



Appendix K

Public Scoping Written Comments

Comments 301-400

RPM-301

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:26 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: YOU CANNOT CLOSE THE JARVIS STATION!!!

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From: Scott Gill [scottsdsk123@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:02 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: YOU CANNOT CLOSE THE JARVIS STATION!!!

I am sending this email in response to a potential proposal to close the Jarvis el station permanently. ABSOLUTELY NOT! Not only have our Illinois state taxes just been raised by 2%, but there is little to no transparency regarding the current funding for our area. If the Jarvis station is closed, then you can expect an increase in crime, as police and security presence decrease as well. This, not to mention the inconvenience, and most importantly, the decrease in property values for us homeowners in this area. I will be attending future meetings regarding this proposal. Thanks.

Lea, Claudia

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

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From: Elysia Sheehan [elysiasheehan@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:05 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please don't close the Jarvis El stop!!!

I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station and instead I want to see the station fully renovated.

Elysia Sheehan
1440 W Jarvis
773-338-7325

RPM.303

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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Subject: FW: Red Line Jarvis- possible closing opposed

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From: Andrew Smerczak-Zorza [asmerczak.zorza@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:17 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Line Jarvis- possible closing opposed

Dear Mr. Hands,

Today I learned from my alderman that the Jarvis Red Line station may be closed. I understand the CTA faces severe budget deficits and hope a solution such as raising fares for everyone will be considered instead.

Sincerely,
Andrew Smerczak-Zorza
7522 N. Eastlake Terrace
Chicago, IL

Sent from my iPhone

RPM.304

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:31 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis el

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From: Sharon Rexroad [sharon@sharonrexroad.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:34 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis el

To whom it may concern:

The Jarvis El stop has been a critical element in the revitalization of what was once a, to put it delicately, a seedy part of Rogers Park.
In the 8 years I've lived in the area, I've watched a transformation of the immediate area surrounding this El stop into a vibrant culinary & small business gathering place.

Closing this El would not only stop this progress, but would led the neighborhood back into deterioration. Howard & Morris are both too far to be used by residents near Jarvis square, especially after dusk.

Thank you for your consideration

Sharon Rexroad
7226 N Greenview Av
Chicago, IL 60626

Sent from my iPhone

RPM.305

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: To whom it may concern

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From: brunette29@gmail.com [brunette29@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Mary Miro [marymiro@uchicago.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:50 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: To whom it may concern

To whom it may concern:

I use the purple line every day to commute to work. I rely on the express trains during the week, and the regular trains on the weekends. I work full time, and the absence of the purple line would be devastating to my budget, schedule, and overall lifestyle.

Further, the purple line allows Northwestern students to be responsible, and not drive drunk on their way back from Wrigleyville and other popular places on the North side. I implore the CTA and the City of Evanston to secure the purple line's presence in our community.

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RPM. 306

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:33 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis station

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From: Laura [zolaluna@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:52 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis station

Please do not close the Jarvis el station. I use it all the time and it is a central hub to Rogers Park's Jarvis Square. The next stop is 4 blocks away and I will definitely consider using my car more often, especially in inclement weather. I'm sure many of my neighbors will do the same, putting more cars on the road and increasing traffic congestion in an already congested city.

Please do not close the Jarvis station!

Sincerely,
Laura Abbruzzese
1503 W. Chase

RPM.307

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: oppose closing of the Red Line Jarvis St. station

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From: Linda Mastandrea [lindalmastandrea@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:45 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: oppose closing of the Red Line Jarvis St. station

I am a ten year resident of Rogers Park and regular public transit user. I am writing to express my opposition to the closing of the Jarvis Street station as an option to save money, repair the budget, or address ridership issues (or for any other reason). That area has grown by leaps and bounds since I have lived in the neighborhood and forcing people to walk blocks out of their way would be disastrous to the businesses who have flourished there, not to mention create havoc in the lives of people who depend on the Jarvis Station every day.

The focus should be on repairing the stations, upgrading them for accessibility for persons with disabilities, and creating a system people are able to ride, feel safe to ride, and are proud to ride. Perhaps in that way, we will get people to park their cars and contribute to making this a greener and cleaner city for all of us.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Linda Mastandrea
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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:33 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Red Line Stop

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From: ericdavis7@gmail.com [ericdavis7@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Eric Davis [eric@gcechicago.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:57 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Red Line Stop

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority

I am a Rogers Park resident and a frequenter of the Jarvis Square neighborhood. We have long struggled to rebuild a safe and financially sustainable, attractive area to congregate. Jarvis is one of the neighborhood's gems. I sincerely hope that the CTA is not seriously considering closing the Jarvis red line stop. In addition to being a safe mid-point stop on the north-bound red line, it is also key to the neighborhood's long-term development.

Many thanks for your time and consideration. I am happy to meet in person if you'd like more information or if you're convening discussion groups.

Sincerely,
eric davis

p.s. I know you all have an enormous amount on your plate and wish you the best of luck with your challenging decisions

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Please check out the latest article on GCE in [Ed Tech Digest](#) and the [FEATURE article](#) on GCE in the Chicago Tribune. Warm regards,
eric

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From: Margaret Sheehan [margee76@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:32 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis El stop

Dear Mr. Steve Hands,

I am writing on behalf of my family that lives off the Rogers park red line Jarvis El stop. My brother and sister-in-law have live on Jarvis for 7years now. They just recently had twins. Seeing as though I have no car the only way I am able to see their kids is by taking the red line to Jarvis. I feel that closing this el stop will not only impact my life and my family but all of the wonderful businesses that have developed in the square. These businesses have made this area a friendly family oriented area. I feel safe there. I do not feel safe at either the Morse or Howard stop. So I ask that you please consider rennovating the Jarvis El stop and not closing the station. If there is anything that I can do to assist in keeping this station open please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Margaret Sheehan

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:42 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis station

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From: Patricia Smith [patriciaabsmith@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:47 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis station

Dear Sir/Madam:

I was informed that the CTA is considering closing the Jarvis station. This is ridiculous. This station serves so many people including my daughter who uses this station every day to ride downtown to work. I use this station when I go up there. It is the basis for increasing development of business around this stop and is very important to the Rogers Park neighborhood. It is wrong and a great disservice to the city and your riders to close this. REconsider your action, leave it open, and improve it!

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Smith

RPM-311

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:42 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: A Note About Jarvis

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From: dellyfish@gmail.com [dellyfish@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Delanor Benson [delanorbenson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:59 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: A Note About Jarvis

Mr. Hands,

Hello! I'm a somewhat-new resident of Chicago. I live in Rogers Park. I just got wind that the CTA is considering closing the Jarvis station. I know that your budget is stretched paper-thin, and that sometimes difficult decisions must be made. However, the Jarvis station is my preferred station, and I would probably have to move if it closed. I would be happy to use Howard and Morse, but they are both too dangerous to walk through as a young, single white female. I've been followed and harassed at the Howard station in the daytime, so you can imagine my trepidation in the evening. Morse is beyond threatening. The Jarvis Square area isn't perfect, but it houses Gruppo di Amici, an awesome restaurant, and my favorite coffee shop. I really like this neighborhood, and I'd hate to leave, but getting home from Jarvis is scary enough - there is no way I would ever use Morse or Howard. Please, consider the situation the CTA would be putting the residents in before the station is scrapped.

Best,

Delanor Benson

RPM-312

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: I oppose the closing of the Jarvis Red Line station

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From: Jodi Brown [jodola@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: I oppose the closing of the Jarvis Red Line station

I am a Rogers Park resident and my Alderman, Joe Moore, alerted me to the proposed permanent closure of the Jarvis Red Line station. I am unable to attend tomorrow evening's "public scoping meeting" so I am writing to express my opposition to this plan. The Jarvis station is the closest station to my apartment, and the station I use to commute to & from work downtown. It would be a great burden to have to walk to either the Howard or Morse stations. Not only should this station remain open, but it should be improved, along with the Morse and Loyola stations.

Thank you,
Jodi Brown

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis el station

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From: Ann-Patrice Coine [tcoine@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:03 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis el station

Hello,
I just wanted to let you know that I vigorously oppose the closing of the Jarvis el station.
It is vital to our community.
Thank you,
Ann-Patrice Coine

RPM-314

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:44 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Don't close Jarvis!

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From: Anson Kendall [anson15@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:17 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Don't close Jarvis!

I write asking that you do not close the Jarvis Red Line Station. I routinely use this station to visit family and friends. Closing this station does not serve the long term future of the CTA, and is a short-sided move. Rogers Park depends on the Jarvis train station, by eliminating this station you are putting a dagger into an up and coming community. This neighborhood is continuing to grow and more and more commuters will be looking for access to the L. By closing this station, you are forcing my sister and her husband, who are both teachers, to find more expensive means of transportation that their family cannot budget. I use this station twice a week on average, and it is the only way I can visit with my family.

It's a shame that the CTA continues to close and shut down service to parts of the city that rely on this community service, yet other areas continue to receive all of the federal funding and state-wide investment. The Fullerton and Chicago stations look great, but all the Jarvis Station needs is replaced lighting, paint to make the entry more welcoming and to clean the stairwell. Investing into these neighborhoods and expanding service is the answer to fostering a long term plan that will build revenue for the CTA--Not limiting bus runs and closing the Jarvis Station.

Get the community involved to refurbish the station. Get local merchants to help sponsor the station. Get creative and don't take the easy way out! Closing Jarvis is not the answer!
Save the Jarvis train station,
Anson Kendall

RPM-315

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:45 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please Keep Jarvis Open

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From: Aaron Spevacek [aaron.spevacek@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:18 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: ward49@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Please Keep Jarvis Open

Steve,

I appreciate the need to reduce cost and I'm sure that reducing the time it takes a red line train to go between downtown and Howard is also attractive. But I don't think CTA has the community's best interest at heart when you propose closing the Jarvis El station.

The Jarvis El station is very important to the character of the neighborhood. In economic terms, the station increases the value of homes around it and creates businesses. I have never once used the station but I find myself at the businesses that have sprouted up around it several times a year.

The Jarvis station is also important because its presence puts that many more affordable housing units closer to an El stop. As neighborhoods around the red line have begun to gentrify, there is less affordable housing close to the El. Maintaining what housing stock that is both relatively affordable and in close proximity to the EL is important not only for the people who use the El but for the makeup of our neighborhood. It's why many of us chose to live in Rogers Park.

Even as CTA grapples with years of underfunded capital budgets, please consider the impact your decisions will have on the community. Please keep Jarvis Station open.

Sincerely,

Aaron Spevacek

RPM-316

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:45 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis El Station Closure Proposal

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From: Jeanie Sherwood [jeaniesherwood@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:36 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis El Station Closure Proposal

Please reconsider this idea. It is a long distance from Howard to Morse (or Morse to Howard) if you are elderly, if the weather is bad, if it is dark, if you are in a hurry or late, or if you are infirm. We riders were under the impression that the next step for the Jarvis Station was an upgrade, not a closure.

Jeanie Sherwood
jeaniesherwood@sbcglobal.net

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: lifeblood - please do not close our CTA station

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From: Roni and Rick Orlina [lifeisgood@practicalcooperation.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 11:34 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: lifeblood - please do not close our CTA station

Dear Steve Hands & the entire Strategic Planning & Policy department,

I know that the CTA is worried about its bottom line.

I am now worried about my family's and my community's bottom line.

By closing the CTA Jarvis Red Line stop, you are closing the one and only avenue my family has to get to work. Otherwise, I would have to take numerous buses. My 40 minute commute would become a 3 hour commute. I know I am not alone when I say that part of Jarvis Square's rebirth is due to its convenient el stop.

Please consider our community - we need this station to get to and from work.

Thanks!

Roni & Rick Orilna

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Proposals to Close Jarvis Station

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From: Wendy Istvanick [wendyi_021@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:53 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Proposals to Close Jarvis Station

I just heard today that closing the Jarvis station is an option being considered as part of the Red/Purple line "improvements". This would be a big mistake as this station serves a large residential population. Some of those served are unable to easily access either the Howard or Morse stops. And for those who are able, the safety of walking to/from those stations during non-peak hours is highly questionable. The Jarvis station is much closer to Sheridan road than the other two and with recent business openings in Jarvis Square is much safer late at night.

Sincerely,

Wendy Istvanick

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:44 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Letter in support of Jarvis el Station
Attachments: Letter to CTA opposing Jarvis el shutdown 20110125 3.pdf

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From: Dan Sullivan [daniel@lamsrem.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:03 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Letter in support of Jarvis el Station

[Attachment includes 5 newspaper articles about the area around Jarvis el.]

Dear Mr. Hands,

Through two sources, I have recently been told that the CTA is making its long range plan to improve certain stations along the Red Line and that it is inviting input from the communities that depend on this important part of our neighborhoods. This letter is to tell you about the area known as Jarvis Square that depends on the Jarvis el station for its livelihood.

Please invest in our community as we have by upgrading and improving the Jarvis el station. It is vital to this neighborhood. Please do not close the Jarvis station.

Jarvis has a vibrant commercial community built from the east of the el station at Greenview Ave to the west at Ashland Ave. There are many new and successful businesses that were started in the past 6 years by people who live within a mile of the Jarvis el station. Here is a list of some of them:

- Charmers Café / The Dagel and Beli shop www.charmerscafe.com
- Gruppo di Amici Italian Restaurant www.gruppodiamici.com
- TASTE Food and Wine www.tasteoffoodandwine.com
- the side project theater www.thesideproject.net
- Rogers Bark Pet Salon www.rogersbark.com
- Poitin Stil Irish pub
- The Lumbar Lounge www.lizatlumbar.com
- Luzzat Indian Restaurant
- V-Tone Fitness www.vtonefitness.com
- Jarvis Grill & Wok

As a result of this entrepreneurial explosion, this area of Rogers Park has become far more livable and attractive for the thousands of train riders and voters who live in the single family homes, condominiums and apartments that center around the Jarvis el station.

This area received national attention less than a year ago with two separate articles in the New York Times:

- New York Times article Feb 7, 2010: An Ethnic Mix Keeps It Funky

<http://travel.nytimes.com/2010/02/07/travel/07surfacing.html>

- New York Times article Jan 9, 2010: Street Corners vs. Cul de Sacs (photo in article is of Charmers Café on Jarvis Square)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/01/10/business/10every.html? r=1>

There are several more articles over the years written about this area around the Jarvis el station. Here are a few of them for your review.

- Kellogg Graduate School of Business Magazine July, 2008

<http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/kwo/sum08/alumni/sullivan.htm>

- Chicago Sun Times article March 2, 2007: Chicago's Venice Beach (copy of article attached)

- Chicago Sun Times article Sep 27, 2006: Making CHANGE Rogers Park's Jarvis Square Experiences a Rebirth (copy of article attached)

- Rogers Park's Jarvis Square video

yochicago.com/rogers-parks-jarvis-square/7136

Jarvis Square has become an essential part of the fabric of Rogers Park and the Jarvis el station is vital to keep the businesses alive. Please keep it going by improving the el station at Jarvis. By all means do not close down this station centered in this thriving business district.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Sullivan

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LAMS Real Estate 773-262-4043

Cell Phone 773-259-1877



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January 25, 2011

Subject: Opposition to the idea of closing of the Jarvis el station on the Red Line

Dear Mr. Hands,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dan Sullivan

Here are even more stories to read and watch about Jarvis Square and its businesses!:

- Shop Jarvis Square www.shopjarvissquare.com
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- Jarvis Square, dining and shopping in Rogers Park
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1rz-L8xmAQ>
- [http://www.gruppodiamici.com/ Gruppo Di Amici\]](http://www.gruppodiamici.com/Gruppo+Di+Amici)
- <http://www.centerstagechicago.com/restaurants/luzzat.html>
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Street Corners vs. Cul de Sacs

By DAMON DARLIN

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REAL [estate](#) agents often chant the mantra “location, location, location,” which essentially means “find a home in a well-kept neighborhood with good schools and a low crime rate.”

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Strolling in Chicago. Homes with above-average “walkability” had higher values, a study found.

Some may cite a fourth factor, “walkability,” a concept supported by self-styled “new urbanists” who advocate denser cities designed for the pedestrian and mass transit as much as for the car. In their ideal neighborhood, you could walk to a bookstore and then to an ice cream shop, and your children could walk to school, probably unescorted. (It sounds like so many movie depictions of America in the 1950s.)

They argue that walkability lowers crime — that good people on the streets drive away the bad guys — and that it generally improves life and sharply raises home values. Whether it helps

homes retain their value when the market slumps, however, seems a harder question to answer.

A [study](#) published in August by [C.E.O.'s for Cities](#), a group of urban redevelopment advocates, found that in many ways, the street corner beats the cul de sac. It looked at the sales of 90,000 homes in 15 markets to estimate how much value was associated with something called the Walk Score. Using a 100-point scale, this score rates the number of destinations, including libraries, parks and coffee shops, within walking distance of a home.

The scores for America's 40 largest cities can be found at [Walkscore.com](#) by typing in an address. For instance, the White House scores a near-perfect 97: a “walker's paradise,” the Web site says. Another famous home, the [Playboy](#) mansion in Los Angeles, rates a 25. (You can get lost in Walkscore.com for hours; the “[Brady Bunch](#)” house, the exemplar of 1970s suburban life, [scores](#) an above-average 75.)

The study found that houses with above-average Walk Scores commanded a premium. It was as much as \$30,000 in cities like Charlotte, N.C., Chicago, Sacramento and San Francisco, wrote Joe Cortright, the study's author and an economist at [Impresa](#), a consulting firm in Portland, Ore.

The correlation failed to hold in 2 of the 15 cities studied — Bakersfield, Calif., and Las Vegas, where housing prices decreased in walkable neighborhoods.

So far, there is no definitive study concluding that the more walkable neighborhoods hold their value better when the real estate market declines. But Mr. Cortright wrote in [a study](#) done a year earlier for the same group that the spike in gasoline prices in 2005 popped the housing bubble. He found that distant suburbs had the largest declines in home values, while prices in “close in” neighborhoods, typically those that were the most walkable, held up or, in a few cases, increased.

He cited an example in the Chicago area where a suburban home worth the same as a close-in home in 2006 had declined in price, relative to the city home, by \$66,000 in 12 months.

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An Ethnic Mix Keeps It Funky in Chicago



Sally Ryan for The New York Times

Uncommon Ground in Chicago's bustling Rogers Park neighborhood serves vegetables grown in its rooftop farm.

By EDWARD McCLELLAND
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HOW does Rogers Park, a neighborhood on the northern edge of [Chicago](#), stay funky? The secret is geography. The area lies beyond the end of Lake Shore Drive; most east-west streets dead-end into beaches, and there's no quick way to get downtown.

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Rogers Park's relative seclusion has helped it maintain an extraordinary ethnic mix.

Over the last few years, new restaurants, as well as galleries, shops and museums, have filled in niches amid Rogers Park's Mexican bakeries, hippie book stalls and Chinese takeouts. On a single block you'll pass a kosher butcher shop, a Mexican pizzeria, and a Belizean barber shop with a pool table in the back. Africans also have a prominent presence in the area. Four years ago, Dan Sullivan opened [a coffee shop, Charmers Cafe](#) (1500 West Jarvis Avenue; 773-743-2233), in the building where his mother grew up at the neighborhood's northern end, [leading a revival of a section now known as Jarvis Square](#). "There was a deep desire of so many people who live here of seeing this street begin to work again," he said.

Down the block, [Gruppo di Amici](#) (1508 West Jarvis Avenue; 773-508-5565; [gruppodiamici.com](#)) offers an Italian menu and a smooth jazz/light rock soundtrack. House specialties include

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Devon Avenue marks the southern border of Rogers Park.

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Taste Food & Wine sells wines and spirits, as well as snacks and sweets.

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The intersection of Jarvis and Greenview Avenues.

stuffed with wild mushrooms, goat cheese, spinach and prosciutto, served with linguine; \$17).

Next door, **Taste Food & Wine** (1506 West Jarvis Avenue; 773-761-3663; tastefoodandwine.com) sells wines and spirits, as well as snacks and sweets.

On a street bisected by elevated train tracks, you'll note the **Glenwood Avenue Arts District** (glenwoodave.org) by the paintings hung in empty storefront windows, with artists' phone numbers for prospective buyers. (The district holds an annual arts festival, this year the weekend of Aug. 20.)

The art shares space with the **Theo Ubique Theatre Company** (6970 North Glenwood Avenue; 773-347-1109; theoubique.org), a cabaret troupe that took over an old beatnik coffee shop. The new season starts in March with a production of the musical "Chess."

Rogers Park loves to flaunt its progressive values. The **Leather Archives & Museum** (6418 North Greenview Avenue; 773-761-9200; leatherarchives.org) memorializes gay culture inside a space that has an unlikely history, having served as both a synagogue and a Baptist Church. On display is an eclectic collection that includes military uniforms and fraternity paddles, plus a library of pulp novels with titles like "Truckstop Hunk."

And then there's **Uncommon Ground** (1401 West Devon Avenue; 773-465-9801; uncommonground.com), representing another sort of progressive consciousness. On a recent weeknight, a green biodiesel-powered bus was parked in front of the restaurant, music venue and all-around gathering spot. It was there for the Green Room Session, a monthly "eco-mixer" that brings locals together for food and live music (the restaurant grows its own vegetables in what it calls the nation's first certified organic rooftop farm). On the menu, the Gunthorp Farm Crispy Chicken (\$19), baked in an iron skillet, and served with roasted sweet potatoes and carrots, turnips, onions and salsify purée, is named for the Indiana family that raised the bird.

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Rogers Park neighbors built this play area and bench at Pratt Avenue Beach. —SCOTT STEWART/SUN-TIMES



Judith Orr loves her Farwell Avenue condo and so does her cat, Lulu, who is showing off for the camera. —HEATH HALL/SUN-TIMES



In Rogers Park, change is evident from the Jarvis CTA red line stop, such as new eateries like the Dabel and Bell Shop at Jarvis Square. —JOHN J. MONTANA/SUN-TIMES



EN ROUTE: ROGERS PARK

Chicago's Venice Beach

Maybe it's something in the water that breeds eccentricity

BY BONNIE MCGRATH

From the northernmost tracks of Chicago's Red Line, you can see that change is under way — finally — in Rogers Park.

Judith Orr has no trouble rattling off all the amenities she has in her two-bedroom, two-bath condo in East Rogers Park: a patio, an eat-in kitchen, all the many beds and what she described as "the view." A condo like the one she has would have cost a lot more in the neighborhood she left, much more than the under-\$200,000 she paid a couple of years ago for her unit on Farwell, just north of Pratt and just east of Ashland, near the Morse stop on the Red Line.

Orr, who owns a marketing-design business, says she hasn't regretted her decision for even one second. While she felt a little nervous after making the move — because of more "going activity in the area" than she was used to — she said that thanks to community picking, diligent patrolling and all kinds of quality-of-life people,

places and things in the neighborhood have assured her that she is in the right place at the right time. She can list the best places within walking distance for delicious seafood or chic-tasty high ceilings, great apartments or fabulous dinners, from Moreland on Morse to Café Suron on Pratt, to name a couple (west of Sheridan and east of Sheridan, respectively).

People all over East Rogers Park agree. They love the friendliness of their neighbors, the fresh air off the lake that borders and defines their neighborhood, with its many little wild-grass-covered beaches that stretch its length, from the Loyola L. stop that is convenient to the Loyola University campus just off the Red Line — to Howard Street on the north end. The two stops in between are at Morse and Jarvis.

Residents love the spirituality that exudes from the old buildings, the funky restaurants and coffee places and bars, the diversity, the 80 or so

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Dan Sullivan, property owner and restaurateur of Jarvis Square, talks with a neighbor in Jarvis Square. —JAMES J. HANCOCK/STAFF

ROGERS PARK

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New developments on every street

language that are spoken in the neighborhood, the theater groups, the public transportation and the architecture. They love the "institutional" like the Hawthland Club at East and Greenwood, the epitome of the body politic — and places like the Elks Club on Greenwood and Easton. Call on Hawthland Road, where the houses combine with character and character. They love what's coming in the future.

New housing on every street

According to resident Tom Burke, a real estate broker with Zurek Realty who lives on East, in the heart of the East Rogers Park neighborhood, there are new developments on every street and along on nearly every street. New, remodeled, renovated and restored, including big plans for a new multi-unit development on the 7000 block of North Clark Street where the Adelphi Theater stood in 1917 (see page 1). Every one agrees these developments are a more affluent trend — at least, a burgeoning, more affluent trend. The new members of the neighborhood are putting into evidence the "trendiness" a word often used to describe it, so far, package of street life throughout the area.

"The only problem," said area resident Mary Motta, a lawyer who has lived in Hawthland since from Hawthland Park for 32 years, "is that there is no increasing that is increasingly successful." Motta said his wife moved into his unit when his cousin's building was still a model. They lived up raising a son — now grown — there. But in making up for such deprivation as lack of ex-prospects, Motta said, the neighborhood is increasingly under — somewhat under — but still



This modest Cabbar's Mail storefront hides an old theater that will become the Nickelodeon Jazz Venue. —JAMES J. HANCOCK/STAFF

— than other Chicago neighborhoods in the center of the city. The cabbar is a given in East Rogers Park.

Like many young people, Stephanie Ward moved to East Rogers Park when she first came to Chicago from California to work as a journalist. Inspired by her uncle's dog during the area, she moved a few years later to Albany Park. Now, married, with two boys, she and her family live in her recently moved home. House they bought a few years back in Rogers Park, near Jarvis and Ashland.

Like Venice Beach in LA

"It's a neighborhood of ex-prospects," said Ward, who lives in the neighborhood in her spare time. "It's not trendy. It's like the Venice or Silver Lake neighborhoods in Los Angeles. Everyone has a different view of the world."

Ward knew to look at the beautiful old Venetian in the neighborhood, and dreams of doing the long-term renovation and restoring it, provided she can find the right place for her dog when the time comes. She has attached the neighborhood garden walk, and is enjoying the new Jarvis Square development just a couple of minutes walk from her house. 3 bedrooms, finished basement, lots of space. Their home, complete with parking, has increased in value more than 25 percent in just the past two years. She and her husband have updated their upstairs bath, put in hardwood along the stairs for her kids' room, purchased a new stove, and installed new carpeting.

She would like to see the new kids center in the neighborhood. She wants to do that just hanging out on the streets, and working about keeping her kids happy and safe — in the future. Ward prefers

to concentrate on the positive as she walks her dog daily. She agrees with Oer that the pull has really cranked down on the more necessary elements in the area and that the neighborhood keeps getting better.

Cary Stuchlik, executive director of the Rogers Park Community Council, said that economic, diversity and affordability mean Rogers Park is a place where everyone wants to live. Residents love the public transportation, she said, from the housing in the area to the housing in the area. She said, from the housing in the area to the housing in the area. She said, from the housing in the area to the housing in the area.

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The best East Rogers Park homes, she says, are those that are affordable, beautiful, and comfortable. The community council offers programs ranging from neighborhood meetings to public support groups.

Like paths fit with culture

She said there's no such thing as a perfect home. Like the house on East Rogers Park, she said, there's no such thing as a perfect home. Like the house on East Rogers Park, she said, there's no such thing as a perfect home.

Renée McGuck is a Chicago-based journalist.



Rick Aronson, principal and managing broker for Camelot Development, and a community activist, said that prices in Rogers Park peaked in 2005, moderated in 2006 and are doing so again in 2007. This means buyers can get more homes for their money than at any time in the past two years. With average market times of their peak, sellers are having to wait longer to sell, albeit at slightly lower prices. Again, a good sign for buyers. Rogers Park prices have continued to move strongly ahead even through 2007. A glut of condos on the market right now, 714 units to be exact, is equivalent to nearly an entire year's supply. Also, since there is a glut, prices appear to be leveling off or even heading down slightly. Average market times are also decreasing, forcing sellers to wait longer to get their prices. Buyers will be able to buy properties at 95 percent to 97 percent of full asking price.

Home sales in Rogers Park in 2006

Single family, detached	Condos and town houses
32 units	954 units
List Price: \$524,000	List Price: \$226,158
Sale Price: \$502,907	Sale Price: \$225,259
Avg. Market Time: 129 days	Avg. Market Time: 107 days



Dan Sullivan looks out from the storefront of Charmer's Cafe at Jarvis Square. —JAMES J. HANCOCK/STAFF

WHAT'S NEW IN ROGERS PARK?

ON HORSE AVENUE

Residents can expect new and attractive storefronts, landscapes and lighting, punctuated by the restoration/development of a 1912 Nickelodeon that had evolved into a synagogue and a shoe maker, among other things through the years, and finally into "Café de la Mail" in its most recent incarnation. The Nickelodeon ultimately will house a 300-seat acoustic music venue, said Dan Sullivan, a real estate broker with Zurek Realty. "The development will definitely change the neighborhood to some degree," he said. "It will certainly appeal to a different crowd."

JARVIS AND GREENVIEW

Dan Sullivan, 44, lives in a home on Jarvis and owns and manages property at Jarvis and Greenview, some of which was built by his great-grandfather, a grocer, in 1913. He talks in the satisfaction that his four children are the first generation to walk these streets, get to know the people and live a full life in an area that would have been written off by the average person not too many years ago.

Sullivan is, to many, the face of the new East Rogers Park, developing property straight from the heart.

"I think it's important to show the neighborhood's better side," Sullivan said. "We don't have to believe the worst about ourselves anymore." His development — Jarvis Square, some of which he owns, some of which he manages — contains an Irish pub, Paddy's, a sandwich shop, Paddy's, a coffee place, Charmer's Cafe, and an Italian restaurant, Gruppo di Amici. Other businesses that are part of the new face of the intersection are across the street, including Rogers Park, Lombard Lounge and the Blue House. His grandmother lived above the "store" (now Paddy's) until she died at age 95 in 2001.

She had been the neighborhood fundie into what many people saw as a 30-year lost cause, starting in the '70s, but the best reminder about the days when the intersection would be thriving again. Today, Sullivan has accomplished his grandmother's dream, while growing his own family tree. Where gang members once stalked, patrons of new businesses gather eating outside in nice weather and chatting about the neighborhood. The fabric of this neighborhood is being repaired, Sullivan said. "It's probably the best plot of land in the world."



South from Pratt Avenue pier one can see condo buildings on Chicago streets that dead-end at the beach. —JAMES J. HANCOCK/STAFF



It is a favorite neighborhood hangout just up the street from the East Avenue beach, in summer it has a sidewalk cafe. —JAMES J. HANCOCK/STAFF

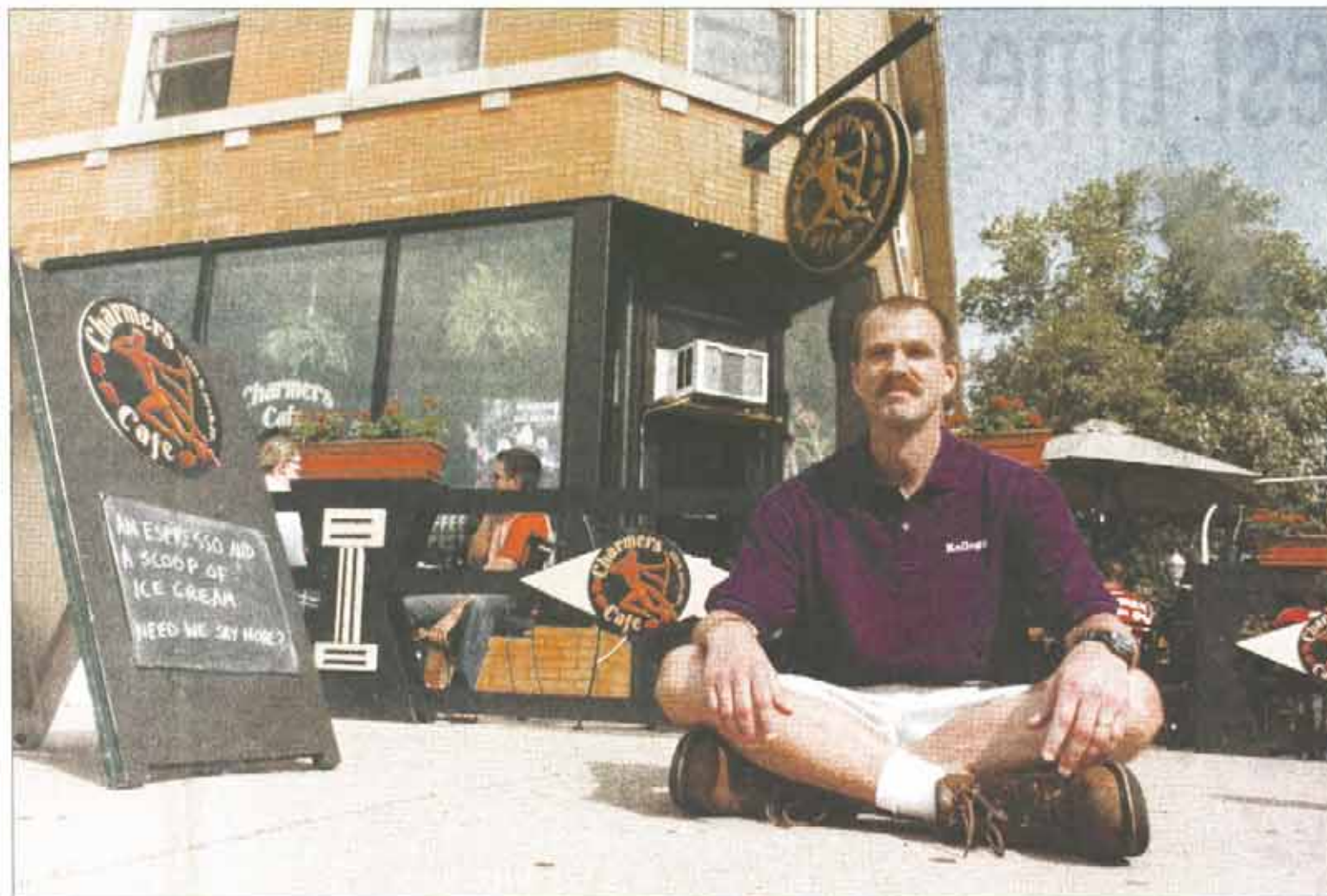


Gruppo di Amici is a new eatery in Rogers Park. —JAMES J. HANCOCK/STAFF



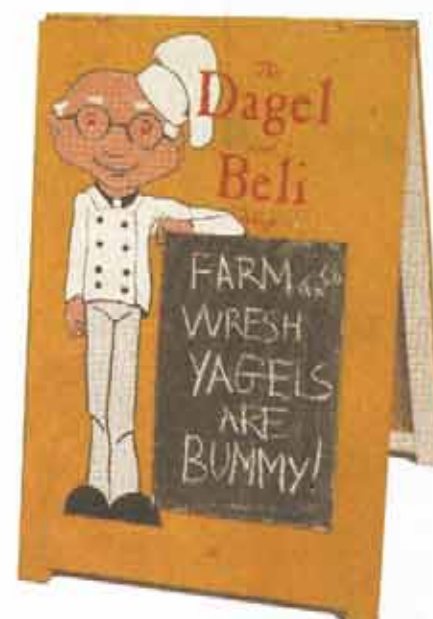
COME BACK: The mass exodus of spinach from grocery stores has proven that one doesn't know how much something is liked until it's gone. See story, Page 3.

EDITOR: Sue Ontiveros



Real estate developer Dan Sullivan opened Charmer's Cafe and the Dagel and Belli in hopes of revitalizing the Jarvis Square area of Rogers Park. The Rogers Park Community Council named him its 2006 Citizen of the Year.

—BRIAN JACKSON/SUN-TIMES PHOTOS



ROGERS PARK'S JARVIS SQUARE EXPERIENCES A REBIRTH THANKS TO ONE MAN'S VISION

Making change

BY MAUREEN JENKINS
Staff Reporter

Think, for a moment, about popular Chicago neighborhoods where both area residents and outsiders like to dine, drink, shop and stroll. Vibrant places such as Lakeview, Wicker Park/Bucktown and Andersonville offer amenities that boost the quality of life for those who live in these areas and attract the dollars of those who don't. And eating and drinking establishments are among the main ingredients in the mix.

Rogers Park real estate developer Dan Sullivan knew this — yet when he walked down some blocks in this diverse North Side 'hood, he saw drug-pushing thugs standing on corners, not cafes. But generations of his family had grown up in the area. He thought that if the sketchy corner of Jarvis and Greenview avenues, half a block east of the Jarvis L stop, housed a cafe and perhaps a deli or upscale bar, the never-do-wells would scatter. So he bought some buildings with storefront space — including one built by his great-grandfather in 1915 — to solicit businesses that would enhance residents' lives.

After trying in vain to attract a cafe operator, Sullivan became one himself in May. Charmer's Cafe, a stunning coffeehouse filled with vintage seats, mirrors and wall sconces right at Jarvis and Greenview, was the result. The same day, he opened a whimsical next-door sandwich shop called Dagel & Belli, where 86 steamed New York Bagel & Bialy bagels are stuffed with everything from lox to pastrami to smoked honey ham and eggs.

The changes in Jarvis Square happened because Sullivan decided to invest where he lived — and this 15-year resident recruited others to do the same. After hearing him speak at a DevCorp North seminar, Lori Alderete and Phaedra

The changes in Jarvis Square happened because Dan Sullivan decided to invest where he lived — and this 15-year resident recruited others to do the same.

Divras decided to rent from Sullivan and opened the cozy stone-front Gruppo di Amici restaurant — with a wood-burning pizza oven imported from Italy, no less — just steps from the Jarvis L. And last September, Sullivan rented out the space that became Poutin Stil, an Irish pub that allows patrons to order food from nearby eateries.

"I think the whole thing about a neighborhood, especially a broken neighborhood, is the fabric of the community somehow gets ripped," says Sullivan, a married father of four with an

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Bill Alderete removes a pizza from the imported wood-burning oven at Gruppo di Amici, a restaurant that's part of Jarvis Square's rebirth.

—JON SALL/SUN-TIMES PHOTOS



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Cafes add vitality to neighborhood

MBA from Northwestern University. "I think what we're seeing is those rips are being sewn."

"There were insufficient places for people to be public. You need a public square. You need a bar and you need a coffeehouse. That's where people traditionally go and meet."

Not only do neighborhood folks now hang out at these places, but Sullivan estimates 30 percent of weekend customers come from outside densely populated Rogers Park.

"Who thinks you can change the world by opening a cafe?" asks Sullivan, believing the "simple things" make the difference.

Diversity spices it up

Rogers Park is one of the city's most diverse communities, one where 38-plus languages are spoken by 65,000 residents from more than 80 different countries. It's a place, says DevCorp North Executive Director Kimberly Bares, where Haitians, Jamaicans and Africans share a neighborhood with Hispanics, Asians, and black and white Americans. "And our diversity is not just race and ethnicity," says Bares, "but income, educational attainment and sexual orientation."

But this bastion of lakefront liberalism has faced its share of challenges, including street loitering and crime. Even now, the Chicago Police Department's infamous flashing blue-light surveillance cameras are posted along Howard Street. But thanks to active community policing, trash clean-ups and frequent neighborhood events, the area appears to be turning itself around.

In addition to those in Jarvis Square, Bares mentions other eateries that are spicing up Rogers Park, such as Howard Street's Jamaican Jerk and Jerk to Go and the nearly year-old Lake Side Cafe, which offers innovative vegetarian and vegan (and largely organic)



Customers enjoy the Italian fare at Gruppo di Amici, an authentic Italian spot in Rogers Park. —JON SALL/SUN-TIMES

fare, such as thin-crust pizzas baked on wheat-free spelt and vegan pastries, cakes and pies prepared in-house.

The cafe at 1418 W. Howard attracts "a lot of people who live close and who drive from very far," says first-time restaurant owner Amona Buechler, whose TAO-Bowl combinations of rice, beans, greens and veggies are customer favorites.

Says Bares: "The eateries — the cafes, the restaurants — really give people a place to be in community. They also add a vitality, a vibrancy to a neighborhood."

And with Rogers Park's 90 eateries have come other businesses. There's Rogers Park, a pet grooming salon catty-cornered from Charmer's Cafe. Lumbar Lounge, a massage studio and spa. Under the Table Books, which sells second-hand tomes. And the side project theater company, whose intimate Jarvis Avenue space complements Rogers Park's already vibrant arts scene.

"In some ways, the turning point was we stopped waiting for people to come into our neighborhood to bring cafes and restaurants," says Bares, whose organization sponsors "Business Attraction Seminars" to encourage entrepreneurship. DevCorp North estimates \$64 million leaves

Rogers Park annually in restaurant sales alone. And affluent new neighbors are demanding the same down-the-street amenities they enjoyed in places such as Lincoln Park and Bucktown.

Amenities like Gruppo di Amici, a charming loft-like spot that features its imported wood-burning oven as a centerpiece. With a name that means "group of friends" in Italian, this four-month-old eatery serves Roman-style, cracker-thin-crust pizzas with sublime fresh mozzarella, prosciutto di Parma and Roma tomatoes, finishing each with a light drizzle of extra-virgin olive oil. Mozzarella di bufala, made from buffalo milk, is flown in weekly for Gruppo's perfectly dressed Caprese salad, and bread comes from West Town's famed D'Amato's Bakery. Newcomers to the restaurant business, Alderete and Divras hired Donatella Majore De Vette, acclaimed Italian-born owner of Rogers Park eatery La Cucina di Donatella, to help select and train their staff. Like Majore De Vette's restaurant, Gruppo's well-edited menu features Roman-inspired antipasti and entrees that already are wooing customers.

"What's very nice is the [nearby] Red Line, so we have people coming from downtown," says Alderete. Also nice is "in Rogers



Dagel & Belli's No. 1 seller is the "Horning Mamlet," a steamed breakfast bagel.

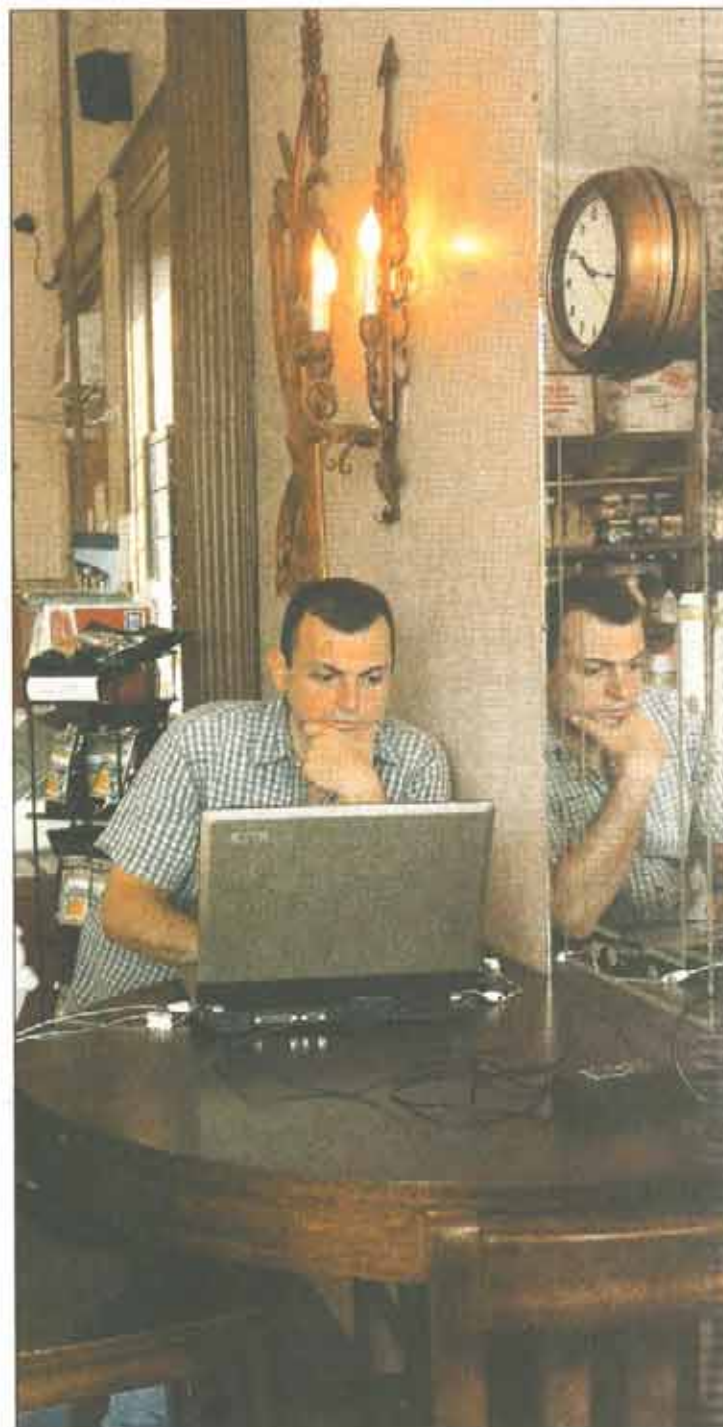
Park, a lot of people from Lakeview are moving up here because of the cost of real estate, so we've seen a lot of people who are new to the area."

Bares would love to see more sit-down spots, with Indian and upscale Mexican near the top of her list. Perhaps more first-time restaurateurs like Sullivan, Alderete and Divras, and Buechler will be the ones to create them.

"You have to get to the point where you're willing to lose everything," Sullivan says. "It's hard, it's expensive, but it's a blast."

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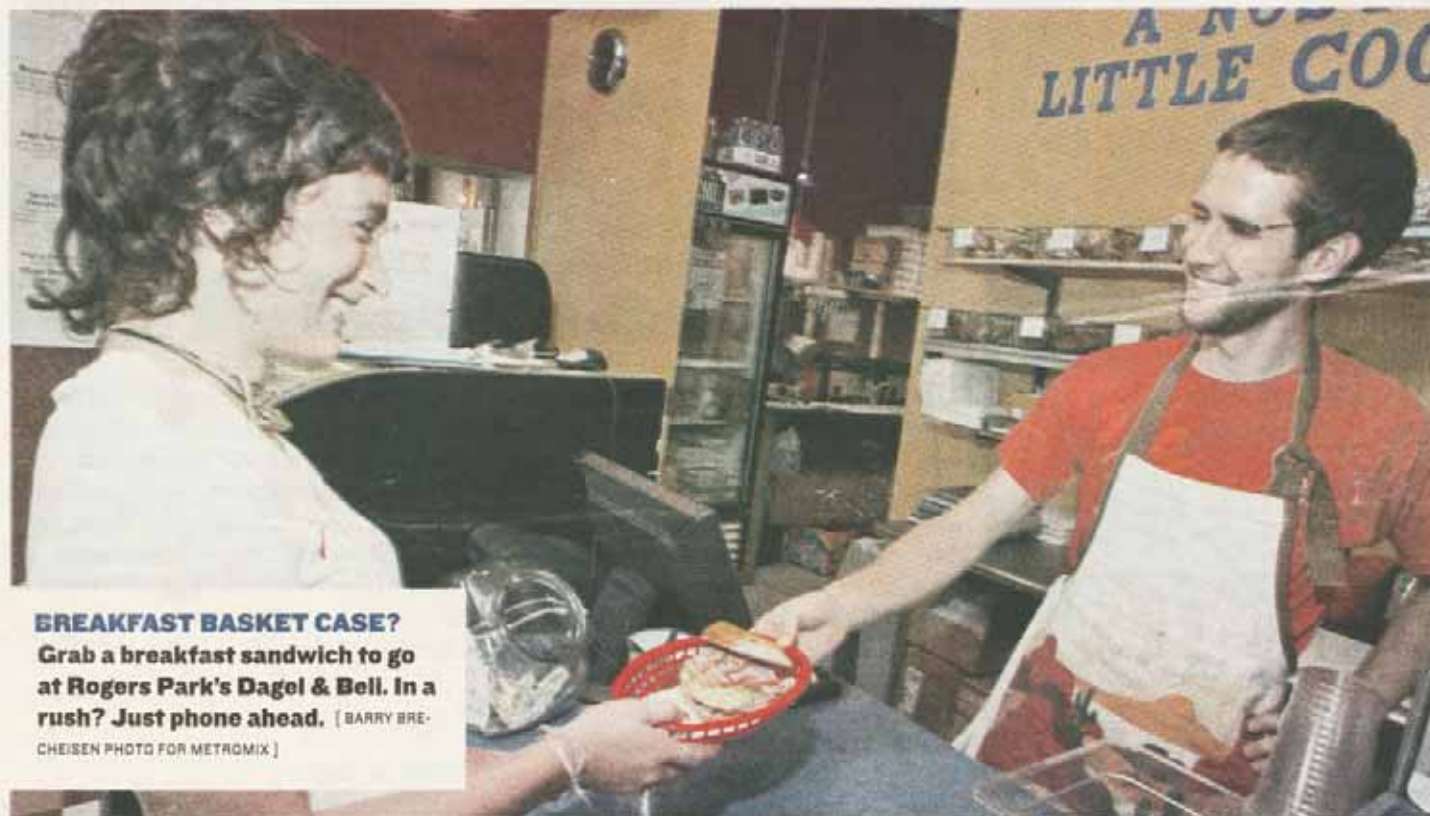


Customers such as Nikolai Lebedovsky enjoy Jarvis Square's Charmer's Cafe, which features vintage seats, mirrors and wall sconces as well as coffee and pastries. —BRIAN JACKSON/SUN-TIMES PHOTOS

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Yum on the run

Don't skip breakfast, just skip the usual suspects



BREAKFAST BASKET CASE?

Grab a breakfast sandwich to go at Rogers Park's Dagel & Bell. In a rush? Just phone ahead.

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OPENING IN AUGUST

Patty Burger

This Loop spot is finally opening by the end of the month—they've been keeping us waiting longer than the Red Line at rush hour. The breakfast sandwiches will be made-to-order, and owners claim they'll take less than four minutes to make and be just under \$4. Expect choices like Canadian bacon or sausage with scrambled eggs (both \$3.49). If you need add-ons for a jump-start, try cheese or mushrooms for a bit extra. 72 E. Adams St., phone not available.

By Terri Mooney

We love breakfast. There's nothing that cuts the hangover haze like a carb-meat-egg triple play. But the thought of downing a prefab sandwich at some corporate spot made us so woozy, even a double dose of plop-plop-fizz-fizz didn't help. We checked out the breakfast lineups at these new spots for a fresh selection of morning starters.

Dagel & Bell Shop

This Rogers Park spot around the corner from the Jarvis Red Line "L" stop offers breakfast all day, surely to come in handy when you need a bagel fix midafternoon. Although the mixed-up menu of Spoonerisms (swapping the sounds of two or more words) can be challenging to decipher—N. Greenview Ave. 773-743-2354.

especially when your head's a little cloudy—the fresh-steamed bagel sandwiches are worth the trouble. Try a "horning mamlet," with bacon, smoked ham, egg and Swiss on a plain bagel, and the "BELT," bacon, egg, lettuce and tomato on a pumpernickel bagel (both \$6.50). These take a few minutes to prep; phone ahead if you're in a hurry. 74086 N. Greenview Ave. 773-743-2354.



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'I sold them on my dream'

Dan Sullivan '96 looks past the crime to create a better community

As recently as 2003, the Jarvis Avenue commercial district in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood wasn't an inviting place. Just east of the Red Line "L" station, the litter-strewn area was frequented by gangs and drug dealers. Neighbors rarely considered whether the seedy storefronts and downscale businesses would ever rebound; they just hoped to reach the "L" without getting mugged.

Where others saw obstacles, Rogers Park native **Dan Sullivan '96** saw opportunity. His great-grandfather built two buildings at the corner of Jarvis and Greenview in the early 1900s, which Sullivan's grandmother owned and managed for decades. In 2003, after his grandmother's death, Sullivan purchased the buildings as part of his dream to remake the area into a dining and shopping district dubbed "Jarvis Square." Soon, he purchased a third commercial building next door and accepted the responsibility to lease out several more storefronts in another building across the way.

Sullivan spent hundreds of hours meeting with more than 50 prospective tenants. "I looked past the gangbangers and painted a picture of what this could be," he said. "I didn't have any experience, but I sold a story about me and my grandma and my great-grandfather. I sold them on my dream."

Some prospective tenants balked at the risk, and Sullivan rejected others that didn't fit his vision.

Ultimately, he attracted eight new businesses, including an Irish pub, a theater company, a dog groomer, an Italian restaurant, a wine shop and even an off-site classroom for Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism.

"I gave them extremely flexible terms on their leases," Sullivan said. "I wasn't just their landlord; I saw them as partners."

The results are impressive: handsome storefronts, well-kept interiors and moderate prices have produced a steady stream of customers.

"I thought there might initially be some problems, but in the long run I felt this area would thrive," said Ted Ries, who opened Pottin Still, an Irish pub at 1502 W. Jarvis, in September 2005. "The other businesses draw potential customers to the bar."

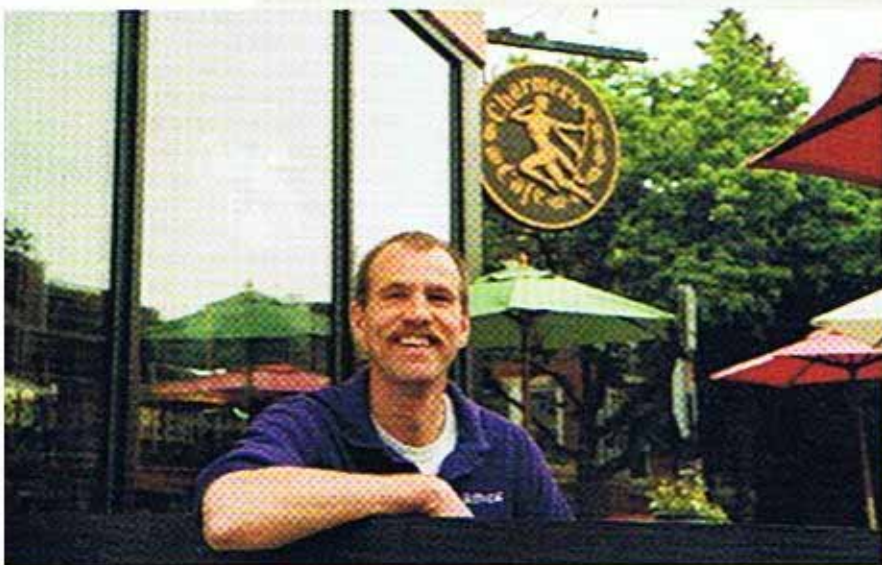
But Sullivan failed to attract a key anchor tenant in any urban renewal project: an upscale coffee shop. After rejections from national chains and failed negotiations with smaller players, he decided to enter the coffee business himself. In May 2006 he opened Charmers Café at 1500 W. Jarvis and Dagel and Bell in an adjoining storefront.

"I didn't know anything about selling coffee! And I made so many mistakes," Sullivan says, adding that those initial operations problems have been solved. Now, his two businesses collectively handle over 250 transactions a day.

Charmers and 'the Dagel' became profitable before their two-year anniversary, he says, crediting the loyalty of neighbors who wanted him to succeed. "The people who came in here [at first] were just glad that somebody was doing something positive, so they forgave us if we got their order wrong," Sullivan said.

Sullivan attributes much of his success to his Kellogg education. "My finance classes enabled me to structure a deal that allowed this all to be possible; without those classes I wouldn't have even known where to start," he says. "Kellogg taught me how to think through my options and put together a financially solid business plan."

For his efforts at Jarvis Square, Sullivan won the Rogers Park Community Council's "Citizen of the Year" in 2006.



Dan Sullivan '96

"I knew that I had to re-brand Jarvis," Sullivan says, because the street still meant trouble to many people.

Sullivan didn't let his lack of real estate experience — he previously worked in brand management and consulting — deter his dream. He rehabbed his 22 residential units while seeking a commercial manager to lease out his storefronts. But the retail options disappointed him.

"There were management companies that could've brought [retail chains] in fast," Sullivan says. "But that wasn't what I wanted. It had to be done right, so I decided to do it myself."

RPM.320

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:47 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Station

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From: Chris Golianis [cgolianis@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 11:44 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Station

It has come to my attention that the Jarvis station may be on the list for closures. Please keep this station open and go forward with improvements on the Morse and Jarvis Red line stops. The Jarvis business area has undergone many improvements near this stop and these would disappear as transportation is eliminated.

-Sincerely, Chris Golianis

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:47 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Stop

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From: Julia Covey [julia.covey@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:04 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Stop

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority

Good Evening Steve,

I hope this email finds you well. Being a CTA rider I must say closing the Jarvis station would hinder alot of people getting to and from work as well as other parts of town. I would instead like to see this station fully renovated so that it is easier to use etc. Please keep those residents in mind that you would affect the most. Also consider that those that get off on Jarvis also ride the Jarvis bus to Western and beyond, consider their commute and how much more difficult it would be to have to go to Howard. Have a great evening.

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:48 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Proposed Closure of the Lawrence Ave. Stop on the Red Line

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From: Terry McKenzie [tlmck3job@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:25 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: RE: Proposed Closure of the Lawrence Ave. Stop on the Red Line

Dear Mr. Hands,

I find it difficult to believe that Lawrence is being proposed as a stop to be closed on the Red Line. It is served by the Lawrence Ave. bus, which is always crowded no matter what time of the day or night I take it. Many people transfer at Lawrence at all hours of the day and evening. The Foster bus, which carries people to the Berwyn stop stops running fairly early in the evening, which leaves the Lawrence bus and the Lawrence station on the Red Line the only viable option for late night travel in the Andersonville/Uptown/East Ravenswood area. In addition, there are numerous very busy social and health service offices located on or near Lawrence Avenue, west of the station, whose clients rely on the Red Line and the Lawrence bus. In addition, the neighborhood surrounding the Lawrence Avenue stop is not a safe place to transfer and having to walk the extra blocks to either Argyle or Wilson at night poses additional danger to riders who now use the Lawrence stop. I live off the Argyle stop but I still find myself using the Lawrence Avenue station quite frequently because of its access to and from the neighborhood via the Lawrence Avenue bus.

Sincerely,

Terry McKenzie
1462 W. Argyle Street, # 3N
Chicago, IL 60640
773-627-2962

It is difficult to get the news from poems, yet good men die every day for lack of what is found there... William Carlos Williams

Hope has two lovely daughters: Anger and Courage... St. Augustine

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:49 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Chicago Transit Authority

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From: luther howell [luthrer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:21 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Chicago Transit Authority

Dear,
Steve Hands of the Strategic Planning & Policy Chicago Transit Authority

I under stand that the Chicago Transit Authority are Closeing Jarvis Station
we like to have 147 Bus bring back runing if they Close Jarvis Station.

A lot of people go home late at Night for work and it's very dangerous and it's to cold to walk :-((
Realy it's to much walking from Mores to Jarvis late at night 12:30 am
can you Help the Rogers Park Community

thankyou
Very Much
Luther Howell

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:49 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Station

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From: annette odonnell [annettemodonnell@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:29 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Station

Hello:
Please **do not close Jarvis station**, rather renovate it.
Annette M. O'Donnell
Chicago, IL

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:51 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis el stop - Attention: Steve Hands
Attachments: image001.gif; Jarvis El to 7734 apt 1.pdf

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From: Tom Heineman [tom@mathtutorchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:46 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: Heineman, Eric; Joe Moore; Peg; Dan Sullivan
Subject: Jarvis el stop - Attention: Steve Hands

Dear Mr. Hands,

The Jarvis el stop is a focal point for an entire neighborhood. As you may be aware, Rogers Park has experienced a bit of a renaissance in the last decade. The Jarvis square commercial district is an extremely positive development lead by a man with a vision (Dan Sullivan – owner of Charmers Coffee Shop and the commercial/residential building housing the shop). Also James Pritzker has redeveloped a major building at Greenview and Jarvis as well as a major high rise just east of Sheridan. Several other small businesses have settled in the vicinity of the Jarvis el stop. None would have invested in this area without the Jarvis el station.

Just as some positive development is starting to take shape, the CTA considers closing the Jarvis el stop?

To the CTA, you might think “why not walk a few blocks to the north and use the Howard el stop?” I can tell you that residents on my block (7700 block of Eastlake) actually walk an extra couple of blocks to go to the Jarvis el stop because they don’t want to deal with the incivility on Howard Street east of the Howard el stop. The walk to Jarvis is pleasant; the walk to the Howard Street el stop is always a challenge; one neighbor described it as “walking the gauntlet.”

Tenants in my building would move if they did not have the Jarvis el stop as an alternative to the Howard el stop. I have a home-based business and clients often meet me at my residence. I would not even consider suggesting they get off at the Howard stop. See attached map that I just sent to a North Side College Prep student who is coming tomorrow to do ACT test preparation. I would never even consider having a visitor to the neighborhood come to my place via public transportation if they had to use the Howard Street el stop and walk down Howard Street. The Jarvis el stop is essential to the redevelopment of Rogers Park and my businesses both as a landlord and as a math tutor.

Please remove the Jarvis el stop from the list of possible closures.

Tom Heineman

P.S. I would attend the meeting to discuss CTA plans tonight, but I work evenings.



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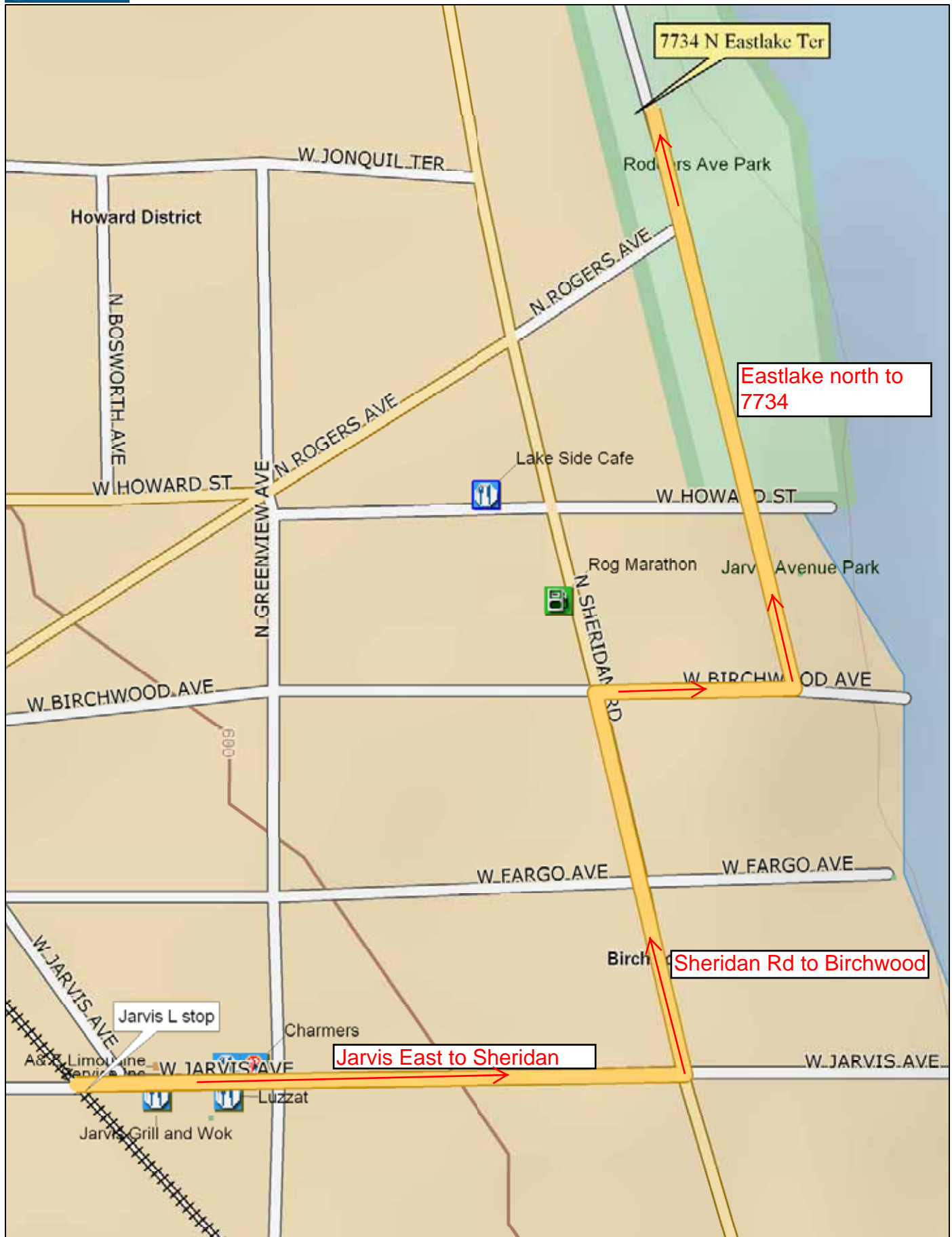
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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:49 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Stations closures

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From: lisa mayer [lisa.mayer@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:37 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Stations closures

It makes no sense to close the Lawrence stop as it is a major transfer point to the Lawrence and Broadway buses as well as a large commercial area.

What are you reasons for closing this stop? What are the metrics you used.

Lisa Mayer

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:55 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Do NOT close the Jarvis Red Line station

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From: david_orrick@yahoo.com [david_orrick@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:08 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Do NOT close the Jarvis Red Line station

Dear CTA,

I just learned from my alderman Joe Moore that you are considering closing the Jarvis El stop. Please do not do this. I catch the red line there every day and have done so for the past 8 years. Many people rely on that station and shutting it down would not be an improvement to the red line--it would be a step backward by denying transit to people who have it now.

Thanks,
David
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:56 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis

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From: Michael Obregon [snafubar89@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:58 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis

Please do not close the Jarvis red line stop. I frequent the stop daily to get back and forth.

Sent from my iPhone

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:56 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: do not close the Jarvis el stop

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From: Janet Owen [janetowen@hartiganlaw.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:41 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: do not close the Jarvis el stop

I live at 1600 West Jarvis and do not have a car and cannot physically carry things long distances. I cannot attend the public hearing regarding red line train. Do not close the Jarvis red line el stop. It will devastate the neighborhood economically (both for retail and for value of homes). The majority of residents in the area do not have cars and need the train stop. The Jarvis stop is the safest of the three northern-most red line stops and I would not feel comfortable going out in the evening as a female alone at the Morse or Howard stops nor would I invite friends over. (The neighborhoods at all three, Jarvis, Howard, and Morse, continue to improve economically and safety-wise and a large part of that is having a train stop.) I would be isolated by shutting down this stop and it would diminish the property value of my condo and the security of the neighborhood. Many people are in the exact same position I am. Do not shut the Jarvis el stop. That cannot be a large part of the budget compared to how it would devastate the neighborhood economically to shut it down. Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Owen
847-651-5003 cell

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep the Jarvis Station Open

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From: Jim Lai [jimcyl@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:45 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep the Jarvis Station Open

In these tough economic times, it is more important than ever to help people get around. They rely on the CTA to get to and from work and school, and CTA ridership has increased significantly in recent years. Additionally, businesses rely on easy access to transit to attract customers, especially in Chicago where parking is scarce and often very expensive.

For these reasons, it is important not only to keep the Jarvis station open, but to improve it. The Jarvis Square area is a center of the Rogers Park community, and people rely on easy access to the red line to patronize the businesses there. Residents, including senior citizens and children, use the Jarvis station every day. They cannot and should not be expected to walk to Howard or Morse, especially in the cold of winter or the heat of summer. It would be a health risk to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Please keep the Jarvis station open.

--
James Lai, Esq.

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:58 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing the Jarvis El Stop

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From: Sherkow, Mark [m-sherkow@neiu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:48 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closing the Jarvis El Stop

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority
P.O. Box 7602
Chicago, IL 60680-7602

Dear Steve,

I write to request that the CTA keep the Jarvis El stop open. Not only is the El Stop important for residents' easy and quick access to the EL, but it also is a key element to the commercial area that has grown up around it. This area for many years was a hub of drug activity that was finally cleaned up and revitalized through the efforts of many people. It is important to the area the El stop remain open!

Thank you,
Mark Sherkow
Chicago

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:58 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: do NOT close the Jarvis red line stop

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From: Downs, Betsy [bdowns@CANNONDESIGN.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:49 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: do NOT close the Jarvis red line stop

I use the redline to commute to work in the Loop everyday, and would greatly inconvenienced if this stop is closed. I'm also concerned about the harm that would be done to Jarvis square businesses if this stop is closed. Vacant storefronts are beginning to be filled with shops and restaurants. The neighborhood is much safer with these businesses here.

Please do not close my station.

Betsy Downs
1329 W Sherwin Ave
Chicago, IL

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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Subject: FW:

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From: Christine Inserra [inserrac@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:07 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject:

We oppose the closing of the Jarvis st EL station. Our neighborhood, especially that are has worked long and hard to come up and improve.
Citizens must be able to get easily to the Alderman's office which is on that stop. Please reconsider full renovation of our stop.

Christine



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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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From: Espoire [ngendajarce@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:12 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Dear Steve Hands

Dear Steve Hands

Mr Steve , my name is Espoire habimana I ettend Chicago math and science academy located by
touth aven the idea of closing jarvis station I see this as puting my life in danger Jarvis
station is the only station that is near by my school also is the only station that I feel
safe to go to if they shiutdown Jarvis I don't think that will walk by haward at 6:30pm after
practice so please save Jarvis station

King Espoire

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red and Purple Line Modernization -- Comments Regarding the Proposed Closing of the Jarvis Street Station

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From: Tiffany Meier [tmeier31@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:15 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: ward49@cityofchicago.com
Subject: Red and Purple Line Modernization -- Comments Regarding the Proposed Closing of the Jarvis Street Station

Dear Mr. Hands:

I am writing to express my concern about the CTA's proposals to close the Jarvis Street station as part of certain modernization plans for the Red and Purple Lines. I moved to my building in the Rogers Park neighborhood in part because there was a CTA station just a block away. If the CTA closes the Jarvis Street station, I will have to walk twice as far to get to the Howard Street station, even if the CTA constructs an entrance on Rogers Avenue. This would be an inconvenience, especially during the cold winter months. It also would be less safe for me, and most likely for others as well. During the winter months, or when I work late at other times of the year, I am coming home in the dark. The Rogers Park neighborhood has its share of crime, as any neighborhood does, and it is worrisome enough to me to have to walk that block from the Jarvis Street station to my home. It would be even more worrisome to have to walk twice as far in the dark.

While I have access to the No. 147 bus line and could theoretically take that to and from the Howard Street station, this is again an inconvenience, asking a person to go from taking one train to having to take a bus just a few blocks each way to and from a train. As far as taking the No. 147 into the city, the bus takes too long to travel into the city and does not have a stop close enough to my office. Eliminating the Jarvis Street station would leave me with no good alternatives, except to walk farther to the Howard Street station or find another mode of transportation altogether.

If the CTA closes the Jarvis Street station, it will also be inconveniencing children, elderly residents, and workers. We have a few nursing homes in that immediate area, and I frequently see the nursing home workers walking to and from the Jarvis Street station. The CTA would be inconveniencing them as they try to get to their jobs. The CTA also would be inconveniencing the elderly residents in the area who, like me, would be forced to either take a bus to get to the Howard Street station or walk. I also see children at the Jarvis Street station who are on their way to school. Where would they now go? Would the CTA ask them to take a bus to another station, or walk farther?

If the CTA closes the Jarvis Street station, it will hurt the businesses that are located in that immediate area. A convenience store, a coffee shop, and restaurants cater to the Jarvis Street station customers, and while many of them would still frequent the area even if the station were closed, others, like me, would never even travel in that direction without the station. Closing the station will undoubtedly have an effect on those businesses, at a time when small businesses do not need more hurdles to overcome.

If the CTA closes the Jarvis Street station, the distance between the Howard Street station and the next closest station, Morse Avenue, will be farther than the distance between any other stations on the north side of the Red Line, not taking into account the proposed closing of any other stations on the Red Line. The distances are only greater on the south side of the Red Line. Taking into account the proposed closings of the Thorndale and Lawrence Avenue stations, it would appear the CTA is choosing to inconvenience customers in neighborhoods with a high concentration of minorities,

and that is disturbing. Customers on the south side of the Red Line are already upset at what they see as a lack of service by the CTA. If you close the Jarvis Street station, or any other stations on the north side, the CTA will receive the same complaints from north side customers.

How can the CTA call this a modernization project, but then propose to close three stations on the Red Line and two stations on the Purple Line? When the CTA modernized the Brown Line, no stations were closed. Red and Purple Line customers were severely inconvenienced during that time, and now as repayment for our patience, when we are finally receiving our own modernization, the CTA wants to close stations on both lines. How is that fitting compensation for our patience and loyalty as CTA customers? If the CTA chooses to close stations as part of the modernization, the project will not be a positive event, but will instead be something Red and Purple Line customers whose stations will be closed will dread. I would rather not have a modernization, if closing stations is part of the project. I realize a modernization is needed, in some form, to keep the lines running, but the CTA needs to choose a proposal that does not include closing any stations. That would just be a step backward, not forward, and what is a modernization if not a move forward?

I am very much against the closing of the Jarvis Street Station, or any station on the Red and Purple Lines. If the CTA cannot accomplish this modernization without closing stations, then it needs to go back to the drawing board. Inconveniencing a large number of customers, who depend on public transportation, is unconscionable. Public transportation in Chicago could certainly be improved, and should be improved. However, the way to go about that is not by closing stations, but by making what is already there even better.

I will end this with a story. At the beginning of the year, I sprained my ankle badly. I could walk, but it was painful. I had to have my ankle in a brace and/or taped up just to get around. If there were no Jarvis Street station, I would have had to take off work for at least two weeks, which is the amount of time it took for me to be able to walk and stand normally. I would never have been able to walk all the way to the Howard Street station, and would have had trouble on the bus as I could not stand while the bus was moving for any length of time, such as to pay or find a seat. I did not have to do that on the Red Line because, at my stops, I always have a seat right away. Without the Jarvis Street station, I would have used up all my paid time off at work, and my review would have been affected by my prolonged absence. This would have translated into a smaller bonus and raise in the coming year. In short, the Jarvis Street station saved me. That is what the station means to me, and what it means to others as well, I am sure. Please do not take that away from us.

Sincerely,

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From: shelly carlson [shellycarlson600@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:20 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: attn. Steve Hands

Mr. Hands,

As a tax payer and CTA rider I request that the CTA upgrade the Jarvis station and do not close it. It is too far to walk to Morse or Howard particularly in Chicago with our winter weather. The Jarvis square would be devastated by this bad business decision.

Sincerely,

Shelly Carlson
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Chicago, IL. 60626

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis El Stop

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From: walker.a@rcn.com [walker.a@rcn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:26 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis El Stop

To whom it may concern:

We are very much opposed to the proposal to cut service at the Jarvis el stop.

Frank Maguire
Alan Walker
Residents, 1625 W. Jarvis Ave.
Chicago, IL 60626

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Do Not Close the Jarvis El Stop

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From: KENYA HOWARD [khoward_05@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:33 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Do Not Close the Jarvis El Stop

Hello,

I received a email from my Alderman, Joe Moore informing that the CTA is having discussions on the possibility of closing the Jarvis el station. I am in total **DISAGREEMENT** of this proposal. I use this station daily to get back and forth to work and other places throughout the Chicago and Evanston areas. It would be a huge inconvenience to me and other riders to use the Howard or Morse stations. My main reason of saying this is that I would have to walk to either station early in the morning (5am) and both stations are questionable with security measures. I am uncertain as to how many of female passengers are walking to the train as early as I do that time of morning. There are some regulars that I see every morning, but I would hate to hear that something happened to anyone walking to the Morse or Howard stations. I do believe that renovations should be completed, but to close this station is totally absurd and downright dangerous.

Please consider leaving this station open.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Best Regards,

Kenya Howard

RPM-339

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep the Jarvis stop

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From: Roger Menning [rmenning@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:33 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep the Jarvis stop

Hello, CTA.

I heard that you are considering closing some el stops, and that Jarvis on the Red Line might one of those affected. I am writing to ask that you NOT close the Jarvis stop. It is a vital component of the economy in our neighborhood, and a much needed stop for commuters. The affect on our community would be devastating.

Thank you.

Roger Menning
1328 W. Sherwin Ave.
Chicago, IL 60626

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:04 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis stop closure/NO!

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From: J.P. Anderson [jp.anderson@wheremagazine.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:45 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis stop closure/NO!

Hello,

I'm writing to express my opposition to the potential closure of the Jarvis Red Line stop. As one of the many Rogers Park residents who make use of the Jarvis stop everyday, I feel very strongly that not only should the station not be shuttered--it should be renovated, which would help improve and nurture the blossoming Jarvis Square business district. Thank you--

JP Anderson
1530 W Fargo

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Don't close Jarvis Red Line stop

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From: Kdronen [dronenk@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:40 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Don't close Jarvis Red Line stop

Dear Mr. Hands,

I specifically bought property near the Jarvis red line stop so I could commute to work downtown Chicago as well as Evanston. I'm extremely dismayed that you'd even consider closing this vital red line stop which serves so many in the neighborhood as well as visitors.

My homeowner tax dollars are best served keeping infrastructure operations serving this vibrant neighborhood open and accessible.

Sincerely,
Keven D.

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:04 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: DO NOT close Jarvis el station!

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From: Lindsey Fox [linzfox@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:44 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: DO NOT close Jarvis el station!

I am a resident of the 49th ward, and I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station. I prefer to have the station fully renovated.

thank you,
Lindsey Fox
1547 W. Farwell
Chicago, IL 60626

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:12 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red/Purple Renovation

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From: bjakosz@comcast.net [bjakosz@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:46 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red/Purple Renovation

Mr. Hands:

I am a resident of Rogers Park and I live near the Howard, Jarvis, and Morse L stations. I just read that my alderman, Joe Moore, in his infinite wisdom has decided to attend tonight's scoping meeting and protest against closing the Jarvis Station. I really don't think Joe Moore rides the CTA, or he wouldn't be doing such a stupid thing!

I agree with the CTA 100% that Jarvis needs to be closed, along with Thorndale and consolidating Lawrence/Wilson into 1 station. The proposal to add a South entrance to the Howard St. Station, at Rogers Ave, is an excellent idea. The commuters who currently use Jarvis can just walk an extra block up to Rogers and have access to both Red Line and Purple Line Express Service. Having extra stations at Jarvis, Thorndale and 2 stops at Wilson and Lawrence just adds extra travel time to an already lengthy Red Line trip from Howard to Downtown. Many commuters choose to take Metra or drive from Rogers Park to downtown because taking the CTA simply takes too long. One of the main reasons many of these people, including myself, feel that taking the CTA takes too long is the fact that it feels like the Red Line is stopping every 2 blocks between Morse and Wilson. I choose to take Metra to go all the way downtown, because it is much faster and only .25 cents more at \$2.50 for a one-way ticket. I take the Red Line to go down to Belmont or Addison for the nightlife and shopping. I believe many more people would get out of their cars and come back to the Red/Purple Lines after they are renovated, if the trips are faster and stations are distanced further apart. The trips will certainly be faster, concerning train speed, when the tracks are upgraded. Closing of Jarvis, Thorndale and consolidating Wilson/Lawrence into 1 station is the only way to distance stations further apart.

Consolidating Wilson/Lawrence into 1 station halfway between the 2 is a much better idea then simply closing Lawrence and adding a South Entrance to Argyle. If you made an "Uptown" station, with the main entrance at Leland/Broadway, you could also have a North Entrance at Lawrence and a South entrance on Broadway, just North of Wilson. Putting this station between Wilson and Lawrence, with access from both streets, will maximize its ridership, which is important, since it is going to become an express station. It will also create an opportunity to continue the gentrification of Uptown, which has already happened on Lawrence Avenue.

Similarly, I support the CTA's idea to close the Purple Line stations at Foster and South Boulevard. South Boulevard station sees low ridership because of its close proximity to Howard and the fact that it is surrounded by a large cemetery. Foster Station is very close to Noyes and Davis and by adding a North Entrance to Davis and a South Entrance to Noyes, you would essentially be eliminating the need for a Foster Station.

One last factor, it is obviously going to save the CTA lots of money in the long run also by closing the 3 Red Line and 2 Purple Line stations as part of this renovation project. In total, the CTA will have 5 less stations to maintain and as mentioned above, faster trips will equal more customers and the CTA being able to use its scarce resources for things other than keeping low ridership, closely spaced together stations open.

Brian Jakosz.

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Redline Stop.

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From: Bryan Dawidowicz [bdawidowicz@GoWright.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:10 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Redline Stop.

Steve,

I received a message from my Alderman yesterday about the proposed closing of the Jarvis Redline Stop, and would like to voice my opinion against that possibility.

When I moved to Chicago 10 years ago, the Jarvis stop had drug dealers outside of it, and the busiest shop on the block was a liquor store across the street. I did not feel safe walking home from the stop, but it was a safer and closer option to me at the time than the Howard Station.

Now ten years later- the Jarvis stop is something I look forward to. A real sense of safety and community has emerged with boutiques, restaurants, Charmer's café, and live theatre. I tell my friends who need to navigate to my apartment, "Get off at Jarvis, it's a cool spot to check out and it's safe."

I fear for the safety of the community and the survival of Jarvis Square if the L stop is shut down. If those businesses don't survive- the lawless behavior which exists only short blocks away will once again return to the a neighborhood who has only just begun to rejuvenate.

I'm joining both my Alderman and my community in any effort that can be made to voice our opinion against these potential Rogers Park station closings, and I hope we can all work together to find other solutions.

Thank you,

-Bryan Dawidowicz

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis station

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From: Joy Branlund [jbranlund@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:47 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis station

Dear Mr. Hands,
My friend just forwarded an email from Alderman Moore that CTA is considering closing the Jarvis station. The station spacing between Loyola and Wilson stations is much closer than the station spacing in Rogers Park, so I don't understand why a Rogers Park station is on the chopping block.

To be up front about the issue- I no longer live in Chicago, but was a Rogers Park resident and frequent visitor to the Jarvis Station. Also, when I visit Chicago, I often use that station, because my friends still live in the neighborhood. (And I much prefer walking to/from the Jarvis station than walking to/from the Howard station - the Howard station neighborhood is still a little bit unsettling.)

Thank you,
Joy Branlund - frequent Chicago visitor and fan of the Jarvis El Stop.

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:08 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station!

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From: Carolyn Barbero [clbarbero@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:19 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station!

Mr. Steve Hands,

I am upset to hear the CTA is contemplating closing the Jarvis redline station. Improvements are long overdue for this station. If improvements were made, more riders would use it. Unfortunately I am stuck walking with my children and a stroller to go to the Howard station because I cannot always carry the stroller by myself up and down the stairs (that ALWAYS smell of urine) which is not conveniently located near to where I live.

The improvements that are necessary for this station are as follows:

- Employees that help to maintain the platform/stairwells/entryway.
Everytime I go to this station, the lazy employees are standing around talking in the front of the station instead of getting out a mop and bucket to help maintain the place.
- Non-skid platform like at the Belmont and Howard stations. This station is VERY dangerous.
- An elevator. I know how expensive the new installation of an elevator is, but there are so many riders that find this necessary in getting around the city by public transit. More people would be able to use the Jarvis station if they would be able to access it.

The Roger's Park neighborhood is and will continue to improve. But by closing the Jarvis station will only bring down the neighborhood. So many people rely on this station to get to work, haul their children to school, and commute to the rest of the city. Closing this station will only add to the CTA's huge deficit! Make the necessary improvements please! Do it for our community! I truly hope that you and the CTA listen to member's of the Roger's Park community tonight and consider the devastation to this community that closing the Jarvis station would cause. The CTA keeps making poor decisions, let's not make another.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Barbero
a member of the Roger's Park community who OPPOSES the closing of the Jarvis state!
773-383-8339

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:09 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing of Red Line Stations - URGENT

Importance: High

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From: Eric Roach [Eric.Roach@heart.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:20 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closing of Red Line Stations - URGENT

Attention: Steve Hands

My name is Eric Roach, and I am a homeowner in Rogers Park. I purchased a condo on Sherwin Avenue in 2006 because my wife and I liked the neighborhood and the proximity to the Jarvis Red Line stop. We have recently been made aware of the CTAs Red Line "improvement" plan...which includes the closings of numerous Red and Purple Line stations, including Jarvis.

By closing the Jarvis station, you will be effectively making it hard for many people to get to their jobs. You'll also be effectively cutting off the small business districts that have evolved around these stations. The Jarvis business district is starting to thrive, and it would be a shame if it were to be destroyed by these ridiculous actions.

Please, consider these points and save the Red Line!

Thank you,

Eric Roach
Administrative Associate
Charitable Estate Planning

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:09 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Opposition of Jarvis stop closure

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From: Kristina Fluty [kristinafluty@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:24 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Opposition of Jarvis stop closure

Hello,
I am writing because I am unable to attend the public meetings where this issue will be discussed.

It is vitally important to the Rogers Park neighborhood that the Jarvis station remain open. Many of the citizens of this area choose to be here because of the convenience of public transportation. I, myself, will be moving to the area from Devon/Magnolia in the spring. I have purposefully chosen a pocket of Chicago (east of Sheridan, between Sherwin and Albion) that is close to the lake and the Jarvis/Morse/Loyola stops because of this convenience. If Jarvis is closed, the Morse and Howard stations will inevitably experience overcrowding on the platforms at rush hours, and the farther walk for riders at night will likely cause an increase in assault occurrence.

Thank you for the consideration of my concerns,
Kristina Fluty

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Kristina Fluty, GLCMA,
MA - Dance/Movement Therapy, Columbia College Chicago
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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please do NOT close the Jarvis El Station

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From: vicki kendall [skvicki@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:01 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please do NOT close the Jarvis El Station

Dear Mr. Hands,

The community around the Jarvis station is a viable and strong one. Access to it by the El is one of the reasons this is so. The community works together and shows ever increasing signs of growth and stability. Efforts to patrol and clean the El Station have helped--trying to get the urine smell off the steps makes more of us want to ride the train! Please DO NOT close this station. In fact, please consider sprucing it up and patrolling it so that more will want to come to the community and reduce traffic and parking congestion.

Sincerely,

Vicki Hague-Kendall

RPM.350

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis' station closing

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From: Jennifer Muñoz [jennymunoz@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:49 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis' station closing

Attention to: Steve Hands

As a resident of Rogers Park, I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station as an option in the CTA plans. Instead, I would like to see the station fully renovated, as well as the Morse and Loloya stations.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Munoz Cabrera
1300 W. Pratt Blvd
1815 W. Touhy Ave.

RPM. 351

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red Line

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From: terrishcj@aol.com [terrishcj@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:14 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Line

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority
P.O. Box 7602
Chicago, IL 60680-7602

I write out of concern for Jarvis Station in Ward 49. The distance between the Morse Station and Howard Street is too great to lose the station at Jarvis. Even if you can't afford to "spruce it up," please at least keep it. North-siders need this station!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Therese MacKenzie
7040 N. Sheridan Road
Chicago, IL 60626-2947

RPM-352

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis "L" Station

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From: John Tanagho [jtanagho@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:19 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: My Wife; ward49@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Jarvis "L" Station

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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

Dear Steve:

I write to request that you not close the Jarvis "L" station on the Red line. My family lives within two blocks of the Jarvis stop, and we use that station to access the Red line to go downtown for shopping and recreation. We take our kids on the train to visit Grant park or the museums. We take the train to visit the Argle community. Closing the station would make it more difficult for us to do so, as the nearest station would be 5 blocks north (Howard) or south (Morse). I know that many people in our community use the Jarvis stop for this same reason. Many also rely on the station to travel downtown for work. Forcing them to walk 10-15 minutes during the 3-4 months of Chicago winter is unfair.

Additionally, the Jarvis station is in the heart of a growing and developing neighborhood in Rogers Park. Numerous condos and other properties are actively trying to sell units around the Jarvis stop area, and closure of that station would negatively impact the real estate and property taxes in the area. This means less money for schools, among other social services. Several small businesses have also strategically opened immediately next to the Jarvis stop. Closure of the station would negatively impact those businesses at a time when the economy is already straining small business owners.

I do not understand the reasons why you are considering closing Jarvis station. But I respectfully ask you to consider the serious and negative impact that such a closure would have on the transitioning neighborhood and community around Jarvis.

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Sincerely,

John and Wendy Tanagho

1549 West Sherwin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60626

RPM-353

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:32 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: do not close Jarvis station
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From: susan price [spriceness@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:21 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: do not close Jarvis station



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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:33 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Thorndale station

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From: gogogy@comcast.net [gogogy@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:23 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Thorndale station

To Whom it may concern,

Just leave the Thorndale station alone We need to have that station as SO MANY people will be effected by this terrible decision

Sean Mcalonan
Home Owner
Edgewater Glen

RPM. 355

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:33 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing of the Jarvis El station

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From: Felton, Lila J. [Lila.Felton@rrb.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:29 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closing of the Jarvis El station

I think that it would be a darn shame if this station were closed because the community and merchants have worked so hard to make improve the area around it. There's an upscale restaurant, wine shop, dog groomer, antiques store , alderman's office etc.

I also think that the Morse el station needs to be updated. It is still not handicapped accessible. A handicapped person has to take a bus to Howard or Loyola to get on the train because those stations have escalators and elevators. And that station is a connecting point for the Lunt and Devon buses.

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:44 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Street Station

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From: ordssbill@comcast.net [ordssbill@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:34 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; ward49@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Jarvis Street Station

I am a long time Rogers Park Resident and I am opposed to closing the Jarvis Street as well as the entire station closing plan for the red and purple lines.

These closing will have a severe negative impact on local residents and small businesses. Particularly Jarvis Square which has brilliantly cleaned its self up from a drug and gang infested area to a vibrant business district which people want to go. That stop is vital to the small businesses and many residents in the area. I prefer to use it over the Howard station which is plagued by homeless people pan-handling and the garage always reeks of urine.

As a citizen, I say no to your plans! I will make that known to my alderman as well.

Bill Wojtas
Rogers Park, Chicago
7340 N. Ridge
Sent on the Sprint® Now Network from my BlackBerry®

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:46 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing of Jarvis L station

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From: Gretchen Schroeder [equestriantheota@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:39 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closing of Jarvis L station

Mr. Steve Hands Re: Jarvis L

Please retain the Jarvis L stop. I urge you to please renovate it for us. I have used this stop regularly to go to work and other various errands.

I have lived in this area 2 times and both times required regular use of the L.

I am not able to attend the three meetings because I work 3-7 pm on the nights indicated.

Please retain the Jarvis L stop.

Gretchen Schroeder
7416 N. Ashland

RPM.358

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:46 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands

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From: Jessica Huls [jessicahuls@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands

Please do not close the Jarvis Red Line stop. I use it on a regular basis!!
Thanks so much for your consideration.
J. Huls

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:52 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Request to Reconsider Closing Jarvis Red Line Stop
Importance: High

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From: Susan Cothorn [scothorn@journeychicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:49 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Request to Reconsider Closing Jarvis Red Line Stop

Mr. Hands:

I am a Rogers Park resident and have recently learned that the Jarvis Red Line Stop has been put on the CTA's short list for stations to face possible closure.

I adamantly protest this move!

Closing this stop would put our neighborhood, both individual residents and businesses, at a huge disadvantage!

Many of our residents rely on this stop for transportation to our jobs.

Many of our businesses rely on the availability of this mode of transportation to allow Chicago residents to access their establishments.

Many of us have been involved over the years in ensuring that this ward grows and changes for the better. . . and we have made much progress.

Many of us have worked very hard to promote a safer neighborhood and to ensure this area is a welcoming part of the city that neighbors who live in the area and visitors from other wards can enjoy.

Closing this stop would have an extremely negative impact on all our hard work.

I am requesting the CTA reconsider putting the Jarvis Red Line Stop on the list of possible stations to close.

Susan Cothorn

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:15 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Station

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From: zenapac@aol.com [zenapac@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 12:57 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Station

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station and instead you want to see the station fully renovated. Many people live in the area and use the train to get to and from work/school and other things. Please do NOT close the Jarvis station, instead do a complete renovation.

Thank you!
M.Pachnik
1600 W. Jarvis

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:16 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy - CTA Jarvis Red Line

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From: Martinez, Angelina [amartinez@mw.care.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:14 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: martinez_angelina@hotmail.com
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy - CTA Jarvis Red Line

Dear Mr. Hands:

I was recently notified of the potential closing of the Jarvis Red Line stop being considered as part of the CTA improvement plan. As a homeowner in the immediate area, this news greatly troubles me. When we purchased our condo in 2006, one of the major motivations for choosing where to purchase our home was its proximity to the Jarvis stop. To remove this stop, you will effectively be making it much more difficult for the people who live in the area to commute to their jobs. And for those of us with children, as well as those with limited means of income, not having access to this stop greatly makes other necessary activities a greater hardship as well.

I am also very concerned about the potential for home values to drop even more than they already have due to the economic situation should the Jarvis stop close. Maintaining the economic development that has happened in Jarvis Square over the past few years, as well as future development, is dependent on the accessibility of public transit. Not too long ago, this area was not a good area to live or visit and I do not want to see it revert back to its former state. When we moved to the area we were very excited about the changes we were seeing. Now I fear that closing this stop will greatly handicap any efforts to continue its growth and possibly even ruin the progress that has happened in this delicate economic climate.

Please consider leaving the Jarvis Red Line stop open.

Regards,
Angelina Martinez
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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:06 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing the Jarvis stop?

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From: Elissa Stefanides [estefanides@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:18 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Closing the Jarvis stop?

To Whom It May Concern:

I received word from some local business owners that there are thoughts/plans to close the Jarvis station on the Red Line. I would hope that this is considered, and then quickly dismissed. Over the past several years, the residents of Rogers Park have watched, and helped "reinvent" the area to a large degree. I lived in the area several years ago, moved to PA, and then back here again last year.

It amazed me how much the area improved when I returned. Drugs aren't being peddled openly, you can walk down the streets without being approached by someone begging for money/cigarettes, and there's a certain "friendliness" in the area now that wasn't there years ago.

Closing the train station here would completely destroy what everyone has worked so hard for!! Think of the small businesses in that immediate proximity...Look at what Marie Winkeler, and Dan Sullivan, alone, have done for the Rogers Park community. Is anyone thinking of the impact this decision would have on their businesses, not to mention all of the other businesses in that area? Closing this station would SEVERLEY damage Rogers Park, and set us back years, with little hope of regaining what we've all worked so hard to do thus far.

Best,

Elissa Stefanides

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:08 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: planned Red Line - Jarvis stop elimination

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From: ImTheManager@gmail.com [ImTheManager@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:47 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: planned Red Line - Jarvis stop elimination

To Whom It May Concern,

The Red Line Jarvis stop absolutely cannot be closed. It is essential for traffic for local businesses as well as drawing residents to the area who work downtown. The economic stability of this slowly rejuvenating neighborhood relies on access to public transit. I understand that it is not a high traffic stop but many people simply live too far from the Howard and Morse stops to walk. The 1.1 mile distance between the Howard St stop and the Morse stop would become the longest gap between stops on the North Branch of the Red Line. Mean distance between stops is 1/2 mile. If necessary, eliminate a stop in the densely packed Wilson-Lawrence-Argyle-Berwyn stretch. This is a one mile stretch of track that has four stops, and certainly doesn't have the ridership to support that. This issue has already been poorly handled, with the last minute announcement of the agenda of neighborhood meetings. You have ensured that the people affected have little or no time to arrange their schedules to attend these meetings, then pass off slack attendance as a clear sign that the area doesn't need a CTA stop. Don't compound this misstep by following through with that plan.

Thank you,

- Ryan Murphy

Jarvis Neighborhood Resident

RPM-364

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:09 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Update to consider, Re: Do NOT close the Jarvis Red Line station

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From: David Orrick [david_orrick@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:51 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Update to consider, Re: Do NOT close the Jarvis Red Line station

Hi CTA,

I had a chance to review the various proposals on your website and now have a different comment. In my revised opinion, the benefits of thoroughly enhancing the system outweigh the loss of my Jarvis stop, especially since a new entrance to the Howard station would be added at Rogers (this would minimize the impact of closing the Jarvis stop to me and many of my neighbors).

It seems like the best option is the one that converts most of the North Red Line into a modern subway. That would allow the overall best service to the most people and appears to have the lowest operating costs. Keeping the operating costs low is essential since financial support from the state is proving to be unpredictable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
David Orrick
Chicago, IL

From: "david_orrick@yahoo.com" <david_orrick@yahoo.com>
To: rpm@transitchicago.com
Sent: Wed, January 26, 2011 8:08:41 AM
Subject: Do NOT close the Jarvis Red Line station

Dear CTA,

I just learned from my alderman Joe Moore that you are considering closing the Jarvis El stop. Please do not do this. I catch the red line there every day and have done so for the past 8 years. Many people rely on that station and shutting it down would not be an improvement to the red line--it would be a step backward by denying transit to people who have it now.

Thanks,
David
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:10 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Stop

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From: Jennie Ealy [jennie@blumvet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 1:52 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Stop

To Whom It May Concern,

The Jarvis "L" stop should NOT be closed. That neighborhood has worked too hard to become safe and vibrant. Please don't take it away.

Sincerely,
Jennie Ealy

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:11 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red Line - Jarvis Stop

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From: Robert Sylverne [b.sylverne@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:08 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Line - Jarvis Stop

Hi,

I'm writing as a property owner who owns a condo unit at 1527 Chase.
One of the main selling points when I purchased the unit 4+ years ago was the proximity to the Jarvis L stop, the convenience of having the stop along with the effect it has on the neighborhood from drawing business's in (note the cafe's, restaurants right along the stop) and property values. Closing the station will not only effect these things but may in fact cause people to sell and move out and adversely affect the make up of the neighborhood. I understand there's a meeting this evening at 6pm which I can not attend, so I thought I'd register my protest and vote via email. It would be a shame to have people abandon a neighborhood that from what I can see has improved substantially over the past several years.

Sincerely,

Robert E Sylverne
Property Owner at 1527 Chase

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:15 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: DO NOT CLOSE JARVIS STATION!

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From: Vince Whitlock [vwhitlock1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:13 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: DO NOT CLOSE JARVIS STATION!

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:31 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis EL Station

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From: Gary Reeves [reevesgary@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:30 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis EL Station

Dear Steve Hands:

I am writing you upon learning that the CTA is considering closing the Jarvis EL station. I am completely opposed to this closing. This station is very much needed in this area. And, I urge you to not close this station because it so important to this area, growth, and future market stability here.

Thank you.

GR

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:10 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red line Changes

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From: Galarza, Jose A [jose.galarza@globalsecuritiessolutions.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:35 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red line Changes

Please make the train go underground...if you can get the funding. I live right by the redline...its been 3 yrs and still hear the el when they go express.

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:12 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd. station closing

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From: Derek Schulze [lammassu@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:39 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Re: South Blvd. station closing

To Whom it may concern,

In your endeavors to bleed more money out of the state of Illinois, you propose a plan that would include closing down the South Blvd. station. This is very distressing to hear and I question the integrity of these so called "improvements" that the CTA is proposing. As I understand it, monopolies are unconstitutional and against the law on a federal level. This does not apply to the CTA however, seeing that they have a monopoly on public transportation, and no one seems to mind. If the South Blvd. station is closed, I will badger my Alderman and threaten to remove him from office if he doesn't push for Chicago/Evanston public transportation to be owned by the state of Illinois and NOT a private corporation like the CTA. Every year, we hear the threats from the owners of CTA about how they'll no longer provide public transportation service to Chicago if their ransom isn't met by the state of Illinois. This is extortion plain and simple. I highly suggest you don't close any stations on the CTA red and purple lines, unless you intend to draw the ire and resentment of the public against this illegal practice of CTA's monopoly and we the people demand justice from a private corporation that takes advantage of Chicagoans in such an arrogant fashion.

Sincerely,
Derek Schulze
616 Hull Terrace
Evanston, IL 60202
(This is near the South Blvd. Station)

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:15 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: red line feedback

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From: Joseph F Zambrano [zambranojf@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:52 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: red line feedback

I live in Uptown very near the Lawrence stop and have the following feedback on the Red Line renovation plans:

- to help save \$, I agree that one-way Purple Line express is a fair trade-off - eliminate the 4th track by going down to only 3 tracks.
- instead of closing 3 stations, please consider leaving them open but only as auxiliary entrances without an attendant and not ADA compliant. But then connect those entrances with one of the adjacent stations via an elevated walkway where the eliminated 4th track was. Trains would NOT stop at these auxiliary entrances; platforms could be eliminated. This not only maintains a public transit presence where its needed, but also saves money by essentially eliminating a full station and platform. Plus an open walkway/path would be created - like the High Line in NYC. This is similar in purpose to the Red Line transfer tunnels downtown or the myriad transfer tunnels (some multiple blocks long) in the NYC subway.
- people need to remember that, overall, fewer stations means faster service. In some cases its ridiculous the number and spacing of Red Line stations on the northside.
- I strongly support Purple/Red transfer points at Loyola and Wilson.
- the Wilson Station really must be a first-rate transit hub, including off-street bus stops and retail, if it is to absorb all of the Lawrence volume.

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:13 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: steve hands--closing the jarvis red line stop

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From: cookie najman [c_najman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:51 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: steve hands--closing the jarvis red line stop

I have just received word that the Jarvis Red Line Stop has been put on CTA's short list for stations to face possible closure. That's right, they want to close the doors. I think everyone knows how that will affect their own person individually, however, as a local business owner, I can tell you this puts our neighborhood at a huge disadvantage. I and my local neighborhood shops have fought tooth and nail to raise this neighborhood to a level that is not only safe, but also to a place that people enjoy spending time in. We would lose that visibility and availability if the train didn't stop here anymore.

I use the Jarvis Red Line to and from work. We've been using it for years. I know many senior citizens use that stop. Please don't close it. Thank you.
Ilene Najman

RPM.373

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:11 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep Jarvis Red Line Station Open Please!

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From: Robert [robertwallace37@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:26 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Re: Keep Jarvis Red Line Station Open Please!

Hello-I use this stop frequently as do quite a few of my friends. Please keep this station open!
Thank you,

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:12 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Do not close the Jarvis El!

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From: rachel fisher [rfisher60053@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:38 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: ward49@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Do not close the Jarvis El!

Through my Alderman, I have learned that there is a possible proposal to shut down the Jarvis station. I understand why this might seem like a good idea - it's very close to both Morse and Howard, so why should we need another station there? Simply because more access to public transportation makes for a better city and neighborhood. I encourage you to not only keep the Jarvis line open, but to prioritize the extension of public transportation services on the south side (all the way down to the city border) as well!

We live in a great city with so many incredible resources. Public transportation must connect all of our residents to these resources.

Thank you,

Rachel Fisher
49th Ward resident

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:13 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis station closing

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From: Lewis Wallace [lewispants@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:40 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Re: Jarvis station closing

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to please take the idea of closing the Jarvis CTA station OFF the table. I am a resident of Rogers Park and I live right next to that train. Although it is a less commercial area than Morse, it is a *more* densely populated area. Many of the residents here are elderly and disabled and cannot walk to a more distant station, and a majority do not have cars. High school students use the train to get to school, and the whole neighborhood is dependent on this train station to get to work, school, etc. Don't close Jarvis, please. The CTA is here to serve residents as well as businesses! The neighborhood needs the train.

Sincerely,

Lewis Wallace

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:13 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Steve Hands - Strategic Planning & Policy

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From: Joseph Szentivanyi [artjoevideo@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 3:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Steve Hands - Strategic Planning & Policy

I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station and instead you want to see the station fully renovated

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW:

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From: John Moran [johnmoran@george-greene.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:05 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject:

I have heard that the CTA is thinking of closing the Jarvis stop? Well apart from myself and all my family using it to go downtown, the hurt you will put on all the new stores would likely put a few out of business ! It has taken many years to change this into a respectable neighborhood after many years of it not being that way ! I wish you would rethink this Jarvis stop has turned itself around and is nothing like Howard St with muggers and dope dealers all around the station. Yours john F moran and by the way we have lived on Jarvis 16 years and it has turned into a lovely Street Thank you .

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Redline Stop/URGENT REQUEST

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From: karynosinski@me.com [karynosinski@me.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:00 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: karynosinski@yahoo.com
Subject: Jarvis Redline Stop/URGENT REQUEST

Mr. Hands,

I was informed by Alderman Moore yesterday of the plan to permanently close the Jarvis Red line stop. This is a major issue with the Rogers Park neighborhood. I moved to Rogers Park in the spring of 1999 and Jarvis was my stop. Those were scary times! I worked late downtown and came home to the crack dealers and liquor store loiterers. It was a truly awful area. I moved to the east coast a few years later and returned to the area back in 2009. The Jarvis stop was still MY stop and much to my surprise, that area was booming. The Jarvis Square was a shock to me when I first returned. I could not believe that this was the same place. That this "L" was my same stop from 10 years prior. The neighborhood is so much cleaner, friendlier, and safer. Obviously this drastic change took the time and effort of MANY people. Business owners took a major risk investing in that area. Those businesses there NEED the support of the CTA to keep them alive and the neighborhood NEEDS an alternative to the Howard street location. I can't imagine regressing at this point when we've already made so much progress. There is even a new fitness gym right at that stop! I don't see the point in closing it off, thus closing off our community.

Please help us by putting a stop to this silly idea of closing us down and get those in power to see the big picture. Perhaps take a field trip to the square, have a cup of coffee at Charmer's Cafe, stop in for a wine tasting, or see a show at the Side Project Theatre. We've got a lot going on in the neighborhood and we welcome anyone to visit. Just take the Red line to

Jarvis, go down the steps, out the door, and turn right into our neighborhood.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Karyn Osinski Dawidowicz

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:01 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis Red Line Station

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From: Kathleen Bowman Moran [kathleenabowman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:35 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis Red Line Station

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this email in regards to the proposed closing of the Jarvis red line station. I have been a property owner in the northeast corner of Rogers Park since May 2007 (Birchwood & Greenview). I feel strongly that the station should not be closed, but should instead be included in the renovation project for the red line.

Two of the biggest draws to the area for me were the easily accessible train station and the eclectic & vibrant Jarvis & Greenview retail corner. I am concerned about the welfare of the businesses on Jarvis if the station closes. Charmers Cafe and Taste Food & Wine (to name just a few) undoubtedly receive increased traffic with commuters walking to and from the station. If these businesses suffer or ultimately close as a result of the station closure, it will hurt the neighborhood. The area will be seen as less desirable, and property values (which have already taken a beating in Rogers Park since fall 2008) will decline.

I am also concerned about the residents of northeast Rogers Park should the Jarvis red line station close. Within a very short radius of the Jarvis station, there are numerous long-term care facilities. It is unfair and unreasonable to expect that these residents of the community will be able to travel the additional distance to the Howard or Morse stations. In addition, commuters who previously used the Jarvis station who must switch to the Howard station will cause an increase in traffic and a shortage in parking to the northeast area of Rogers Park.

I appreciate you reading this email, and hope that you will take into consideration the many concerns that the residents of the greater Jarvis/Greenview area will express. I believe that closing the red line station will cause irreparable harm to my neighborhood, and I hope that this proposal does not come to fruition.

Regards,

Kathleen B. Moran

RPM. 380

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:01 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Opposition to the closing of the Jarvis El station

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From: alvuss@aol.com [alvuss@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 5:18 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Opposition to the closing of the Jarvis El station

Dear Mr. Hands and the members of the Strategic Planning & Policy committee,
I am David Senechal, condominium owner in the 49th ward. I vehemently oppose the closing of my el station! The Jarvis area has experienced a welcome influx of youth, energy and vitality, in part thanks to the proximity of the el. You will ruin this blossoming if you close the el station. Please register my complaint and opposition to the highest authority.

Sincerely,
David A. Senechal
7402 N. Sheridan Rd. Unit 1B
Chicago, IL 60626

RPM.381

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:02 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Renovate - Don't Close - Jarvis Station!

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From: Sarah H. Kaspar [shkaspar@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 5:27 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Renovate - Don't Close - Jarvis Station!

Attn: Steve Hands

Strategic Planning & Policy

Chicago Transit Authority

Mr. Hands:

I strongly oppose the closing of the Jarvis stop and instead urge you to fully renovate this essential station on the CTA's Red Line.

The Jarvis station is a crucial mode of transportation for residents and workers in Rogers Park. Closing it would not only hinder access to more convenient transportation but also access to safer transportation, as many people would be forced to commute via the significantly further away Morse and Howard stations. The Howard station especially is known for its high crime rate, and forcing people to utilize that station rather than the Jarvis one would compromise commuters' safety.

Additionally, the Jarvis community has recently enjoyed both residential and commercial growth, and the closing of the Jarvis station would no doubt contribute to a reversal of this and to an economic decline in the area. The Jarvis community needs its Red Line stop not only to maintain the safety of its current population but to continue to flourish and draw more residents and workers to its neighborhood.

In consideration of all of these factors, I strongly urge you to fully renovate the Jarvis station and not to close it.

Sincerely,

Sarah H. Kaspar

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 3:59 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Possible Evanston Platform Closures

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From: Feedback
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:34 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Possible Evanston Platform Closures

FYI:

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From: Kyle Hartzell [khhartzell@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:09 PM
To: Feedback
Subject: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Possible Evanston Platform Closures

Address:
Address2:
Address3:
City:
State:
Country: United States
Zip: 60202
Phone: 847-322-1988
Comment: To whom it may concern-

I'm writing to voice my opinion about the possible decision to close the Foster and South Blvd "L" stops in Evanston.

I grew up in Evanston and now attend Northwestern University. As a young, money-pressed female grad student, I absolutely RELY on the South Blvd stop to get both to class and home from the city on weekends. Closing the South Blvd stop may seem like a great money-saving plan to the CTA, but to me it means a MUCH longer (about 15-20 minute total) walk to the Main stop. My neighborhood is not the safest, and this change could be potentially dangerous to me when coming home from class or the city after dark. This is to say nothing about how inconvenient it would be in terms of adding time to my commute and exposure to the cold in the winter.

As someone who lives straight East on South Blvd, opening another entrance at Main would do very little to ameliorate this situation. I understand that the CTA can not please everyone, but I urge you to consider other

options for raising money to help maintain the South B stop, rather than closing it. With its historic facade, maybe several preservation leagues/associations within Evanston and Chicago would be willing to contribute to its restoration, as opposed to its renovation.

Finally, I think it is worth mentioning that these two stops are also the two located in the lowest socio-economic areas of Evanston (at least, in terms of those near the L). It goes without saying that the people that live near these stops almost solely rely on public transportation, and closing the stops in these locations will affect many hard workers that may not even be aware that the changes are coming.

Once again, I urge you to reconsider the pending decision to close the South Blvd and Foster L stops. I am certain that those in the area will be willing to offer alternatives at the meeting at Fleetwood-Jourdain on Thursday night, and I hope that feedback will be carefully considered.

Thank you,
Kyle Hartzell

RPM. 383

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep the Jarvis EL

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From: Elena Robinson [elenarob@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 4:34 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep the Jarvis EL

Hi Steve,

Please keep the Jarvis EL open. I take this train everyday to and from work for the last 10 years and rely on it as my primary transportation on a daily basis. I live at 1432 W. Sherwin Avenue in Rogers Park. It is not only myself but many others who depend on this stop daily, in fact just yesterday morning I was noticing how busy the stop has become lately and how many of the commuters were dressed for business. This stop is the lifeblood of Jarvis Square and a primary resource for al in the neighborhood.

Thank you!

--

elena robinson

RPM. 384

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:02 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: SAVE THE JARVIS EL STATION

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From: levie ball [jazz_man_poet@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 5:49 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: SAVE THE JARVIS EL STATION

To whom it may concern.

My comment is ,that it put one in a awkward position ,because I live in the area of el station and its a sad situation to commute to work and be on time . So I wish that CTA can come to common ground in keeping the station open. It very important to our community,and alderman JOE MOORE AND STEVE HANDS that have a very impotant position to care. peace.

RPM.385

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:03 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red Line - Jarvis stop - please save it!

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From: Jeff Lisse [Jeff@AtHomeInspect.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:07 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Line - Jarvis stop - please save it!

Please save the Jarvis El Stop on the red line.

It would be a great inconvenience to many people and a hardship on existing businesses to not have that stop. The transit system is very important to the city, this stop is very important to the area.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jeff

Thank you,
Jeff Lisse
At Home Inspections, Inc.
IL inspection license 0168
Electrician's license 1165
Bachelor of Science in Engineering

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630-748-6027
Jeff@AtHomeInspect.com

RPM.386

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:04 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Don't close the Jarvis Station!

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From: Laura Pelehach [lpelehach@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:09 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Don't close the Jarvis Station!

I just received notice of the plans to close the Jarvis Station. I won't be able to attend any of the public meetings about this issue, but do want to express my thoughts on this idea. Please don't close this station!

Laura Pelehach
Edgewater

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:04 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis stop on the red line

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From: Anne [acadigan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:10 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis stop on the red line

Please, please don't close the Jarvis stop on the Red Line.

Anne Cadigan

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:04 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: please don't close the Jarvis stop on the Red Line

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From: Paula Mauro [pmauro@beautifulsoup.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:20 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: please don't close the Jarvis stop on the Red Line

I'm writing in support of keeping the Red Line Jarvis stop OPEN. Train access in that neighborhood is of great benefit to those who live there, in addition to restaurants, businesses, and a small theatre that's important to the community.

Paula Mauro
Chicago, 60660

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:04 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis EL Station

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From: James McDaniel [grnd55@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:53 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis EL Station

It is vital that the EL stations at Jarvis and Morse remain open.
Many residents of the Rogers Park Community do not own cars and depend on public transportation to travel to work, to stores, to medical appointments, and various other activities.

Also, both the Morse and Jarvis stations have up and coming businesses near them that depend to a great degree on the EL stations being where they are.

During these times of high energy costs and environmental concerns it makes sense to have convenient public transportation available to as many people as possible.

Please do the correct thing for the city and the people who live, work, and recreate in Chicago and keep these stations open.

Jim & Betty McDaniel

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep the Jarvis Station in Service...

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From: MattKrcilek@aol.com [MattKrcilek@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:59 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep the Jarvis Station in Service...

To Whom it concerns:

I understand that the CTA is planning for future renovations on the Red and Purple Lines, north of Belmont. I'm not able to attend any of the "town hall" type meetings regarding this issue, but I definitely wanted to express my strong opinion!

I've heard from my alderman, Joe Moore, that the CTA is considering closing the Jarvis Station. THIS WOULD BE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!!! Many people use this station, including myself... and it's also the "life-blood" of all the businesses in the Jarvis Square area. We need the Jarvis train station in this neighborhood... and I absolutely must insist that it remain in service, providing vital transportation for those who live in this area!

Thank you for keeping the Jarvis train station in service!!!
Matt Krcilek

RPM-391

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Against Closing the Foster Purple Line Stop

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From: Jorge Rodriguez [jrodriguez2012@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:00 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Against Closing the Foster Purple Line Stop

Dear CTA,

I am a student at Northwestern and a frequent user of the Foster Purple Line Stop. It just recently came to my attention that the CTA is considering closing down this stop. I just wanted to voice my concern since this action will have a huge impact on all the passengers that use this stop on a daily basis to get to/from university and home.

Please consider other alternatives with a smaller impact on our community.

Best regards,

Jorge Rodriguez
Northwestern University – Kellogg School of Management

RPM.392

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:05 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please do not close the Foster Purple Line Stop.

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From: Bo Olafsson [bolafsson2012@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:00 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please do not close the Foster Purple Line Stop.

Please do not close the Foster Purple Line Stop.

It is very important for us Kellogg students.

Sincerely,
Bo Olafsson

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:15 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands: CTA planned improvements on Purple and Red lines
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From: David Zabinski [dzabinski2011@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:09 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands: CTA planned improvements on Purple and Red lines

Hello.

My name is David Zabinski, and I am an Evanston resident and Northwestern University graduate student (at the Kellogg School of Business). I have been informed by various parties at Northwestern University that the CTA is considering making changes to Purple line service in Evanston. I am writing to indicate my strong preference for the maintenance of the current stops, particularly the Foster stop.

This stop is the primary stop used by students at Northwestern University, so any impact to the schedule or availability of this stop will have a massive and immediate impact on the student and faculty community. Furthermore, recent changes to law enforcement procedure in Evanston mean that the number of students who will be able to live within walking distance of campus is set to drop massively this coming school year; this implies that the number of commuters to NU's Evanston campus will likely skyrocket in the same timeframe, implying a greater future need for the Foster stop.

In short: the Foster stop is the most important stop on the line for many hundreds of students and faculty and others, and is likely to become more so, so I believe this stop should be maintained at its current or better schedule. In fact, I would be willing to pay a higher premium to use this stop, given how incredibly useful it is to so many people.

Thank you for your time.

David Zabinski
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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:13 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Opposition to Foster Closing

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From: Cassidy Rouse [crouse2012@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:07 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Opposition to Foster Closing

Dear Mr. Hands,

It was recently brought to my attention that the Chicago Transport Authority (CTA) is discussing plans to permanently close the Purple line's Foster stop near Northwestern University. As a resident of Chicago, and dedicated graduate student at the Kellogg School of Management (Kellogg), I would like to formally oppose such an intention.

When researching potential graduate schools, I personally visited each institution in order to immerse myself in the culture of the school as well as the surrounding community. Kellogg and greater Chicago exceeded all expectations. Not only could I enjoy the urban surroundings of Chicago, but the commute from downtown to Evanston was made manageable by an express train and a convenient stop on Foster St. Given the benefits of both, I chose to live in Lincoln Park with my fiancé. For nearly six months, I have made the daily commute and thoroughly enjoyed my experience on the CTA Purple and Red lines. The trains are timely, safe, and relatively clean.

If the CTA chooses to close the Foster stop, my commute, along with a number of fellow classmates, will increase by more than 20 minutes. A majority of the extra time will be spent navigating the treacherously snowy sidewalks of Evanston. I realize that budget constraints remain an issue and sacrifices must be made. My request is that those sacrifices not be borne by the individuals who patronize the fine educational institutions of greater Chicago. As recommendation, I propose a more thorough analysis of rush hour traffic at stops such as Main and Noyes. My experience has shown that both stops are underutilized in comparison to Foster.

Thank you for your concern.

Cassidy

Cassidy Rouse
Class of 2012 MBA Candidate
Kellogg School of Management
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crouse2012@kellogg.northwestern.edu

RPM-395

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:17 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Strategic Planning & Policy: re potential Jarvis station closing

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From: Bruce Mocking [bmocking@mindspring.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:29 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Strategic Planning & Policy: re potential Jarvis station closing

Dear Mr Hands:

I am writing because my understanding is that the CTA is considering, as one option, closing down the Red Line Jarvis station.

I live less than 600 feet from the entrance to the station, and it is one of the things that enhances the quality of life in this section of East Rogers Park. I know that I speak for many of my friends and neighbors when I say many of us located here precisely because the proximity to the Jarvis station.

Plus there is a whole little shopping district on the block of Jarvis Ave between Greenvue Ave and the Red Line. There is a wonderful Italian restaurant, a wine store, a very nice coffee shop (and the only one for a half mile or so in any direction). Plus a theater company, the Side Project, that has performed some wonderful cutting edge productions. All these would very likely go out of business if the Jarvis Red Line station were to close.

I can take the 147 bus downtown, but it takes a long time during rush hour, and stops running now about 9 or 10 PM due to service cuts. The Red Line is always my faster choice, and for many hours of the day is my only choice as far as public transportation. Whether for work, or for a flight from Midway or O'Hare, getting on the Red Line at Jarvis is my preferred public transit. Both the Howard and Morse stops are more than 1/2 mile away - a long way, especially as part of a commute that does not end when you step off at your destination Red Line stop or other bus or El station.

I know that the CTA, like so many governmental agencies, is having to make to with a smaller budget. But please, please do not close down the Jarvis station. Make it bare bones if you need to, but please keep the station open.

One of the things I like best about Chicago is the quality of public transportation, the El lines, bus lines, and Metra lines. Very few cities have a system as good as ours. Station closings, like this one that is potentially being considered, lead to fewer riders, which leads to higher fares, which leads to a descending spiral of less-and-less service and ever-higher fares.

Sincerely,

Bruce Mocking

RPM. 396

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:18 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Comments about purple line modernization project
Attachments: image001.jpg

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From: Thomas Wang [cwang2012@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:36 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Comments about purple line modernization project

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm a student in Kellogg School of Management. As I often take CTA to Foster station to school and back to downtown, I feel shocked and confused why you are considering shut down Foster Station. This station is most convenient one to Professors, students and people around this area. The utilization of Foster is even better than several other station. Please reconsider this plan and keep Foster Station. Thank you for your patience and kindness.

Best,

Thomas

Chih-Kang (Thomas) Wang

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RPM. 397

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:18 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Do not close the Foster stop!
Attachments: image001.jpg

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From: Matthew Brown [mbrown2012@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:45 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Do not close the Foster stop!

To Whom it may concern:

I am a commuting student to Northwestern and use the Purple line Foster stop on a daily basis. Closing down this stop would be a HUGE inconvenience to me and many other students. I urge you to reconsider your plans to shut down the Foster stop.

Thank you,
-Matt

Matthew T. Brown
Kellogg School of Management | MBA Candidate 2012
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RPM.398

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:19 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please do not close the Foster St. El station in Evanston, IL

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From: Jean V Demas [jvdemas@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:50 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; Holmes, Delores
Subject: Please do not close the Foster St. El station in Evanston, IL

Steve Hands
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority
P.O. Box 7602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602
E-mail: RPM@transitchicago.com
Fax: (312) 581-4195

Dear Steve Hands:
I have lived near Sherman and Foster for over eleven years and depend on the Foster St. station to take me to wherever I want to go.

My son is a student at De Paul University and also relies on the Foster St. station in order to go to both De Paul and Loyola Universities.

Closing this station would be a great hardship to all those who depend on this station.

I am 70 and do not want to walk to Davis. It is too far.

Please do not close this station.

Thank you, Jean Demas

RPM. 399

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:21 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Foster stop on the Purple Line

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From: sisipandamonium@gmail.com [sisipandamonium@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Sisi Wei [sisi@u.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:54 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Foster stop on the Purple Line

To the CTA,

Hello! My name is Sisi Wei and I'm currently a 4th year student at Northwestern. I lived within 2 blocks of the Foster El stop for 2 years now and while I will be graduating this summer, I believe I speak for many students living around my area that we don't want to see the Foster El stop close down.

My primary concern, is for the safety of any students or tenants who live in the area, and must use public transportation to get around. Because the Foster stop is so close and usually staffed, I feel much safer walking to the El stop in general. The next closest stop is Davis, which is a large stop and extremely well lit, which is wonderful. However, oftentimes when I'm returning home at night, the walk from Davis to my apartment makes me feel extremely uneasy. After you leave downtown Evanston, the streets are no longer as bright. But since Foster is so much closer to my apartment, I feel much safer taking the El home at night, because I know that it's only two easy blocks until my apartment.

Please reconsider closing the Foster stop and find another alternative to accomplish the CTA's goals?

Thank you,
Sisi

RPM. 400

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 4:22 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA May Close Jarvis Station--Attend Meeting to Oppose Plan .

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From: John Doyle [dolebotixstudios@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 7:55 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,

I am disappointed that I was unable to make it to the town hall meeting this evening as I had to work late, however, I wanted to mention that this proposed tear-down of the Jarvis station also comes at a time when we can expect a dramatic increase in student residents from Northwestern University, per Evanston's proposed enforcement of the 'brothel law' which forbids more than 3 non-related residents to share an apartment:

<http://www.dailynorthwestern.com/city/in-focus-evanston-will-enforce-brothel-rule-starting-in-july-nu-administration-won-t-fight-it-1.2446387>

As an employee of NU, I commute to and from Evanston every day via the Jarvis station. These students will have no recourse but to move either on campus (much more expensive) or to nearby surrounding neighborhoods (i.e. Rogers Park, Skokie, Niles). Being that many will take public transportation, Niles will not be the ideal solution which leaves Skokie and Rogers Park, both of which will effect the Yellow, Purple and Red Lines that traverse Howard Station or Jarvis Station.

I believe this is highly relevant information to the community of Rogers Park as it will likely change the dynamic of rent cost as well as apartments will grow in demand, thereby affecting the foot traffic at the Howard and Morse stations. The Jarvis Street station will continue to be of vital importance to the Rogers Park community.

Respectfully,

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