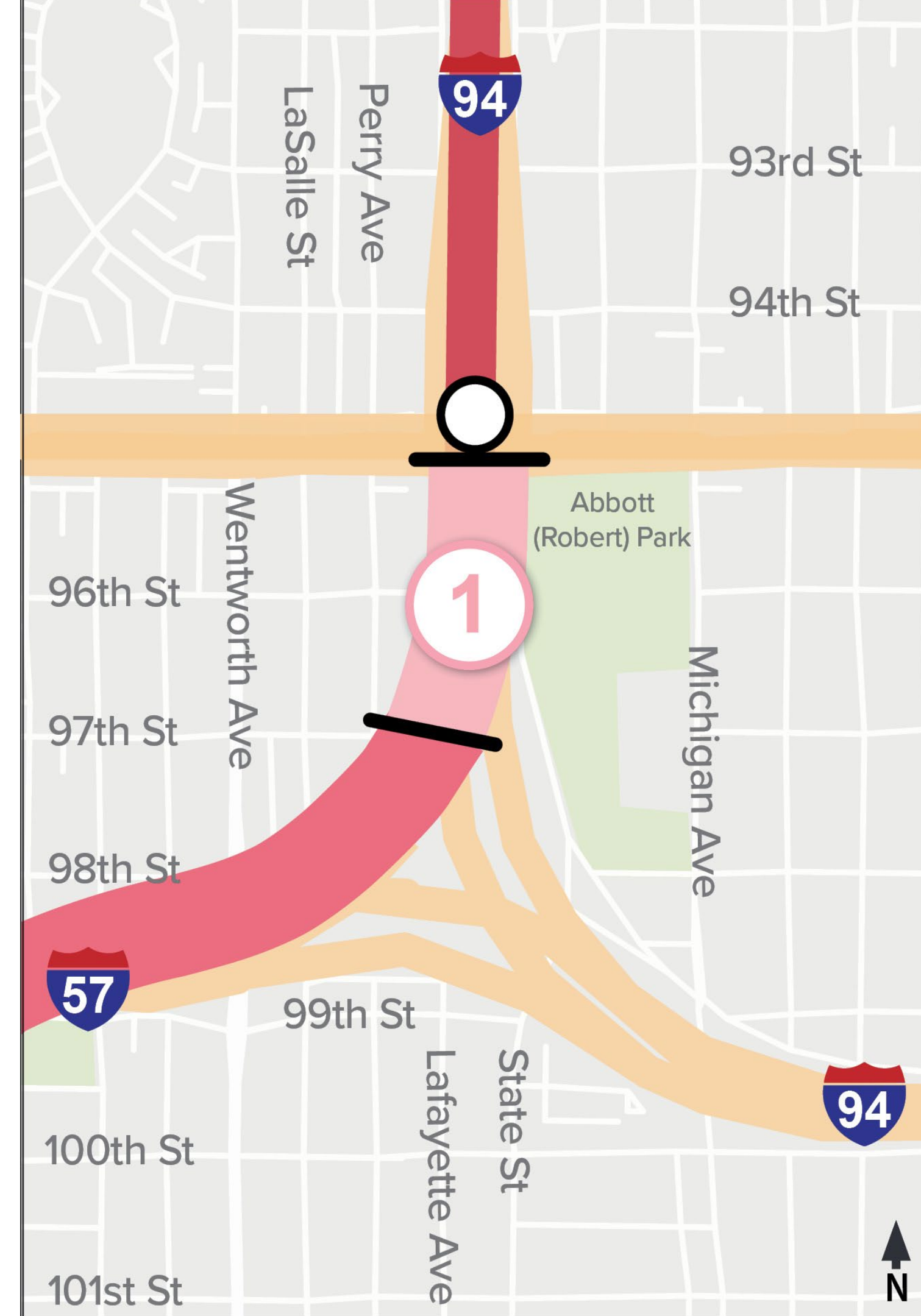
- ① 95th Street / Dan Ryan to I-94
- ② I-94 to 99th Place
- ③ 99th Place to 106th Place
- ④ 106th Place to 118th Street
- ⑤ 118th Street to 120th Place
- ⑥ 120th Place to 132nd Street



Construction Approach

Zone 1 (95th Street / Dan Ryan to I-94)

- ❑ **Today:** Project design | Survey, soil boring work
- ❑ **Fall 2027:** Utilities and preparatory work
- ❑ **Winter 2027 to Spring 2028:** Foundations and columns
- ❑ **Spring 2028 to Fall 2028:** Structure construction
- ❑ **Spring 2028 to Winter 2028:** Track and systems construction
- ❑ **2030:** Project complete!



Construction Approach

Zones 2 & 3

(I-94 to 99th Place and 99th Place to 106th Place)

- ❑ **Today:** Project design | Survey, soil boring work
- ❑ **Winter 2025 to Spring 2026:** Utilities and preparatory work
- ❑ **Fall 2026 to Winter 2027:** Foundations and columns
- ❑ **Spring 2027 to Winter 2028:** Structure construction
- ❑ **Fall 2027 to Spring 2029:** Track and systems construction
- ❑ **Winter 2027 to Spring 2029:** Construction of the 103rd Street Station
- ❑ **2030:** Project complete – new 103rd Street station opens!



Construction Approach

Zone 4 (106th Place to 118th Street)

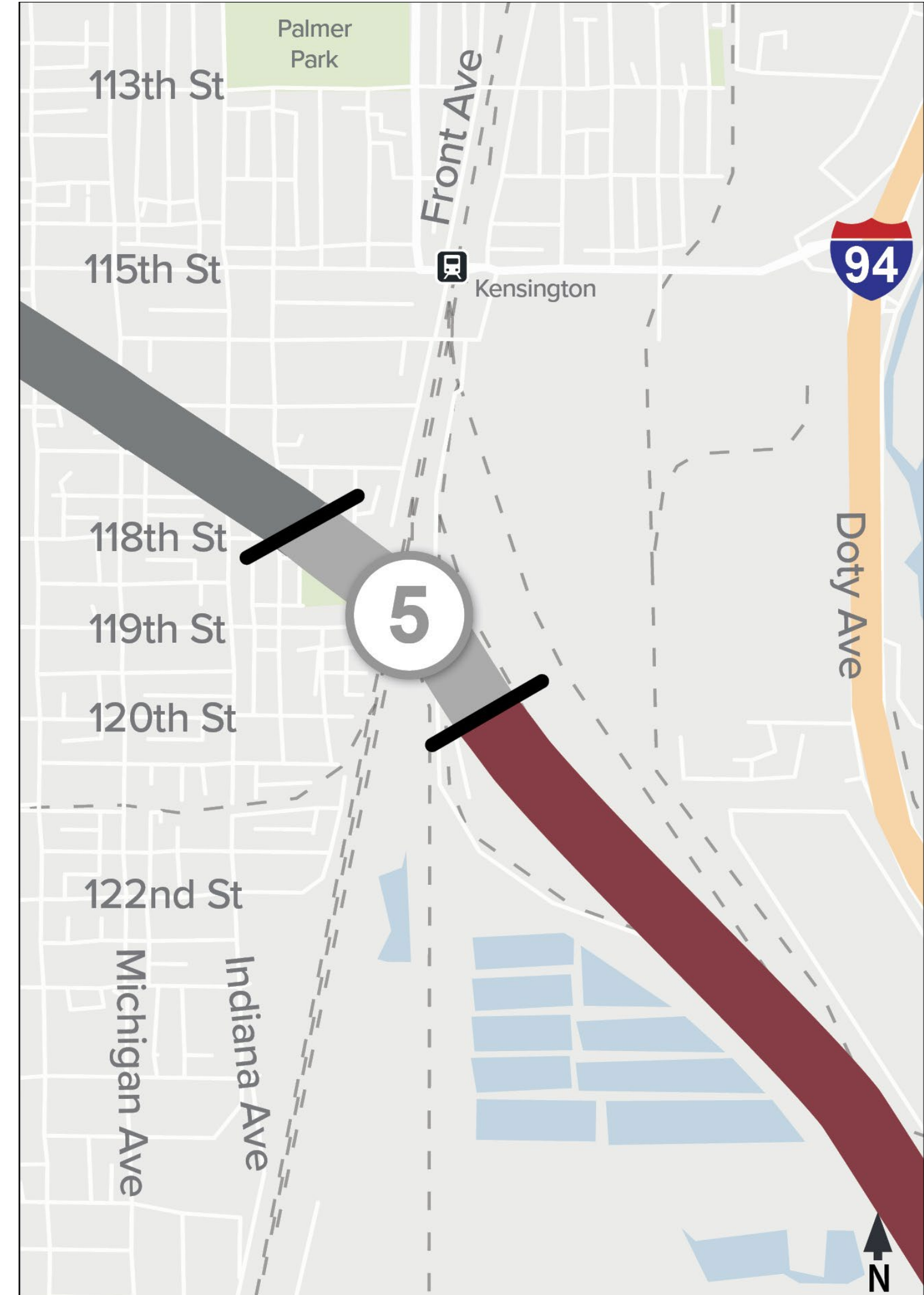
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- ❑ **Winter 2026 to Winter 2028:** Structure construction
- ❑ **Summer 2027 to Spring 2029:** Track and systems construction
- ❑ **Winter 2027 to Spring 2029:** Construction of 111th St Station
- ❑ **Spring 2027 to Winter 2028:** Construction of Michigan Ave Station
- ❑ **2030:** Project complete – new 111th Street and Michigan Avenue stations open!



Construction Approach

Zone 5 (118th Street to 120th Place)

- ❑ **Today:** Project design | Survey, soil boring work
- ❑ **Winter 2026 to Spring 2027:** Utilities and preparatory work
- ❑ **Spring 2027 to Summer 2027:** Foundations and columns
- ❑ **Fall 2027 to Spring 2028:** Structure construction
- ❑ **Spring 2028 to Fall 2028:** Track and systems construction
- ❑ **2030:** Project complete!



Construction Approach

Zone 6 (120th Place to 132nd Street)

- ❑ **Today:** Project design | Survey, soil boring work
- ❑ **Winter 2026 to Fall 2027:** Utilities and preparatory work
- ❑ **Spring 2027 to Fall 2028:** 130th Street bridge construction
- ❑ **Spring 2027 to Spring 2028:** Grading and ductbanks
- ❑ **Summer 2027 to Winter 2028:** Construction of 130th Street Station
- ❑ **Spring 2028 to Winter 2028:** Track and systems construction
- ❑ **2030:** Project complete – new 130th Street station opens!



What to Expect

Construction Impacts & Mitigations



Impacts

- Street, sidewalk, and alley closures
- Noise

Mitigations

- Residents will be notified of planned closures at least one week in advance
- Ongoing noise study with 24/7 monitoring to minimize disruptions
- Proactive rodent abatement measures throughout the construction zone

DBE Participation Goals

Design



Goal & WV Commitment

= \$58.9 M

Design DBE Contracts

Construction



Goal & WV Commitment

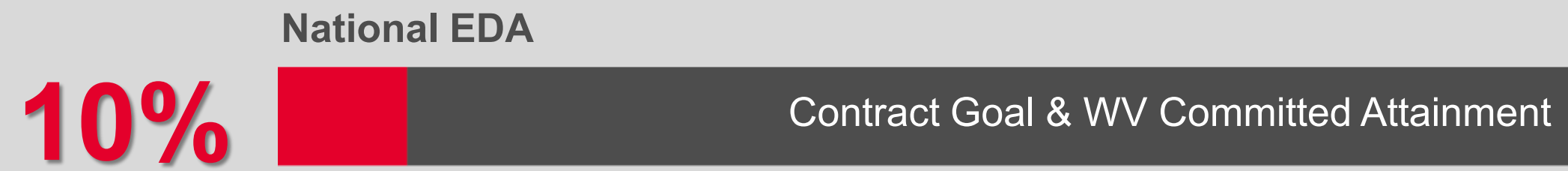
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Construction DBE Contracts

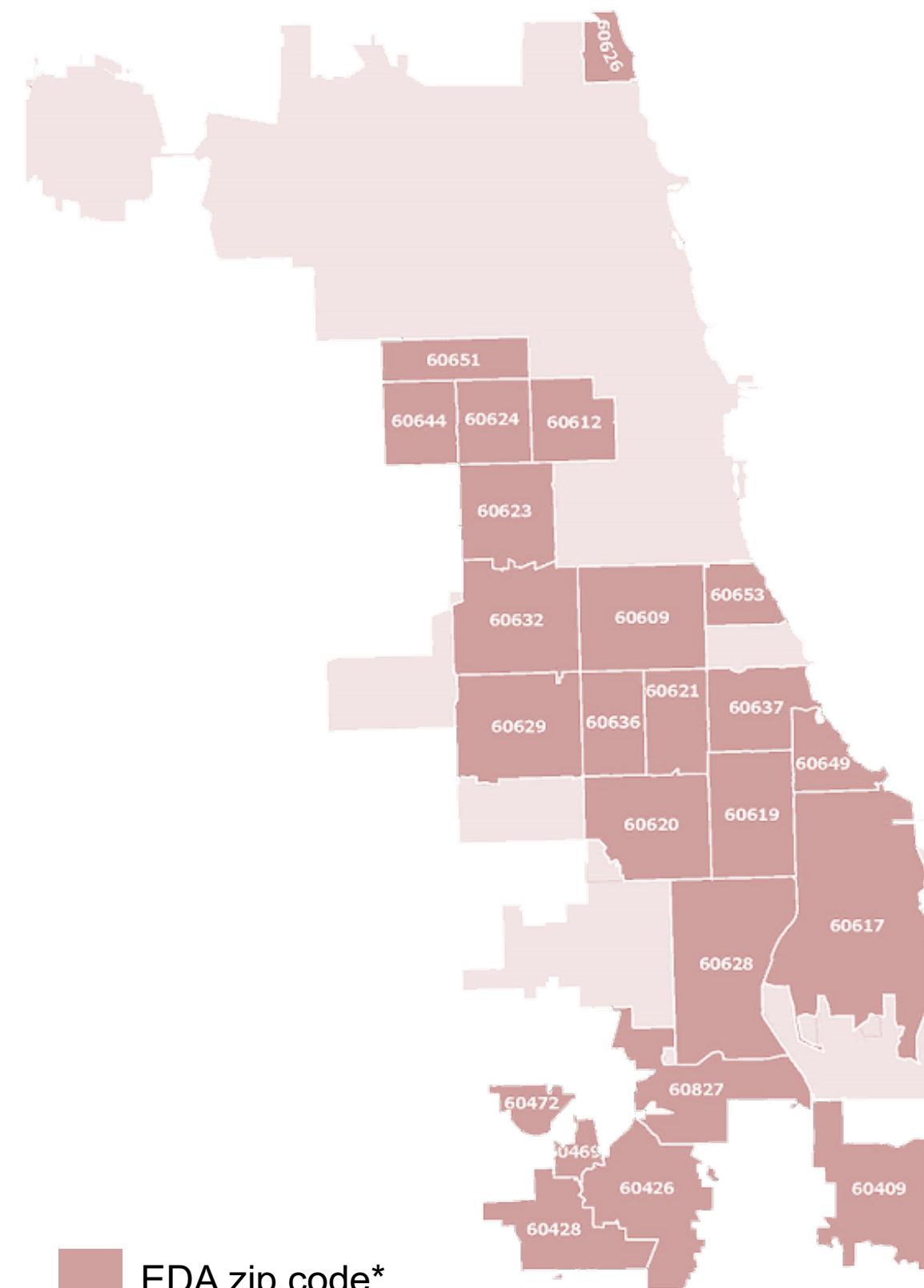
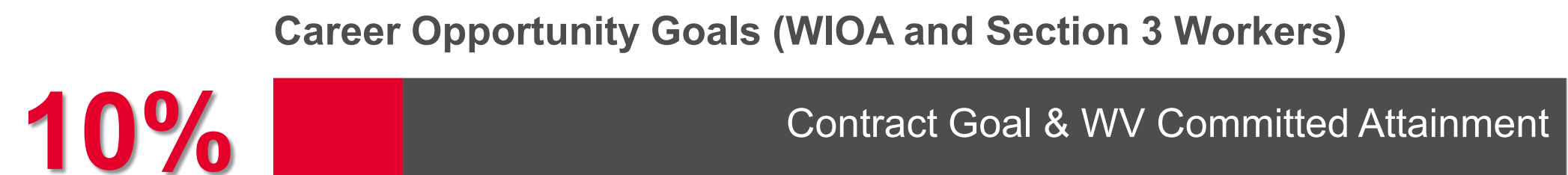


Workforce Goals

Design

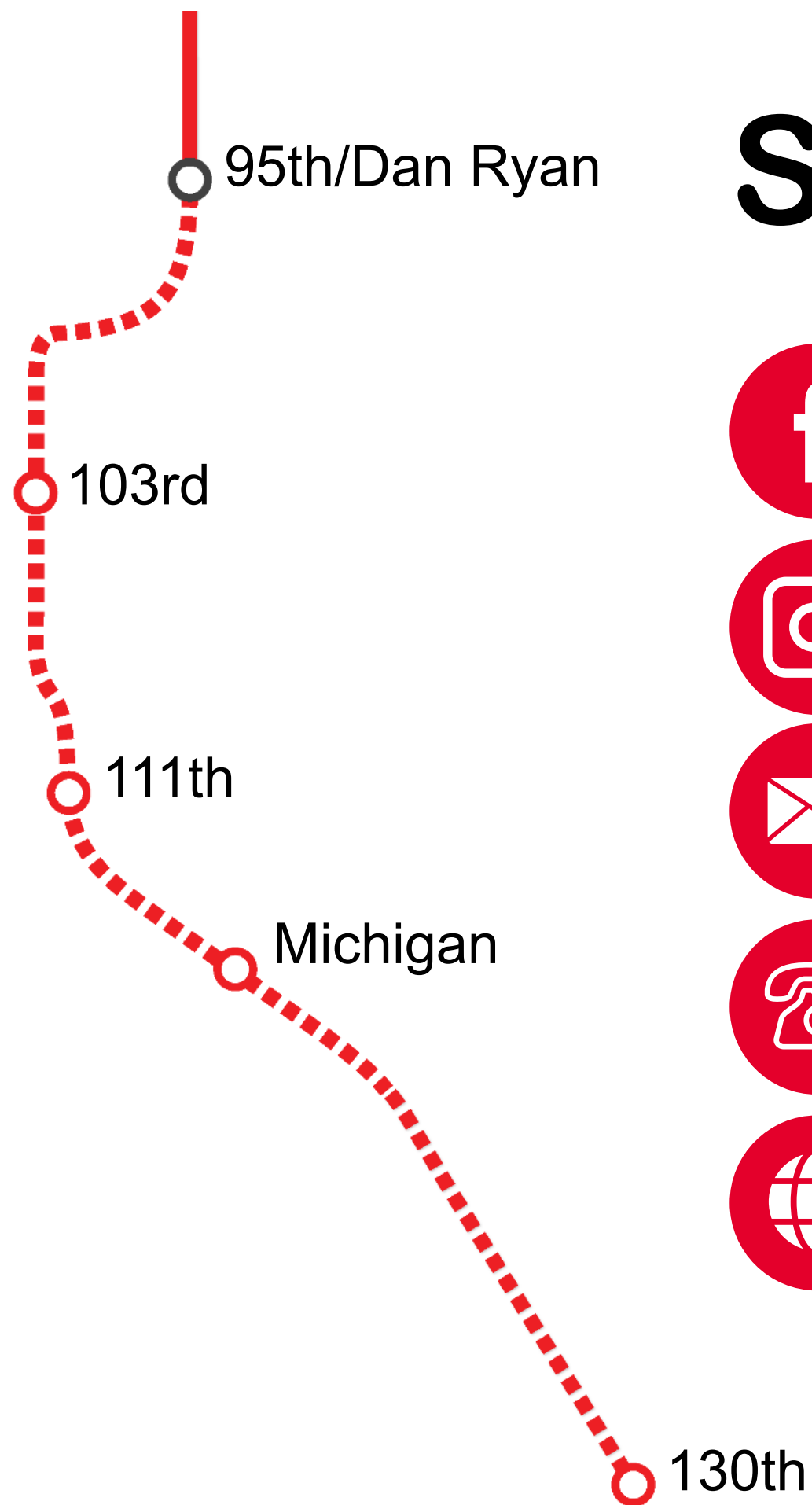


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Economically Disadvantaged Area (EDA)

** zip codes within the CTA Service Area with a household median income of \$45k/year or less*



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