



**Appendix K**  
**Public Scoping Written Comments**  
**Comments 401-500**

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:23 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Do Not Close Jarvis.

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**From:** Rebecca Daly [rebkdaly123@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:11 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Do Not Close Jarvis.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:23 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Jarvis Station

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**From:** Jennifer Buckley [jenniferabuckley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:33 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Jarvis Station

The idea that the CTA wants to close the Jarvis Station completely boggles my mind. Rogers Park needs this station to stay open for the economic and social well being of the community. Closing the Jarvis station cuts off accessibility to the Alderman's office and community needs. I can't think of any reason why the CTA would justify this proposed closing. Also, Rogers Park deserves that same treatment that other communities like Lincoln Square and Ravenswood received on the Brown Line Rehab Project. I have wondered for years why the stations closer to the loop have escalators and elevators and the stations farther out on the north side only have steep staircases. Are the handicapped and elderly farther north less worthy of accessibility to public transportation?

Jennifer Anne Buckley Benedetto

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:24 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Purple Line - Foster Stop

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**From:** Douglas Minahan [dminahan2011@kellogg.northwestern.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:47 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Purple Line - Foster Stop

Hi,

I am a student at Northwestern and take the purple line on a daily basis. I recently heard that there had been discussions to close the Foster stop. That is the stop I use to get to school and it would be a shame if the stop were closed. Each time I get off in the morning it appears many other students use that stop as well. Overall, I think it would be a real inconvenience for students at Northwestern if the stop were closed.

Please let me know if you have any questions or how I can help to keep the spot open.

Thank you and all the best,  
Doug

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:26 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Closing of Jarvis "EL" Stop

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**From:** tony GRAY [anthonysaintamant@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:06 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Proposed Closing of Jarvis "EL" Stop

Mr. Steve Hands:

I am a dedicated customer of the Jarvis " EL" station. Access to this station continues to assist the growing business district along Jarvis Street growing. Why? Customers do not have the burden of forced participation in competitive parking of their car.

Consumers that use the Jarvis " EL" station come from communities along the Red Line and Evanston.

They purchase goods and services immediately close to the Jarvis " EL " station such as pet grooming, storage, live entertainment, cleaning, hospitality and physical fitness on Jarvis Street. Our local economy employs many workers that depend upon access to the Jarvis " EL" station. These workers pay city taxes and spend their earned money in the Jarvis Business District. This activity speeds the velocity of money.

We have built and are maintaining a viable economy..

I remind you the Jarvis " EL" gives immediate service to 2 senior citizen developments. These seniors despite its steep stairs continue to board on this station. Why? Waiting for the 147 or 151 buses is not always practical. Secondly, walking to or from the Morse or Howard stations to/from your final destination is a concern of physical harm of myself, business owners and employees. It is well understood the Morse and Howard " EL" stations are placed in areas that contain continued perpetrators of violent crime(s). This statement is not meant to be melodramatic. The physical threat to personal safety is as real as taxes.

I assure you the Jarvis " EL" is important to our community and our families.

Please Mr. Hands, I ask for your assistance to keep the Jarvis " EL " open. Call on me at your leisure.

Thank you in advance: Anthony Gray

W (773) -869-4918 0700-1300 hrs

H (773) 942-2196

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:26 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: ATTENTION: Steve Hands

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**From:** James Walker [jamesfwalker@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:23 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** ATTENTION: Steve Hands

As an 11 year resident of the Rogers Park neighborhood, I wanted to express my concern about the potential closing of the Jarvis El stop. One of the primary reason I purchased in this neighborhood was proximity to public transportation. Since I moved here there has been a fair amount of development centered around that Jarvis stop, and I have watched the neighborhood grow and develop. Closing the Jarvis El stop will not only make public transportation much less convenient, I fear it will reduce ridership, increase congestion, decrease property value and significantly impact the new business that opened in close proximity to that stop.

PLEASE keep our stop open.

James Walker  
1200 W. Sherwin Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60626

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:27 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose the closing of CTA L stations on the Red/Purple Line.

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**From:** Tom Kompare [tom@kompare.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:38 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Oppose the closing of CTA L stations on the Red/Purple Line.

Closing stations not only drives down ridership, but helps decrease business traffic near the stations. Kill two birds with one stone.  
Is that your plan? Cost cutting, in this case has a multiplier effect. I'd gladly chip in an extra 25 cents per ride to keep more stations open.

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Tom Kompare  
[tom@kompare.us](mailto:tom@kompare.us)



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

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**From:** laurie suhr [lauriesuhr@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:43 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Jarvis Red Line Stop- Safety

Dear Mr. Hands,

I live near the Jarvis red line stop and use it almost daily. I would fear for my safety should I be forced to go to a farther stop due to the proposed closing of the Jarvis stop. At the next stop south, Morse, I have witnessed crime and would have no other way home, but to walk home or to a bus among predators. Unlike Jarvis, the Howard stop is large and not surrounded by small shops, which makes the Jarvis stop safer. Jarvis stop provides many businesses to quickly turn to if there are suspicious people around.

One might say that the 147 bus is an alternative to the red line. Riding the 147 bus, with it's side-ways seating and frequent stops, makes me nauseous. Others seem not to like the side-ways seating either, as people tend to fill up the few forward-facing seats first, even those in the back of the bus.

On another note, both the 147 bus and the red line, especially the red line, get very crowded around 9-10PM. The red line is so crowded at times that I am certain it far exceeds maximum capacity. For the safety of the riders, please consider adding trains for the 9-10PM rush.

Please do not close the Jarvis stop. There aren't very many alternatives and a closure will force people to walk farther through crime areas.

Thanks,  
Laurie Suhr  
773.343.5655

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:29 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Don't close Jarvis!

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**From:** Robert Blau [robert-blau@webtv.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:46 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Don't close Jarvis!

Dear Mr. Steve Hands:

As a resident of Rogers Park, I strongly oppose the closing of the Jarvis station. Instead, the station should be renovated along with Morse and Howard.

I live right near the Morse station myself. However, I fully recognize that the Jarvis station is essential to the vibrancy of its neighborhood and of Rogers Park as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Robert B. Blau

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:29 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Foster L stop: keep it open

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**From:** Tom Dallianis [tomdall@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:58 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Foster L stop: keep it open

Steve Hands  
Strategic Planning & Policy  
Chicago Transit Authority  
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Dear Steve Hands:

Please do not close the Foster L stop.

It is hugely useful to Northwestern students and local residents.

Thank you,  
Tom Dallianis

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:30 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Jarvis closing

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**From:** mptiger4@gmail.com [mptiger4@gmail.com] On Behalf Of Matt Pino [mptiger4@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:09 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Jarvis closing

Hello,

I am a 20 year old college student who has lived in the Chicago area for my entire life. I have been living in Rogers Park for 10 of those years. I would like to keep the Jarvis train station open for many reasons but I thought it was necessary to tell you about one of them. For 4 years I have worked at the Gamestop on Clark and Howard and on the way home from that location I was threatened once and mugged another time. I do not want to walk through that area anymore and if the Jarvis location were to close I would have to walk through that area late at night. The Jarvis location is very helpful to my everyday routine and I do not want to waste your time. Please call me so that I can explain myself because the Jarvis location adds so much safety to my life. Thank you for your time.

-Matteson Avery Pino  
(773) 454-4678

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:30 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Jarvis Red Line Discontinuance

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**From:** Derek Glowacki [derekglowacki@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 4:15 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Jarvis Red Line Discontinuance

Mr. Hands,

It has come to my attention that the Jarvis Red Line stop is on the chopping block of the CTA. I have been a resident of the Rogers Park area for almost ten years now and have used the Jarvis stop as my primary work commute means this entire time. In fact, one of the main reasons that I bought property in this area was because of its location in relation to the stop.

As I am sure you are aware, while Rogers Park has been long known for its diversity but unfortunately it has also experienced more than its fair share of problems. Yet over the last decade, I have noticed a significant change for the better in the community. With that being said, by discontinuing the Jarvis Red Line stop you would be in essence undoing the progress that we as neighborhood have worked so hard to achieve. I hope you will take this into consideration when making your decision and thanks your time.

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Derek R. Glowacki

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:33 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: comment on Red & Purple line projects -- Add Red Line Express service

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**From:** Bernard Garbo [bgarbo@ameritech.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 5:37 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** comment on Red & Purple line projects -- Add Red Line Express service

I'm very happy to see that the CTA is looking to speed up commutes to downtown. After having discovered the Metra up here, I find myself trying to time trips around it's schedule since the commute is faster ... but I would prefer faster CTA service since I often like to make shopping stops along the Red Line.

Reducing stops to every half mile makes sense, but I'd urge to instead consider adding Express Red line service that runs during the day when the Purple line doesn't. New York City uses express versus local runs, it's very effective in my opinion.

The population in Rogers Park and Edgewater is expanding not declining. We have very high population density. I see the logic of cutting out Jarvis and and Thorndale and expanding entrance/exits of the stops on either side of them. But I still believe adding hourly or every half hour express service would be of greater service.

The express service I see is a Red line running from Howard to Loyola to Foster to Belmont, then running local. Knowing that service was on the hour or half hour would allow for effective planning when shopping or dining out.

Thanks,

==bernard garbo 773-392-1828

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:35 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Stop

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**From:** Jeffrey Zeman [jzeman1105@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 6:16 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Stop

Good Morning:

I live right off the Lawrence stop and I am concerned that you are thinking of closing the stop. I feel the stop is well traveled and it would hurt a lot of people by closing this stop.

Please reconsider the closing of the Lawrence Stop.

Jeffrey S. Zeman

RPM-414

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:36 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: proposed closures on the Red Line/Lawrence

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**From:** sharon howerton [shrnhow@att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 6:31 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** proposed closures on the Red Line/Lawrence

I'm concerned about this as this stop is directly connected to the 81 Lawrence bus. If this stop were closed, it would be very difficult for passengers needing to take the east or west bound bus to make that transfer. Would it be possible and perhaps more practical to keep Lawrence open and close Argyle? I'm sure that all of these stops are high traffic, but at least Argyle, Thorndale and Jarvis do not have connections to east/west busses. I hope that this suggestion can be considered and thank you for your consideration.

Sharon Howerton  
Blind Andersonville resident and frequent CTA passenger



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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:36 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Stop

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**From:** Carrie Krischer [krischer22@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:27 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Stop

Please do not close the lawrence stop. The wilso.n stop is terrifying and this is the closest stop. This is also very busy. Not sure why you would want to inconvenience so many people.

RPM.416

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:36 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence El Stop

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**From:** Bob Davis [bobdavis74@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:40 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence El Stop

Dear CTA,

I am writing with concern that there is consideration of closing the Lawrence Avenue Red Line El station. This station is the heart of the Uptown community and serves not only the residents, but the visitors to places such as the Aragon Ballroom, Green Mill Jazz Lounge, The Riviera and all of the new restaurants in the area. In addition, many people in the city come to this area to receive essential medical treatment, and would be left without a way to get there.

Uptown is a thriving community, and is on its way up and up. Please do not remove our central transportation hub and cut us off from the rest of the city's train lines.

I am happy to talk further about this, and can be reached at (773) 398-8632.

Thank you for your great work in Chicago and for your consideration of my concern.

Bob Davis

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:38 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Save Jarvis!

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**From:** Emily Rivera [emilyrrivera@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:58 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Save Jarvis!

Hello.

Please consider keeping the Jarvis El station open! Not only does it provide very convenient public transportation for our up and coming neighborhood, but the station is literally the lifeblood of our new Jarvis Square shopping/restaurant district. I truly think that closing our station would lower neighborhood property values and would greatly limit the economic growth happening around the station.

We love our station!

Thank you,  
Emily Rivera  
1601 W. Chase Ave.

RPM-418

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:38 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence stop on the Red Line

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**From:** Joe Kusiak [kusiak@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:03 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence stop on the Red Line

Hello,

I just learned that the CTA is considering closing the Lawrence stop on the Red Line. Please don't close it. Just when the neighborhood appears to be improving, closure would be not only inconvenient for the many that use it, but a serious disruption.

It's understandable that you are attempting to rein in costs. But please, don't do it at the expense of a neighborhood that could use as much stability as possible.

Thanks for your consideration.

Joe Kusiak  
Uptown resident

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:40 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Jarvis Open!

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**From:** jonathan rivera [orangeroom@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:11 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Keep Jarvis Open!

Any decision to close the Jarvis Red Line stop would be more than an inconvenience to hundreds of daily commuters, it would also be economically devastating to the community. The Jarvis L stop is at the center of a commercially vibrant enclave called Jarvis Square. A small, but successful, group of restaurants, coffee shops, dog groomers, and wine shops which has been featured in the Chicago Tribune. Jarvis, or the cross street Greenview, are not major thoroughfares. Accordingly, the only source of high visibility comes from the L. Without the Jarvis L stop, Jarvis Square would collapse taking away large sums of commercial tax revenue for the city and a vibrant retail amenity to the community. I therefore urge you to reconsider your plans for the closing of Jarvis.

Jonathan B. Rivera  
Life-long resident of Rogers Park

~~157~~ RPM-420

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:40 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Protest

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**From:** Susan Stanley [stanley49er@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:18 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Protest

I am protesting the closing of the Jarvis EL station.

**SUSAN**

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:41 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Lawrence and Wilson

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**From:** liz reed [lizannreed@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:18 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red Line Lawrence and Wilson

Good Morning,

I am opposed to closing the Lawrence red line stop. This stop is vital to the neighborhood and ensures we can get to work. To have the Wilson stop only means we would have to walk directly through gang violent areas to get to work. I want to see some of the \$4billion dollars devoted to renovating the Wilson and Lawrence stops. Our stops are long overdue! The steps to the Wilson stop are so slippery and short, that I've seen many people mainly elderly fall down on them when the weather ices over. Without having disability/wheel chair access, and the condition of the stops, our community is unable to get to work, doctor's appointments, etc.

*Thank you,*

*Liz Reed*

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:42 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Modernization

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**From:** DAVID ANDES [wordemup@rcn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:26 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red Line Modernization

I have been living in the Uptown area for the past 7 years. I am in favor of the modernization 4-Track Alternative which would provides modern amenities at all stations. I am not in favor of closing the Lawrance Stop. I realize that this option is more expensive than some of the others. But given that we in Uptown have been waiting for our staitions to be rehabed for years, I would think upgrading the the fullest would be a good option while the city is focused on it.

David Andes  
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Chicago, IL 60613



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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 4:59 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A HEAVY-USE CTA CUSTOMER

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**From:** Nicole Vasquez [nicolereenev@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:46 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization; Feedback  
**Subject:** RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A HEAVY-USE CTA CUSTOMER

Dear CTA,

I understand that the Uptown red line stops, particularly Thorndale, Argyle and Lawrence are not as heavily used as the ones farther south such as Belmont or Fullerton but I BEG YOU please do not close these stops because the demographics for these stops are much different than the young professional or college student crowds which frequent stops from Addison to Harrison. The uptown stops serve more older professionals (35+) and a bevy of public high school or private high school students.

I have taken the red line from Thorndale to work every day for the past 3 years, and I also take it to come home from graduate school. Many of my neighbors do the same as well and many people have moved to my neighborhood because of the Thorndale stop. Please do not close down something that is heavily relied on. In understand you may have financial or operational drawbacks with the stop so if you must please consider cutting down service rather than shutting down the station completely. Please, I urge you to consider the thousands of residents in Uptown who use your services every day!

Sincerely,  
Nicole Vasquez

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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:00 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: "Don't Want The Lawrence Stop Closed? Tell The CTA"

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**From:** Norm [nrn312@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:55 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** "Don't Want The Lawrence Stop Closed? Tell The CTA"

I would close down Jarvis and Thorndale before Lawrence since the latter is a bus transfer location, but be aware that the anonymous cranks at the Uptown Update web site is whipping its readership to contact you.

<http://www.uptownupdate.com/2011/01/dont-want-lawrence-stop-closed-tell-cta.html>

The modernization of the Red and Purple Lines has the potential to be a \$4 billion project. We'd like to see a good amount of that spent right here in Uptown. We'd love to have a beautiful "top to bottom" rehab of the Wilson stop, just like Peter Holsten promised (before Helen alloted [sic] it a mere \$3million touch-up). We need to convey that message. The CTA is asking what we want; we need to tell them.

RPM-425

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:01 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Red line Stop

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**From:** Rafael Gomez [raffle.gomez@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:01 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Red line Stop

Hello,

I recently read that there have been initial discussions to potentially close the Lawrence Red line Stop. We just purchased a condo just off of the Lawrence red line last week, and the convenience of the train was a big reason. I feel that the availability of both stops (Wilson and Lawrence) significantly increases the value of my purchase.

Additionally, without the Lawrence stop, Wilson would be our only other alternative. And frankly, we (my fiancée and I) don't feel safe near the Wilson stop.

I know you will consider the feelings of the residents surrounding this area.

Thank you.

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Rafael Gomez  
773.969.6172

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:02 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Ave CTA Closure

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**From:** A.C. [achoren@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:05 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Ave CTA Closure

Steve-

I would like to express my concern in the potential closure of the Lawrence Avenue CTA station. As a new resident to Uptown and frequent rider of the CTA, I must say that the proximity and convenience the Lawrence Avenue CTA station was a selling point for me investing in the neighborhood. While it is a neighborhood in transition, the closure of this station would deliver a devastating blow to the area which would further hamper Uptown's already struggling rejuvenation. While this station is in need of a face-lift, it serves as the nearest, safe terminal for residents and commuters alike. The Wilson Street station has been an eye sore and crime statistic for years, covered only by the promise to make changes for just as long of a time as it has been in the news for its poor and unsafe condition.

In achieving and maintaining an expanding north side ridership, the Lawrence Avenue station is critical in maintaining the area, providing a quality source of income to the ward and a leg up on the revitalization of the Uptown neighborhood. While this is just a single email, I write it on behalf of so many other friends, residents and coworkers who feel just as strongly about the maintaining of the CTA service at the Lawrence Avenue station. Please strike this station from your list of stops to eliminate. Maintenance and modernization of the answer to a healthy neighborhood and future of the CTA and ridership.

Thank you,  
Alexander Choren

312-401-2652

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:01 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: 2nd email - Do Not Close the Jarvis El Stop

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**From:** KENYA HOWARD [khoward\_05@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:03 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** 2nd email - 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

**Don't be afraid of tomorrow, you have seen yesterday, and you love today!**

Kenya 

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:02 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red line plans - Lawrence stop

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**From:** Robert Skutnick [robert.e.skutnick@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:06 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red line plans - Lawrence stop

Good morning,

I'm writing in response to the recent chatter that certain Red line stops may be closed/consolidated at some point.

I live in the 900 block of W. Gunnison St. Matter of fact I've lived here for 24 years. I use the Lawrence stop on a daily basis for commuting to and from work. This stop is vital to me.

Besides being a huge inconvenience to me, I can't imagine the negative impact this action would have on our community. The entertainment venues like the Riviera and Aragon would suffer dramatically, not to mention their supporting businesses. Please add my concerns to any list you might have in order to preserve my Red line station.

Sincerely,  
Bob Skutnick

Sent from my iMac

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:03 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Stop

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**From:** dave dalton [davealmost@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:06 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Stop

Hi Steve-

Please do not close the Lawrence stop. While the station is a little rundown, it is utilized by many people each day. I am one of the many commuters that use it every day to and from work in Edgewater. Unfortunately, I just found out that this is on the table and cannot attend the meeting tonight in Evanston. If you would like to get in touch with me, feel free to email with any questions/feedback.

Thank you,  
Dave Dalton  
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#311  
Chicago, IL 60625

RPM-430

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line/Lawrence Stop Potential Closure.

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**From:** Mike Patterson [mpatterson@strategichotels.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:16 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red Line/Lawrence Stop Potential Closure.

Dear Mr. Hands, et al,

I am a happy resident of Uptown, who uses the Lawrence stop on a daily basis. I have heard rumors of its potential closure and must write you to convey my opinion.

I think it would be a mistake to close the Lawrence stop. While there is some validity to the point that the North Main Line/Red Line stations are too many and too close together, to select Lawrence, would be a mistake. Please take time to visit Uptown, or if you've visited, please try to recall the location of the Lawrence stop. It is the stop that services the premier intersection of Uptown. It services the Aragon, the Riviera, Green Mill, Borders, Uptown's Post Office, Broadway Bridgeview Bank. Not to mention that it is most convenient for the majority of popular dining spots in the neighborhood, such as Demera Ethiopian Restaurant, Crew, and Fat Cat. By closing this station you hamper access to the most vital part of Uptown. You would be closing the station that is most used by visitors to Uptown (concert goers, Green Mill and Crew Patrons, etc.). Please understand, in saying this, I do also concede that Lawrence would need a major overhaul to bring it up to snuff with ADA, etc. But think about the possibility of a new, modern station at Uptown's best intersection

The argument that Wilson should be the hub of the Red Line in Uptown, I think, is a hoax. Yes, it is closest to Target, which is a wonderful addition to Uptown. However, getting there from Wilson still involves a block walk through the area of Broadway between Wilson and Sunnyside, the area that's seen a lot of crime and blight. The station at Wilson, itself, is nothing short of disgusting. The fact that to date, only 3 million dollars have been allocated to its clean-up is a slap in the face to Uptown residents. The station needs to be razed and rebuilt. The criminal element that seems to frequent the station and loiter about it also need to be dealt with. If you have not noticed, Lawrence station does not suffer from the same loitering problems. Could major renovations to Wilson extend exits further north to direct traffic closer to Lawrence, perhaps toward the Broadway Building, recently restored but mostly vacant?

I come from the Detroit area. An area with no public transit to speak of. It's terrible. While I understand that some sacrifice need to be made here, if stations must be closed, wouldn't make more sense to close stations in areas that would have a better chance to survive the closure? If anything, close Berwyn. The major commercial draw to that station is a Jewel store, where in the majority of patrons arrive in cars. The strip malls around that station all have free parking to their stores as well.



In closing, please note, that while I would be angered by a Lawrence closing, I love the CTA and will pull for the agency as much as possible and do my part as a commuter. Your decisions are not easy. I know you will use your best judgment.

Thank you,

Michael W. Patterson  
Uptown Resident since 2007

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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:03 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Please don't close the Lawrence Stop

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**From:** JulieBTaylor@gmail.com [JulieBTaylor@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:09 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Please don't close the Lawrence Stop

Hello - I would just like to put my two cents in about the possible closure of some North Side Stations, I am fully opposed to closing the Lawrence stop. As are many people in uptown.

Thank you,

Julie Taylor

RPM-432

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:04 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Please don't close the Lawrence Red Line Station

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**From:** Ari Bendersky [ari@ariwrites.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:09 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Please don't close the Lawrence Red Line Station

Hello

I just read on Uptown Update that with future proposals to update the Red Line that the Lawrence stop may be closed. As a resident in this area, I plead with you to not close the station. The area around Lawrence and Broadway is increasingly becoming a popular destination with the Aragon, Riviera, Green Mill and many restaurants and clubs. Uptown needs people to continue visiting it to increase its economic growth and to help continue revitalizing the neighborhood. Closing the Lawrence Red Line station could hinder visitation. Closing it would also be a detriment to people living in the area who use this station for commuting. Please keep it open.

Thank you  
Ari Bendersky

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:04 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Foster Street CTA

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**From:** Mark Salierno [msalierno2011@kellogg.northwestern.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:15 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Foster Street CTA

To whom it may concern:

While I cannot make tonight's meeting to discuss closing Foster street, I wanted to share a Northwestern University graduate student perspective. I hope the CTA considers running Foster at selected hours (morning rush, evening rush, and after evening night classes) instead of a full closure.

As a commuter from the city, I take the train from Foster 8-10 times a week, and counted 20 people get off this morning. On Tuesday night after class, I counted 15. Closing the stop would be more than an inconvenience, but a safety risk for those who return to the city after night class end at 930pm. Walking to Noyse or Davis would mean added time walking on dark streets.

Mark Salierno

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:04 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Closing of Red Line Jarvis Station

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**From:** Gary Knutson [glk5007@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:14 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** 49th Ward - Alderman Joe Moore; Betty McDaniel; Bob & Judy Kucera; Jeanie Sherwood; Gary Knutson  
**Subject:** Proposed Closing of Red Line Jarvis Station

Attn: Steve Hands,

As a 35 year resident of Rogers Park and a frequent Red Line user, I find the CTA's proposal to close the Jarvis Street station very discomfoting.

This decision would be devastating to the many senior citizens living in the area that depend on the red line to get to/from doctors appointments both in downtown Chicago as well as in Evanston. They also depend on this service for grocery and prescription shopping purposes. Not to mention that it provides a link to their social needs for visiting family & friends and attending entertainment venues.

Since Roger's Park is approximately 80% rental units, it would add an additional hardship to the many residents, who don't own cars and depend on it to get to/from their places of employment. This is especially true with the recent cuts in late night bus service to the area.

The Jarvis Square area has undergone a major transformation over the past several years. No longer is it a place for gang-bangers and drug dealers as it once was. But, instead a thriving business area of restaurants, cafes, shops and small businesses. All of which depend on the foot traffic of El riders in order to continue and flourish. Closing the Jarvis station would probably lead to the closure of some of these.

I ask that you consider and weigh all possible alternatives in order to avoid the closing of this station.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Knutson  
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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 5:06 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: please do not close the lawrence stop.

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**From:** claire oliver [headlessrunningchicken@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:21 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** please do not close the lawrence stop.

i am emailing urging you not to close the lawrence stop.

~claire oliver

RPM-436A

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:24 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Station Closures

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**From:** Matt Gebhardt [matt.c.gebhardt@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:21 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Station Closures

Hello,

I'm writing to urge you not to close the Lawrence, Thorndale, and Jarvis stops on the red line. Although I live off of Berwyn, these three stops have numerous local businesses that are thriving in tough times. They are also the markers of progress in a distressed area. Lawrence has seen a resurgence in night life as well as entertainment that is a positive influence in Uptown. Thorndale is home to many community organizations, local restaurants and two of the only gyms in Edgewater that are affordable (cheetah and the armory). Cutting off access at these crucial locations would cripple the change that these neighborhoods are going through.

While these stops have fallen into disrepair as of late, the answer is NOT closing them but cleaning them up and renovating them. These areas have high concentrations of affordable living and people depend on public transportation as a means to live in this city.

I urge you to NOT close these stops!

Thank you,  
Matt

*Matt Gebhardt*

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:29 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Red Line Stop

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**From:** melissa youngren [melissayoungren@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:26 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Red Line Stop

Good Morning,

I am writing to urge you to keep the Lawrence Red Line Stop open. It is the center of Uptown's business with music venues, restaurants, coffee shops, and bookstores steps away from the line. Keeping the stop open would keep the businesses in Uptown thriving- something the neighborhood needs.

In addition, revitalizing the Wilson stop would bring more business to Uptown. That is the closest stop to Truman College and Target. The Wilson stop is an eyesore and feels dangerous because of it's decay.

Please keep the Lawrence Stop open and update the Wilson stop.

I would like to see Uptown continue to develop businesses and jobs.

Thank you,

Melissa Youngren

Uptown Resident



RPM-438

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:29 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Proposals to close Jarvis Red Line Stop  
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**From:** Kelly Christopher [kfust@luc.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:27 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Proposals to close Jarvis Red Line Stop

Good morning,

I am writing to voice my support for modernization options that do **not** involve the closing the Jarvis Red Line Stop. The area of Jarvis Square has worked hard to revitalize, and my husband and I bought our condo in the area in large part due to the small businesses in this area and the convenience of the Jarvis stop. The closing of this stop would be a significant financial blow to both residents and small business owners. Jarvis Square has the potential to continue to grow and develop and generate increased revenue (and, by extension, CTA ridership), but that growth is dependent on the Jarvis stop remaining open.

I both live and work in the Rogers Park community, and I appreciate your taking into consideration the health of this community as you select modernization options.

Best,  
Kelly

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:30 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: DO NOT CLOSE STATIONS

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**From:** Matt Gebhardt [matt.c.gebhardt@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:28 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** DO NOT CLOSE STATIONS

Hello,

I'm writing to urge you not to close the Lawrence and Thorndale stops on the red line. Although I live off of Berwyn, these two stops have numerous local businesses that are thriving in tough times. They are also the markers of progress in a distressed area. Lawrence has seen a resurgence in night life as well as entertainment that is a positive influence in Uptown. Thorndale is home to many community organizations, local restaurants and two of the only gyms in Edgewater that are affordable (cheetah and the armory). Cutting off access at these crucial locations would cripple the change that these neighborhoods are going through.

While these stops have fallen into disrepair as of late, the answer is NOT closing them but cleaning them up and renovating them. These areas have high concentrations of affordable living and people depend on public transportation as a means to live in this city.

I urge you to NOT close these stops!

Thank you,  
Matt

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:31 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: red line improvement plan

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**From:** Dunne, Suzanne - SOL [Dunne.Suzanne@DOL.GOV]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:30 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** red line improvement plan

To whom it may concern:

I've been reviewing the proposed modernization to the red line and purple line on the North side. I think additional stops for the Purple line express would be very worthwhile. It would ease congestion on the red line trains during rush hours. Also, please do something to rehab the Wilson stop. It is unsafe and frankly, disgusting. The architecture is a high point for Uptown but the condition of the structure and the fact that there is no commercial tenants in the building make it an eyesore. Third, please don't close the Lawrence stop. I use that stop daily. To be frank, I don't want to walk through the drug deals and homeless people who congregate around the Wilson stop to get to work every day.

Thank you for your consideration,

Suzanne Dunne  
Uptown resident

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:36 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Modernization

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**From:** Brian A. von Rueden [bvonrueden@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:37 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red Line Modernization

Dear CTA Administration--

I have recently read about some of the plans for Red line modernization, courtesy of Uptown Update and the Chicago Sun-Times. As a resident of Uptown and regular CTA customer, I can say that I have a vested interest in the improvements being considered. Certainly the stops in or around the 46th Ward, of which I am a resident, are in desperate need of improvement. I recognize the limitations presented by the current Alderman Helen Schiller, but hope that following the elections in February, you are able to work with the new Alderman to develop a coherent strategy that plans for the future, not merely patches over existing problems.

The Brown Line expansion, though it provided difficulties while undergoing construction, was a good model of this; the stations are now equipped to handle the increased demands on the system, able to accommodate handicapped customers, are pleasing to the eye, and are generally well-maintained. The theme in discourse these days seems to be "Patch it over;" it is not seen as convenient or politically desirable to really invest in the future. Consequently, a network of patches is built at the least possible expense, only to crumble and require massive, high-cost renovations later. It is time to truly upgrade both the stations and the tracks of the Red Line.

That being said, I would like to STRONGLY advise against closing the Lawrence and Thorndale stops. Both areas are currently seeing a good deal of business development, bringing increased traffic to these stops. Cutting service to these locations would undermine this growth, stifle increasingly lively neighborhoods, and possibly decrease ridership.

Though I am not familiar with the details of the plans, changing the northside El tracks to some sort of subway model seems ill-advised as well. Again, in spite of the expense, a four-track, elevated modernization seems the best solution, and I hope to see support and action on this plan in the near future.

Thank you,  
--BVR--

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:38 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Jarvis Red Line stop  
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**From:** Christopher Skrable [Cskrabl@luc.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:47 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Jarvis Red Line stop

To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident of Rogers Park, a member of the steering committee for Partners for Rogers Park, and a concerned Chicagoan, I wanted to voice my opposition to any Red/Purple line modernization plan that would seek to close the Jarvis St. red line stop. Though close to the Howard stop, the presence of the red line stop at Jarvis St. has anchored significant commercial, cultural, and social development in the "Jarvis Square" neighborhood, one of the little-known gems of Rogers Park. The loss of that stop would deal a huge economic blow to the residents and business owners of that area, with substantial negative ripple effects on Rogers Park's ongoing economic and social development plans, particularly those involving the northern section of our community.

In my role at Loyola University, I work constantly with a large percentage of our graduate and undergraduate students, many of whom I regularly send into the community as volunteers through our service-learning classes (last year alone, Loyola students contributed over 80,000 hours of volunteer service to Chicagoland, especially Rogers Park and Edgewater, through my program). The presence of convenient transit options has empowered our students to live, work, and serve in the Jarvis Square area...again, to the great benefit of the local community AND to the furtherance of town/gown relations. Loss of the Jarvis stop would also deal a significant blow to this commerce, and I urge you to reject any plans that involve its closure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours,

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:39 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Foster Stop

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**From:** Michael Rice [m-rice@kellogg.northwestern.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:53 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Foster Stop

Hello,

As one of the many people who use the foster stop daily, I urge you not to close the stop but simply adjust the times the train stops there. From my experience, most people using the train at Foster work or go to school in the surrounding buildings and the rush periods are from 6-10am and from 4-8pm. What if you closed the stop between 10am and 4pm and have the trains pass by foster (like a rush period) from Davis to Noyes or Central?

Best,

Mike

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:41 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Stop Closure - Wilson Modernization

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**From:** Al Hooreh [ahooreh@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:53 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Stop Closure - Wilson Modernization

Dear RPM,

Closing the Lawrence stop would be devastating. I live close to the lake and even to talk to the Lawrence stop, I need to cross the street multiple times. I'm not talking about an intersection, I am talking about crossing the street to avoid drug dealers, drug addicts, crazy people, bums, criminals, etc. It is for this reason that I don't even use the Red Line at all, which is a big shame. Just walking to my own source of public transportation is a test of courage. And this is the Lawrence stop.

Now, the Wilson stop is a completely different story. It is by far the WORST stop in the entire city. The storefronts around that area look like they are out of 60's, and have not been maintained. There are many, and I mean MANY shady characters hanging around there for seemingly no reason. There is gunfire, crazy homeless people that actually enjoy instigating fights, so you must keep your eyes down to the ground. There are drug dealers, gangbangers, people urinating and even defecating on the street. I once saw a man slam a woman into the wall and choke her with his forearm, and there were MANY people around. Nobody did anything. I would not spend a single second at that stop, even if you gave me 500 dollars to stand around there for 2 hours, I would respectfully decline the offer.

It's not the condition of the facility which is the problem, it is the condition of the people who hang around there. You can put the most beautiful and expensive station in the world there, and soon it will be covered in urine, will have needles around and will literally be filled in a sea of bums, dealers, halfway house people and the like. They will tear the place to the ground, and no decent person would like to come there.

Now, having said that, I know that it is close to the Target. So far, the Target has been doing well and I'm very pleased. If Wilson is to be modernized, then there needs to be a police booth installed as well with an officer there at all times. This is a must. There needs to be HEAVY enforcement and people need to realize that it can't be some local hangout to waste your entire way at. I don't know what they did in New York to get all the undesirables out, but whatever they did....we need to do it here.

Uptown's population has THREE TIMES as many people with criminal records compared to all other districts (excluding the southern districts). We have homeless shelters, halfway homes, low income housing and as you could imagine, the emotional and mental development of these people tends to produce some problems in the community. This is my neighborhood, and yes I love to live here, but only because I can see the potential in it. The location is perfect for development and modernization and I bought it with the intent of having my property value go up over time. With the way things are going, I don't know if it is going to happen.

My point is, realize where you are modernizing. Take into account the locals. I don't want to insult these people,

because I don't know what they've been through in life to lead them to their chosen paths. Yes, it makes me sad for them, but yes I also have common sense enough to stay away. Please don't waste our money on a place that will push good people away and eventually become a shell of its former self. If you want to modernize Wilson, install a police booth, enforce loitering heavily and encourage people who look dangerous to move along.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Al Hooreh

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:42 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Sheridan Red Line Stop

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**From:** Michael Rice [m-rice@kellogg.northwestern.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:01 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Sheridan Red Line Stop

Hello,

During days with Cub home games the purple line train operators stop at Sheridan on the southbound rush route. I have noticed that on normal days the train slows down to a crawl to safely get around that bend, but then passes up Sheridan and goes directly to Belmont. I wonder why they don't always stop at Sheridan on the southbound route? I understand why the Northbound route does not stop there, but the Southbound route stop addition would bring business to the Wrigleyville area, would not require any more upkeep/construction/employees, and would not even have to be added as a set stop on the maps of the route.

Best,

Mike

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 30, 2011 6:46 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: red line improvements

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**From:** Daniel Starr [dstarr@epsteinglobal.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:01 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** red line improvements

Dear Mr. Hands,

I recently read on Uptown Update information regarding the scoping meeting I unfortunately missed last Monday. I am very appreciative that the CTA is soliciting public response for the modernization of the North Red Line and I would like to add my comments.

After reading the scoping document, I believe I fall in favor of the 4-track modernization program, with the subway option being the second choice. I am very concerned with the option to eliminate the Lawrence el stop, however as I believe it would be vital to the continued redevelopment of Uptown. If any stop should be revitalized (after the Wilson stop), it is that one. It would serve as a hub for a vibrant entertainment district, feeding the Riv, the Aragon, Green Mill, and maybe one day the Uptown Theater. None of the adjacent stops have similar venues, unless the idea is to focus on the Wilson stop as the southern anchor for this section of establishments and perhaps thereby improve the whole Wilson-Foster corridor.

Speaking of the Wilson stop, I have to express my utter disgust with its condition. It is unsafe, filthy and a complete blight on the neighborhood. While I know the alderman has a lot to do with El stops in his/her ward, I would hope the CTA could exert some influence on improving conditions here. [end of rant]

Lastly, I hope the CTA will review or consider the use of its retail spaces along the Red Line in this redevelopment. I think this is a great opportunity to provide space for sorely needed neighborhood services and new businesses. Perhaps these retail spaces could house things like neighborhood recycling centers, focusing on items not usually recycled at one's home or condo. My building, for instance, doesn't recycle glass, and I would love to be able to drop off last night's beer bottles on my way to work. Fresh food would also be a wonderful addition to the El stations. Rather than have the typical dingy quicky-mart selling junk food, why not promote businesses who sell fresh produce? I could see this being a cooperative venture with organizations like City Farm, or even local/regional CSAs. Maybe these retailers could even collect food waste for composting. When we consider the current dilapidated retail sitting vacant along the Red Line and elsewhere, I think the opportunity to really do something bold with this revitalization project is apparent.

I'd be happy to discuss this with you further if you are interested. Thank you for your attention and good luck with this project.

Sincerely,

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:28 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Purple Line Modernization--Potential Closing of South Blvd Stop

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**From:** Jaime Julian Wagner [julian.jaime@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:01 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Purple Line Modernization--Potential Closing of South Blvd Stop

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Jaime Wagner, and I am an Evanston resident and homeowner. I have lived in the Chicagoland area for 10 years, and the entire time, I have been a loyal CTA customer; for much of that time, I did not own a car and the CTA was my only means of transportation. My husband has worked in Evanston for 15 years, using both the Red and Purple Lines to get to work during that time.

Two years ago, we bought our first home, located on South Boulevard, and we both use the Purple Line exclusively for commuting to and from work. We both board at the South Blvd stop; I go south the the Loop every day, and he goes north to Davis. The main reason we chose the house on South Boulevard was due to its proximity to the Purple Line, and we absolutely paid a premium for that proximity when we purchased our home. As the CTA is no doubt aware, homes closer to transit have a much higher resale value--so aside from the inconvenience of possibly having to walk either to Main (adding 10 minutes to the morning commute) or Howard (adding 15), we are also losing substantial value from our home. If we had known there was a possibility of this stop being closed, we would have purchased a different house. Further, the closed South Blvd stop, while never an architectural marvel, will sit empty and in disrepair, further bringing down property values in the area.

Assuming the South Blvd stop is closed, my husband and I will be walking to the Main Street stop every day, where we have the option of taking the Metra. If I'm already being inconvenienced by increase in the distance I have to walk, why would I then subject myself to the el? All else being equal, the Metra is cleaner, quieter, and faster. If I'm already at Main Street, the choice would be a simple one: the Metra is a much more pleasant experience in every way. I'm sure we aren't the only people who would make that same choice.

Additionally, the CTA must realize that the South Blvd station is very close to St. Francis Hospital. Many employees and patients take the train to and from the hospital. For someone like me--young and in good health-- perhaps the additional walk isn't a problem; however, for the elderly and infirm, that additional walk from Howard or Main is likely impossible.

I thank you for the opportunity to make these comments, and I appreciate you taking the time to consider them. Please understand that the South Boulevard el stop is vital to the community of south Evanston, and closing it will be a major blow to residents, homeowners, and St. Francis employees and patients. Please do not choose to close the South Boulevard stop.

Sincerely,

Jaime Wagner



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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:29 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red/Purple Line Improvements

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**From:** Beth Canizaro [canizbc@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:03 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red/Purple Line Improvements

I'm glad you are planning improvements on the Red/Purple Lines. I hope included in the plans would be a continuation of the Red Line to Linden. Wouldn't it be more efficient to have the Red Line continue to Linden and not end at Howard? It's very inconvenient and time-consuming for passengers to get off the Red Line at Howard and get on the Purple Line to continue. The Purple Line Express continues to Linden so why can't the Red Line? The current arrangement seems like a waste of time, energy, and resources for the CTA as well as passengers.

Thanks and good luck!  
Beth Canizaro

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:29 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Please Do Not Close South Boulevard Purple Line Station

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**From:** Joel Erenberg [jerenberg@acgme.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:09 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Please Do Not Close South Boulevard Purple Line Station

Dear CTA,

I have heard of the proposals that would eliminate the South Boulevard Purple Line station. I am a homeowner in Evanston and use South Blvd daily for my commute to work. I am writing to urge that South Blvd. not close. There are many reasons both personal and in relation to the economic impact on my neighborhood. This station is within walking distance, no others are. This is a great inconvenience to myself and all the people that use the station. As a homeowner this will decrease my property value. South Blvd. station is a selling point for homes in the area because of it's convenience. Businesses in the area will suffer as well. Once again I strongly urge that this proposal be nixed.

Sincerely,

Joel Erenberg

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:30 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Wilson L stop

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**From:** Anne Beck [annebeck2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:24 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Wilson L stop

Dear Mr. Hand: Please, please devote major resources to the renovations for the Wilson L which is so awful. When I ride the recently renovated Brown Line, I am so envious. Wilson is just the most depressing, filthy stop and something has to be done. We riders shouldn't have to put up with this grime day in and day out. Also, have you considered having the Evanston Express stop at Wilson? Every morning, when I wait for the packed Red Line, I notice the Purple Line whiz by with NO ONE standing. The stop is already available, as we used it during the recent Brown line renovations. This would eliminate the need for all of us who change to the Brown or Purple Line at Belmont to be able to stay on one train which has room, rather than 2 packed trains. Also, since Lawrence is being considered for elimination, the traffic at Wilson will grow even more.

Just an idea? I have been riding the CTA for over 50 years and have many more suggestions, but the need for MAJOR renovations to Wilson is the most important. Hopefully, when we get a new Alderperson in February, they will more strongly advocate for us Uptowners and work with you. Thank you for listening.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:30 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Attention Steve Hands

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**From:** Melanie Adams [melaniadams@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:26 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Attention Steve Hands

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Steve Hands  
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I am writing this email to inform you that I oppose the closing of the Jarvis station and, instead, would like to see the station fully renovated. I feel much safer using the Jarvis station as opposed to the Howard station.

Thank you,  
Melanie Adams

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:42 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: CTA Input

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**From:** Aaron DeLee [aaron.delee@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:28 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** CTA Input

Steve Hands  
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Dear Mr. Hands:

As a Chicago north-sider, I would hate to see you close the Lawrence stop. My friends and I are CTA dependable, and the Lawrence stop is where we go for the various forms of entertainment in the area; it would then be a huge inconvenience for us to still frequent our beloved hot-spots for music and bar crawls (we, and many others would probably just end up frequenting some other places, but I'm sure the shutting of Lawrence's Red Line stop would have drastic effects on the wonderful businesses in that area).

As for the Wilson stop, we oftentimes frequent there to visit a number of our friends. Out of all the stops on the north side, that Wilson stop is in the most need of a face-lift. The decay of the El tracks there, the rotten boards, all of it screams for help- not only is it an eyesore for the Uptown community, but it also looks bad for Chicago with the thousands of tourists that travel around the city via CTA and witness the 3rd world conditions of the Wilson stop.

Regarind possible closure of Jarvis, that would impact the vibrant community and businesses that have grown around the station. Yes, it's so close to Howard, that it's almost silly to have the stop there; but, the stop is a lifeline for that business center; and Roger's Park doesn't have all that many thriving business centers. As a resident of Roger's Park, I'd hate to see that go.

In any event, thanks for your time and consideration to improving our access around the city.

From one of those wholly dependant upon a greener form of transit,

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:44 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Please Don't Close the Lawrence Red Line Stop

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**From:** Langanki, Paul [Paul.Langanki@mercer.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:34 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Please Don't Close the Lawrence Red Line Stop

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Hello Steve Hands,

I have heard that the CTA is seriously considering closing the Red Line Lawrence stop and I think this would be a great mistake considering the businesses and safety issues pertaining to this possible move. Given that this 'improvement' to the CTA should affect riders and residents for the next 60-80 years I believe the CTA is not considering the true affect for the Uptown neighborhood. The Riviera Theatre, the Aaragon Theater and eventually the Uptown Theater all depend on the mass transit stop at Lawrence. These venues hold thousands of people. Given that safety is an issue for residents in uptown, why should riders have to walk to the absolutely crime ridden Wilson stop that has for the last 12 years I've lived hear smell like urine and feces when there is a perfectly good stop at Lawrence? There are many more restaurants, bars and theaters closer to the Lawrence stop than either the Wilson or Argyle stops. Another safety concern I have is overcrowding on the platforms. I suspect this is why we currently have the number of north red line stops currently. The platforms are pretty narrow in comparison with other red line stops south of Lawrence and the elimination of the Lawrence stop will create mass overcrowding on the already narrow Argyle stop as more people will have to fit in the same sized space. I don't believe the CTA can realistically make those stops with wider platforms so the solution now for more stops with the same space seems like it is the only solution. The CTA can't possibly think that the population growth and ridership growth will decline over the next 60-80 years so the supply of platform space is crucial.

I have lived in the 4800 block of Winthrop since 2004 and in Uptown since 1998 and would think the elimination of the Lawrence stop would be a travesty considering City Hall basically forces its residents to ride mass transit (given the parking rates downtown). This change will affect the lives of many, many people and should not be undertaken. Clean up the current stops and add elevators for disabled riders. Wilson should be made a hub for the purple and red lines (instead of Belmont).

Please don't close the Lawrence Stop!

Paul Langanki, CFA

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:44 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Don't Close Lawrence Stop

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**From:** Peter Preston [ppreston@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:34 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Don't Close Lawrence Stop

Please do not close the Lawrence stop on the Red Line. I live in Lincoln Square and work east of Michigan Ave. Because the Brown Line is so miserably slow, I prefer to take the 81 bus to the Lawrence Red Line and ride that to work. Plenty of people do the same.

Not only would closing Lawrence make this a problem, it would adversely impact the patrons of the Aragon and Riviera Theatre, most of whom arrive via the Red Line at exit at Lawrence.

If you're interested in consolidating anything, you should take a close look at how useful it is to have so many stops on the Brown Line.

Regards,

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:47 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Upgrade/Closures

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**From:** David Bates [chicagodave1959@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:35 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red Line Upgrade/Closures

Dear Sir - as a resident of the Uptown neighborhood, I would ask that careful consideration be put into what stations/stops are closed on the Red Line in my neighborhood. As one who uses the CTA daily, sometimes multiple times in a single day, I would say that the Lawrence stop does serve a purpose. Being located so closely to the Aragon and the Vic as well as the other business establishments that are there, closing the Lawrence stop would be a great dis-service to the people of Chicago.

On the other hand, I'm excited to see what the modernization of the Wilson stop is going to look like once it's completed. As for my personal stop at Argyle, I would as only 2 things - that you keep it open and that you get it modernized such as has been done for the Fullerton and Belmont stops. As Uptown is a most diverse and aging community, the Argyle stop needs desperate work on some modernization, be that a re-model, installation of escalators, or simply enlarging the station. Argyle is the heart of the Chinese and Viet-Nameese communities here on the north side as this part of town is littered with many businesses and services they use for daily life, I personally updating the Argyle station would do wonders for this community.

I do travel north into Evanston a bit and would suggest these closures as they either are too close together (like many of the bus routes that could possibly use some re-thinking) - either Thorndale or Granville, and either Morse or Jarvis. A suggestion for the Loyola stop, get the university to help with funding and make that stop more exciting and interesting. Likewise, at other stops, be more aggressive in getting local businesses (like Target at the Wilson stop, or Apple at the North/Clybourn stop) to help foot the bill. If these business and institutions want customers, they should help in making sure customers can get to them

The Red Line does need work, that is true. By making a couple cuts in the number of stations and then updating and modernizing as I have mentioned above, the Red Line will be the envy of the CTA.

Thank you and best of luck,  
David E. Bates  
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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:47 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: red line closures

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**From:** Justin St. Andre [jrstandre@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:39 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** red line closures

To Whom It May Concern:

I was shocked today to hear that the Lawrence red line station is being considered for closure. While the station is in need of major renovations, closure would be detrimental to the area. Most notably, there are large concert venues in the area (Argon Ballroom and Riviera) as well as many business that CTA customers patronize (Borders, Green Mill, Crew, Annoyance Theater, Broadway Bank, etc.). There are ZERO parking structures in the area so if a local venue is having a show, where would the new drivers park? Perhaps a more "residential" stop such as Berwyn should be considered if a closure must be made.

Thank you for your time.

Justin St.Andre  
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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: North Red Line Jarvis Station

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**From:** Clar Krusinski [clar13k@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:41 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** Josette; ward49@cityofchicago.org  
**Subject:** North Red Line Jarvis Station

My wife and I attended the presentation January 26, 2011 and submit the following comments:

The viaduct structures on Jarvis and at the intersection of Sherwin and Greenview Avenues are in serious disrepair and need upgraded lighting to ensure safety at these busy crossings;

The railing on the south side of Jarvis in front of the station needs to be interrupted to provide a drop-off area;

The station must have handicap access;

Eliminating the Jarvis station and adding an entrance to the Howard station at Rogers is not a reasonable trade-off. It would substantially increase the walking distance for many customers and be a hardship particularly for the handicapped and seniors (Of which there will be an increasing number during the next 20 years);

The station sound system needs tempering to provide less nuisance to the surrounding residences.

Thank you for considering these matters.

Clarence Krusinski  
Josette N. Krusinski  
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Chicago, IL 60626

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not close the Lawrence Stop

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:43 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not close the Lawrence Stop

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**From:** Lauren Vega [ljvega@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:29 AM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Subject:** Please do not close the Lawrence Stop

Dear Sir or Madam:

Do not close the Red Line stop at Lawrence. The Lawrence stop is located at a busy, well-lit intersection, and I feel safe walking to and from the stop, no matter how late or early. The Wilson stop, however, is a nightmare--to get there, I have to walk through a long stretch of dark, dank street; past empty storefronts covered in graffiti; under a crumbling overpass; through areas that smell strongly of urine, even in cold weather such as the chill we're having. I have to walk past a parking lot where a fatal shooting happened a few weeks ago in broad daylight. You can't expect residents, visitors, and children to forego the relative safety of the Lawrence stop to the dangerous squalor of the Wilson stop, which consistently gets voted as the worst stop in the entire CTA system. I'd recommend closing Wilson or the little-used Argyle.

Thank you,  
Lauren Vega

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:49 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Station

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**From:** Gregory Baum [gregory.baum@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:45 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Station

To whom it may concern,

Please do not close the Lawrence Station. This stop is extremely convenient for me to get to work, especially during the winter. I would need to walk much farther than I do now to catch a train. Also, it is very convenient for my friends to visit me or to go to a show at the Aragon. I would never recommend they get off at the Wilson stop because that is one of the worst areas in Uptown.

Regards,

Greg

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:50 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Closings

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:52 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Closings

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**From:** Leah [leahj77@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:50 AM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Subject:** Red Line Closings

I've read this morning about the proposed closure of Thorndale, Jarvis and Lawrence. While I live on Thorndale, I am most outraged at the proposed closure of Lawrence.

1. The Lawrence bus is a 24 hour bus that goes all the way to O'hare and provides one of the only ways for northside citizens to get to ORD on public transportation. This change would effect the entire northwest side.
2. The Lawrence stop provides access to two major music venues, one of the only bookstores in the area, the Green Mill, Kinetic and Annoyance theaters. A neighborhood needs access to venues for live entertainment and books that these provide.
3. It can not be a question of Wilson or Lawrence. Yes, the two are close to each other, but Wilson provides access to Wilson Yards, Target and Roosevelt University.
4. People, especially women traveling alone, feel safer at Lawrence than Wilson. I've even heard police officers from the neighborhood say they won't get off the train at Wilson. Forcing all of the traffic from Lawrence to Wilson would cause people to rethink coming to Uptown at all.

Closing Lawrence would be closing the doors on Chicago being a world class city.

As for Thorndale, we have a stop a half mile in each direction, but that ignores the added walking commute for Senn High School students and access to Swift Elementary school. Every small business on the street that survived the recession would probably lose without a train station and the slowed drug traffic would pick up again without extra pedestrian traffic.



Thorndale is also the stop that people use to access Emanuel Congregation, the high rises on Sheridan and the orthodox greek church on Ardmore and Kenmore and the Broadway Armory!

Find another way to fix the red line, but don't fix it by closing stops that neighborhoods and businesses are built around.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Red Line stop

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:53 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Red Line stop

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**From:** Jenni Spinner [jenni.spinner@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:13 AM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Subject:** Lawrence Red Line stop

Dear Sir or Madam:

You cannot close the Red Line stop at Lawrence. I live within equal walking distance to that stop, and the Wilson Red Line stop. The Lawrence stop is located at a busy, well-lit intersection, and I feel safe walking to and from the stop, no matter how late or early. The Wilson stop, however, is a nightmare--to get there, I have to walk through a long stretch of dark, dank street; past empty storefronts covered in graffiti; under a crumbling overpass; through areas that smell strongly of urine, even in cold weather such as the chill we're having. I have to walk past a parking lot where a fatal shooting happened a few weeks ago in broad daylight. You can't expect residents, visitors, and children to forego the relative safety of the Lawrence stop to the dangerous squalor of the Wilson stop, which consistently gets voted as the worst stop in the entire CTA system. I'd recommend closing Wilson, the little-used Argyle, Berwyn, or a number of others close by.

Thank you,

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Do Not Close the Lawrence "L" Stop

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**From:** Jason Dittmer [jason.dittmer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:53 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Do Not Close the Lawrence "L" Stop

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in the Uptown neighborhood, not far from the Lawrence "L" Stop. I respectfully ask that you NOT close the Lawrence "L" stop. I further request that you clean up the Wilson stop and the Lawrence Stop and begin using the Lawrence Stop when changing trains to "Express". This is usually done at the dilapidated Wilson Stop, where the safety is questionable.

Thank you.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:51 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Jarvis EL station

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**From:** Linda Odom [lindac.odom7@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:54 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Jarvis EL station

Dear Mr Hands-

Please do not authorize any plan for the future of the CTA that includes the closing of the Jarvis El station on the Red line. It is a vital station in our very large community and has also led to the blossoming of a significant number of businesses on the two blocks surrounding it. Many people use this station every day - it is by no means an insignificant station.

Linda C. Odom  
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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:52 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Red Line stop  
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**From:** Nicholas R. Mitchell [NMitchell@ksnlaw.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:57 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Red Line stop

To whom it may concern,

I've learned that the CTA is considering closing the Lawrence station. Due to the terrible conditions of the Wilson stop, along with the violence that often occurs outside (and on the platform) of the Wilson stop, the Lawrence station is the only way my family can utilize the CTA. If the Lawrence station is closed, I'm afraid we will be forced to utilize a different mode of transportation.

Please consider these issues when making your decision.

Thanks,  
Nick Mitchell



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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:53 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: The Proposition to close the Jarvis el station

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**From:** DEBORAH CAMPBELL [deborahlcampbell@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:00 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** Deborah L Campbell; Joe Moore  
**Subject:** The Proposition to close the Jarvis el station

To whom it may concern:

I was unable to attend the session that was held regarding the proposition to close the Jarvis el. As a resident of Rogers Park for the past ten years this is an option that is not acceptable for me as a resident. The Jarvis el is my pathway to downtown and to the airport. If you close the el that means that I would have to walk to the Howard el or take the other option walking to Morse. The Howard el is 7 blocks from my home I live on Jarvis. For those that live in the blocks from Touhy to Fargo the Jarvis el is the most appropriate el stop for the residence in the area. Rogers Park has a lot of foot traffic many residence take public transportation and to close the el would not be a effective measure for the areas and the business that surrounds it. I am not sure your plans have taken into account the elderly in the neighborhood, the kids that must go to school, and the workers that may have to add 15-20 minutes commute time by walking to Howard to take the el. This would be a inconvenience and a detriment to the neighborhood. My suggestion is that as the President says compromise and make this public transportation spot more viable for the residence. Improvements in the stop fixing the bridge, the sidewalks cleaning up the empty space and maybe giving a business opportunity to an entrepenuer would be another option. Safety is another issue what about all the individuals that have to leave and go to work in the early morning hours say between 5-6am currently it is dark outside this would not be a good position to put any residence at a security risk from walking to from say Jarvis, Chase, Sherwin, Fargo between Sheridan and Clark to have to walk to Howard in the morning. Please rethink this process the community could be effective in more critical ways. My concern is for the older citizens and myself. I use this stop frequently and the idea of closing the stop is just not the right thing to do.

Make it better and make it more viable for the community before a decision to close the stop is an option. Also if you close the stop I think it would create a place for individuals with no positive intentions to make the foot traffic a little bit more difficult. Will you turn the lights off would you continue to upkeep the property or would it become an eye sore. I do not want that to be the case.

Thank you, Concerned resident 49th Ward.

Deborah Campbell  
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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:54 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Closing of the Jarvis Red Line

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**From:** jeff loibl [jeff.loibl@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:05 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Closing of the Jarvis Red Line

To Mr Steve Hands:

With all due respect, are you mad? Shuttering the Jarvis stop would kill my neighborhood. It is not a redundant stop, thank you very much. The Jarvis Square area in Rogers Park that has grown up around the Jarvis stop has sparked a small revival in the area that is slowly bleeding outwards. It's dependent a lot on the Jarvis Red Line stop. Also, it is a primary selling feature in the area. One of the primary reasons people are willing to move that far north in the city is because of the transportation options. And many do not feel safe at the Howard stop still, so walking there is not an option. So if my neighbors and I want our housing prices to ever recover, we need that as an option. Pulling out one more primary benefit from a hard-hit area is not conducive to growth.

I ask you to consider that when throwing about the option of closing stations. Instead I might suggest your time on the misanthropic management and functionality of your personnel running the comings-and-goings of the Howard stop.

-j.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:57 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Jarvis El Open

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**From:** Allen Haas [alhaas@att.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:21 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Keep Jarvis El Open

Message for Steve Hands:

I am a handicapped senior citizen who does NOT use a free pass to ride. As you can see from my address below, I live a 1/2 block from the Jarvis Station. It is the way I get around Chicago. Sure, I'd like to have an elevator or escalator, but I can live with the stairs.

What I can't live with is having to drag myself to Howard Street to get on the El.

Please take into consideration that there are many nursing homes within a block or two of the Jarvis Station. Give us a break!

Thanks for the consideration,

Allen J. Haas  
1430 W. Jarvis Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60626



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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:58 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Red Line possible elimination

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**From:** Jeff Kroesch [jkroesch@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:36 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Red Line possible elimination

Dear Mr. Hands,

I understand that eliminating the Lawrence stop is one alternative in the CTA's modernation of the North Red Line. When I heard this, I was appalled.

I sincerely hope that the CTA will reconsider shuttering the Lawrence stop for several reasons:

1. This El stop is in the heart of the Uptown Entertainment District and serves large venues such as the Riviera and Aragon Theaters. I ask you to view this stop before and after a concert - it is heavily used. Eliminating the stop will encourage more vehicle traffic.
2. The Wilson stop is close (2 blocks away) but it would make more sense to move that stop to Montrose as it would still be in close proximity to the new Target and Truman College. Its currently 6 blocks from the Sheridan stop, which is quite a long stretch? Moving Wilson south would put an even 4 block stretch between Sheridan, Montrose/Wilson and Lawrence.
3. The Lawrence El stop is essential to the Lawrence bus route, which drops passengers at the stop constantly.
4. The Uptown neighborhood stops have been neglected FAR too long. Eliminating one of our stops is a huge blow to our community. One of the reasons why I bought my home is its close proximity to the Lawrence stop. Using the Wilson stop would have meant risking my personal safety and having to smell certain "bodily fluids" on my way to work. At least the Lawrence stop is in a more vibrant area and considerably more safe.
5. The CTA plans that call for the Lawrence stop elimination describe a Sunnyside entrance on the south of Wilson, but nothing to the north of Wilson that would service those displaced by the closing of Lawrence. This essentially cuts off a large portion of our neighborhood.

I implore you to reconsider closing the Lawrence stop. It is detrimental to our entertainment district, as well as the survival of our struggling retail corridors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jeff Kroesch  
4736 N. Magnolia Ave.  
Chicago, IL

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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not close Foster Avenue L Stop!

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not close Foster Avenue L Stop!

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**From:** chris lee [chungkyu82@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:38 AM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Subject:** Please do not close Foster Avenue L Stop!

Hi,

I am a regular CTA user who lives near Foster Avenue purple line stop. Without with stop, my commute time will increase by 30 minutes everyday (15 minutes walking to and from Noyes station). When I heard about CTA considering to close Foster stop, I was shocked! Please do not close the station!!

-Chris Lee-

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:55 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed CTA Purple Line Changes

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**From:** Jennifer Lau-Bond [jllaubond@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:07 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Proposed CTA Purple Line Changes

I am writing to say I do not agree with the proposal to close red and purple line stations. I live near the South Blvd stop and routinely see people getting on there who would have a difficult time walking the extra blocks to the Main Street stop. Howard is a long way away, so the only viable other option is Main Street. That station itself gets quite crowded, and adding all the additional people from South Blvd would only create more congestion. Moreover, South Blvd is an important stop for people going to St Francis Hospital, whether patients or the many workers who commute there. It's also convenient to Calvary Cemetary, the Ridgeville Park District location, and Oakton Elementary. (I see kids and parents walking to the train after school all the time.) I myself have a toddler, and walking 5 extra blocks with him is no small feat. Riders like myself who use the train because we only have one family car would have a much more difficult time taking the train if our stops no longer existed.

I do not generally use the other Evanston stops that are under consideration, but I imagine they all have important uses as well. I absolutely understand that cost cutting is important, but in difficult times people rely on public transportation. 5 extra blocks for those who've already walked many blocks to get to a station would be an inconvenience for some and a genuine obstacle for others. I urge the CTA Administration to reconsider this proposal and find other ways to make the service sustainable. Taking basic access away from the public should not be a viable option.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lau-Bond  
600B South Blvd  
Evanston IL 60202

RPM-471

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:56 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: CTA's Red and Purple Modernization Project Comment

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**From:** rpatten1@mail.depaul.edu [rpatten1@mail.depaul.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:09 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** CTA's Red and Purple Modernization Project Comment

Hello,  
I am writing to say that I completely oppose the closing of the stations and instead you want to see the stations fully renovated. As a former resident of Uptown, and daily rider of the trains and buses the idea to merge the Wilson/Lawrence stops is not a good idea.

First off, it will further reduce people's willingness to utilize public transit and other sustainable means of transportation in the neighborhood (the widening of Broadway between Wilson and Montrose has already severely hampered this with the exclusion on bike lanes and much faster moving auto traffic).  
Both stops have importance in the neighborhood, Lawrence as a stop for the Aragon/the Riv and Wilson as a historic train station with easy access to local small businesses and the new Target and grocery stores.

Thanks for considering this e-mail and I hope the plan is no longer considered an "improvement" following all the public feedback.

-Renee Patten

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:57 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Modernization--do not close Lawrence Station

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**From:** Larissa McKenna [larissa\_mckenna@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:32 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red Line Modernization--do not close Lawrence Station

Dear Mr. Hands and others involved with CTA Strategic Planning & Policy:

I am a property owner residing on Winthrop Ave., near Lawrence Ave. I am concerned that several of the modernization options include the potential to close the Lawrence station. While I agree with and am excited to hear that the Red Line (and purple line) will be improved, I believe it would be a mistake for our community to close the Lawrence station. It is a major transportation hub and vital to the local businesses and residents. I can not be at the meeting this evening but am very interested in the issues at hand and urge you to keep the stations open. I appreciate all that can be done to improve the functioning of the Red Line while making it as accessible as possible for residents and communities. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larissa McKenna  
4807 N. Winthrop Ave  
Chicago, IL 60640

RPM-473

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:56 AM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not close Lawrence stop

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**From:** Shenay Bridges [shenay.bridges@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:20 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Please do not close Lawrence stop

I was very disturbed to hear that there is a consideration of closing the Lawrence stop on the Red Line. I live in Uptown and would be devastated if this were to take place. That stop allows many people to get to and from work and there are also many different businesses (some historical) in that area that would surely be negatively impacted if this were to happen. The people in Uptown need that stop and it would be a detriment to them to lose it. Thank you

Shenay

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Shenay Bridges, Ph.D.

RPM.474

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:02 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: keep jarvis station open

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**From:** notify@yahogroups.com [notify@yahogroups.com] On Behalf Of J C [jascat@ymail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:49 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** keep jarvis station open

I would like to state my opposition to the closing of the Jarvis station. The Jarvis Square area has been undergoing a kind of renaissance during the past few years, and closing the station would be disastrous for the neighborhood. Also I think usage of this station would increase if the station were not so run down. It seems a better plan would be to renovate the station so its condition matches the surrounding area. Since it now appears as a dump in an oasis, I think many people who might otherwise use the station may currently be staying away from it - esp. in off hours.

Jason C.(1401 Sherwin)

RPM.475

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:02 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed elimination of South Blvd station

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**From:** Ron Anderson [ron.anderson@garrett.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Proposed elimination of South Blvd station

Mr. Hands,

I was surprised/disappointed/angered to read this morning of the CTA's proposal to eliminate the South Blvd station on the Purple Line. On the one hand, and at a personal level, such a decision would affect every household in my condo building. Each unit includes at least one person who depends on the South Station for commuting to work. Elimination of this station will double the distance and time required for train service.

At a more systemic level, the elimination of this station means that south Evanston is isolated from service. But more, it gives the impression once conveyed by housing discrimination that services in Evanston are not required south of Main St, that persons of more modest means, who depend on public transportation, are not to be considered.

I would also note that while the story in this morning's Trib talked about the business communities around the stations and the importance of the Foster St station for connection to Northwestern, the story did not mention the importance of the South station for persons who work at St. Francis Hospital.

I am unable to attend the planned hearing this evening concerning these proposals so, in addition to communicating my concerns to you, I have also communicated my concerns to Evanston alderwoman Ann Rainey.

Sincerely,

Ron Anderson  
342 Custer Ave #1  
Evanston, IL 60202



RPM-476

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Closures to Red Line Stations

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**From:** Lillian Murphy [lmurphy@nationalstrategy.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:40 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Closures to Red Line Stations

I have recently read that the CTA is considering closing Lawrence, Berwyn, Jarvis, and Thorndale along the red line.

If an entrance to Granville is built on the south end (Glenlake) that might suffice for Thorndale riders, but I would argue that the other stops remain open. Lawrence, Berwyn, and Jarvis all have businesses that exist because of and benefit from the EL stops they are close to. For example:

**BERWYN:** Large Jewel store -- a boon to shoppers who live in Edgewater and don't have a car. Foster bus also connects here, and where would those needing to go west on Foster connect if the Berwyn stop was gone?

**LAWRENCE:** In addition to the Aragorn theatre, there are several restaurants and bars that have popped up near this stop. I'm not saying that people won't walk, but I guarantee business traffic in this area WILL go down if the stop is eliminated. This area is still not the safest and I for one would not be comfortable walking from Wilson to Lawrence at night to patronize these businesses.

**JARVIS** -- again, several small businesses have popped up right by this EL stop. You eliminate the stop, some or all of these might close. And again, not the best neighborhood between Jarvis and Howard, especially at night. People are more willing to come to these areas because of the closeness of the businesses they wish to frequent to the EL stop.

I ask that the CTA reconsider its decision to close these stations.

Thank you.

**Lillian Murphy**

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:00 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: CTA Red Line North Modernization Project  
**Attachments:** Jarvis CTA station 2011.doc

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**From:** Lorraine Dostal [dostal@northwestern.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:37 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** ward49@cityofchicago.org; 'Ald. Joe Moore'  
**Subject:** CTA Red Line North Modernization Project

Attn – Steve Hands – Strategic Planning & Policy – CTA

Please see attached Memo from the Jargowood Block Club regarding rehab/modernization proposals for the CTA Red Line North.

Our neighborhood organization strongly opposes any effort to close the Jarvis CTA Station.

This transit hub is the center of our commercial district and provides a strong flow of pedestrian traffic supporting the local businesses. It permits many of our residents to conduct their life via public transit – not private automobile.

I point out to you that the Jarvis CTA Station is located in a stable mixed income commercial/residential area which seems almost suburban when compared to Howard Street and Morse Avenue.

Both Morse and Howard experience significantly higher levels of public safety concerns including gang activity (gun shots thank you) and drug dealing – in broad daylight as well as after dark. Walking the few blocks south to Morse or north to Howard may not be a safe alternative to using the Jarvis CTA Station – especially after dark.

I personally feel quite safe at the Jarvis CTA Station – but significantly less safe at Howard and Morse – due to the conditions on the street in the surrounding community. My willingness to “ride the rail” (especially at night) will decrease significantly if the Jarvis CTA Station is closed. This station is not just a public transit access point – it is also a “quality of life” and “public safety” matter for our local businesses and residents.

Jargowood Block Club  
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**JARGOWOOD BLOCK CLUB**

DATE January 26, 2011

TO CTA STRATEGIC Planning & Policy/Steve Hands  
Alderman Joe Moore/49<sup>th</sup> Ward

FROM Jargowood Block Club – Lorraine Dostal/Chair  
Phone 847-491-3898 @ work

RE JARVIS CTA STATION – RED LINE

The Jargowood Block Club represents residents and businesses located along Jarvis/Fargo/Birchwood between Clark Street and Sheridan Road. We have over 95 households on our mailing list plus additional interested parties in neighboring areas.

Our block club was formed almost 30 years ago – to protest the planned closing of the Jarvis CTA Station. We are again stating our strong opposition to any plan to close the Jarvis CTA Station.

In recent years, the commercial area around the Jarvis el station has had a “re-birth” with the opening of a new coffee shop, a new Italian restaurant, a dog-grooming establishment, a high-end wine shop, and a small theatre company. This week, a new antiques/collectables store opened. This is in part due to the “gentrification” in the area, with significant increase in condominium home ownership.

Only a few years ago, this area was a hang-out for gang-bangers and drug dealers – not only after dark, but also in broad daylight. The increase in condo home ownership and the improvements in our commercial businesses have improved the quality of life in the blocks surrounding the Jarvis CTA station.

Unfortunately, the streets around the Morse CTA station and the Howard CTA station exhibit a higher level of gang/drug activity – not only after dark, but also in broad daylight. Morse and Howard are dangerous. Jarvis is not. This is largely due to the vibrant commercial corridor surrounding the Jarvis CTA station.

The CTA recently spent capital funds to improve the Jarvis CTA Station – fixing the platform, installing a new roof, improving the stairwells and the station interior. It would be a waste of this capital expenditure to close this station.

As the cost of owning (and parking) a car increases, as our expressways become more congested, and as we become more concerned about air pollution, we should expand the use of public transit – not restrict access to public transit by closing access points at functional CTA train stations.

RPM-478

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:03 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: closing Foster Street CTA station

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**From:** Carl F Petry [c-petry@northwestern.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:50 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** closing Foster Street CTA station

To: the CTA Planning Board  
From: C. F. Petry

I am a resident of Evanston who lives near the Foster Street station, closure of which is under consideration as the CTA plans for track restoration. I depend on the CTA for transportation into down town Chicago, which is often necessary. But beyond my own dependence on this station, I observe large numbers of other users, including many students, who find this station most convenient for them. I doubt that other stations--such as Main and Noyes--attract larger numbers. Thank you for considering this request for reconsidering closure of the Foster Street station.

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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:03 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: South Boulevard closing  
**Attachments:** image001.gif; image004.jpg; image002.png

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**From:** Hunt, Bernice E [BHunt@Reshealthcare.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:49 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** South Boulevard closing

To Whom It May Concern:

I am sending this email as a concern resident of Chicago, Illinois who happens to ride on the Red Line as well as the Purple Line. I am one of many, many residents who actually depend on the Purple Line's stop at South Boulevard stop. Most of the time I take the 22 Clark bus early in the morning to go to work, but since this bus route isn't a reliable one during the 4:45am, and especially the 5:15am timeline I find myself in great need of the Purple Line quit frequently.

It would be a devastating blow to not only myself, but to other employees of St. Francis, our patients, and every other commuter who NEEDS the South Boulevard station. Please consider all of us as you finalize your decision on whether to close the South Boulevard station.

Sincerely,

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**eMPI Specialist**  
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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:04 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Red Line Modernization

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**From:** Shane McIlhenny [smcilhen@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:55 AM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Red Line Modernization

Hello -

I am writing to give you my thoughts on the Red Line modernization and what I think needs to be done. I live at 4660 N. Winthrop, so the closest stop to me is Wilson. Now that the Wilson streetscape has been completed, Target has moved in, and Truman College updates are nearing completion, the BIGGEST eyesore left is clearly the Wilson Stop. This stop, besides being unsafe, is **hands-down** the worst stop on the Red Line. Peeling paint, wooden platforms with holes covered by cones, leftover access to the Purple line that is gated up, crumbling columns....all are present. This stop needs a COMPLETE OVERHAUL and the reported \$3M touch up is not going to suffice. We need a remodeling similar to the Belmont or Addison stops, complete with concrete platforms, digital train schedules, etc. Clean and safe travel should not be a luxury.

This stop and the Lawrence stop are critical to the area for those coming to Truman College, Target, and the various concert venues in the area around Lawrence/Broadway. Performing a complete overhaul of the stop will continue the momentum in this section of Uptown and hopefully entice businesses to fill the street level below (as opposed to the vacant storefronts which provide a haven for the homeless and drug addicted). I would really like to see a small police outpost built into this stop as well (corner of Wilson/Broadway), but I imagine this is not your call.

In summary, the Wilson stop should ABSOLUTELY be the top priority in this re-modernization. I am not saying this just because I live around the corner from this stop, but because it is widely viewed as dangerous, rickety, and unsanitary (do a Google search on "Wilson Red Line stop"). Plans to close the Lawrence station should also be shelved, as this stop provides a direct link to the many entertainment venues in the area. I appreciate that you are soliciting the opinion of the community in your efforts, but feel that the issues at the Wilson stop should have been addressed about 10 years prior.

Please contact me with any questions.

Shane McIlhenny

RPM-481

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:05 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: don't close Jarvis

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**From:** Crystal Chan [chancm16@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** don't close Jarvis

I live in RP and use the Lunt entrance of the Morse stop. But that doesn't mean that you should close Jarvis! Rogers Park is a great neighborhood, but it's already at the end of the line. Don't make us more isolated and close one of our stops. In order for various businesses to thrive (and not have growing, nasty, unsafe pockets in RP), you really need el stops and businesses next to them. What about my favorite Indian restaurant? The sandwich shop? Think about it.

I purposely *\*didn't\** move into an apartment where I'd use Jarvis b/c it's a more unsafe stop (poorly lit, etc). If you make the stops better, more people will use it. Don't take them away.

Crystal Chan



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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:05 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Jars el

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**From:** robertrice2010@live.com [robertrice2010@live.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:02 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Jars el

I use this stop constantly. Please don't close it.

Sent from my HTC on the Now Network from Sprint!

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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:05 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: please do not close the lawrence stop

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**From:** Christopher Hurless [christopher.hurless@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:06 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** please do not close the lawrence stop

i use it at least twenty times a week. i would appreciate if it could stay open.  
thank you.  
-christopher

RPM. 484

Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:06 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: DO NOT CLOSE

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**From:** GM [gmontalbano2@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** DO NOT CLOSE

For businesses located around those stops, they are there because of the traffic the CTA brings. If you close, the businesses will suffer. Cut spending from other places to account for the cost.

Best Regards,  
George Montalbano  
773-780-9499

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Lea, Claudia

**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:05 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Don't close the Jarvis stop!

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**From:** Jason Rasmussen [jasonr@uwalumni.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Don't close the Jarvis stop!

I strongly oppose the outrageous proposal to close the Jarvis stop.

Jason Rasmussen  
1323 W. Albion #2W  
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**From:** Kate Kinser <[directorina16@aol.com](mailto:directorina16@aol.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jan 25, 2011 at 4:49 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: CTA May Close Jarvis Station--Attend Meeting to Oppose Plan  
**To:** [ruthgoring@gmail.com](mailto:ruthgoring@gmail.com), [cbuckle1@uic.edu](mailto:cbuckle1@uic.edu), [albass.trach@gmail.com](mailto:albass.trach@gmail.com), [alp1121@yahoo.com](mailto:alp1121@yahoo.com), [p-zylka@northwestern.edu](mailto:p-zylka@northwestern.edu), [jzanoni@uic.edu](mailto:jzanoni@uic.edu), [jasonr@uwalumni.com](mailto:jasonr@uwalumni.com), [ceemee49@msn.com](mailto:ceemee49@msn.com)

FYI. Not a good thing for our grater 'hood. ---kate e k

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**From:** Alderman Joe Moore <[ward49@cityofchicago.org](mailto:ward49@cityofchicago.org)>  
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**Sent:** Tue, Jan 25, 2011 3:50 pm  
**Subject:** CTA May Close Jarvis Station--Attend Meeting to Oppose Plan



## CTA May Close Jarvis Station--Attend Meeting to Oppose Plan

Dear Neighbor,

I just learned today that three of the six options the CTA is considering in its proposed "improvements" to the Red and Purple line include the permanent closing of the Jarvis el station. This is unacceptable.

**As I reported to you last week**, the CTA is hosting a series of "public scoping meetings" to discuss the proposals. I urged you to attend the 49th Ward meeting to join me in pushing for improvements to the Jarvis, Morse and Loyola stations. Little did I know that not only were improvements to Jarvis not contemplated, the CTA was in fact thinking about **closing** the station!

At this point, no funding for the Red Line improvements has been identified and the work is still many years away, but it's not too early to state loudly and clearly that the Jarvis el station must stay open.

Join me at the CTA's "public scoping meeting" **TOMORROW ( Wednesday, January 26th), 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at New Field School, 1707 W. Morse (at Clark)**. Tell the CTA you **OPPOSE** the closing of the Jarvis el Station. Instead, demand the CTA give our community a long overdue **NEW** Jarvis Station, as well as improvements to the Morse and Loyola stations. I apologize for the last minute notice, but as I indicate above, I just learned today that the CTA was contemplating the closing of Jarvis.

Below I've attached a flier urging people to attend the meeting. Please feel free to make copies of the flier and distribute to your friends and neighbors:



[Save\\_the\\_Jarvis\\_EI\[1\].pdf \(115 KB\)](#)

At a time when the CTA is looking to increase ridership, it makes no sense to close a train station and force commuters to walk blocks out of their way to another station. Moreover, the Jarvis Square business district depends on the Jarvis station for its survival. The recent rejuvenation of Jarvis Square would be undone in an instant if the el station were to close.

Please note that the public scoping meeting is not a traditional community meeting. Instead, it's more like an open house. The CTA will have six tables and display boards representing the six different options under consideration. Make sure you visit the tables that contain the closing of the Jarvis Station as one of the options and register your opposition to that plan.

If you are unable to attend tomorrow's meeting in the 49th Ward, you can attend one of the other northside community meetings. There is one tonight in the 48th Ward and another on Thursday in Evanston. Below are the time and locations of all three meetings:

### **48th Ward**

Tonight (Tuesday, January 25)

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Senn High School  
5900 N. Glenwood Ave

**49th Ward**

Tomorrow (Wednesday, January 26)

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

New Field School

1707 W. Morse (at Clark)

**Evanston**

Thursday, January 27th

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center

1655 Foster St.

In addition, the CTA is also receiving written comments. Please write to the CTA and tell them you oppose the closing of the Jarvis station and instead you want to see the station fully renovated. Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax, with attention to:

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Strategic Planning & Policy  
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Chicago, IL 60680-7602  
E-mail: [RPM@transitchicago.com](mailto:RPM@transitchicago.com)  
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Thank you for your help on this very critical issue to our community.

Sincerely,

Joe Moore

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**From:** Jessica DiMaio [jescatling@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** jarvis station

I live at Paulina and Jarvis. I'm very lucky to live close enough to both Jarvis and Howard that I can split my use between them, going to Howard so I can catch a purple line during rush hour, and then getting off at Jarvis which is a little bit closer. This isn't the case for so many people who live in Rogers Park. Yes, Howard and Jarvis are close to each other, but without the Jarvis station there would be a long gap in between the Howard and Morse stations, which would be incredibly inconvenient for everyone living in that space. The CTA needs to think of ways to make itself more available and more convenient for residents, not less.

Even more worrisome is what would happen to the stores in Jarvis Square. My husband and I recently bought a condo here, and one of the big draws for us was Jarvis Square, with its cute little coffee house, wine store, Italian restaurant and massage therapy center. I've been happy to see new businesses moving into the empty stores, and the local fitness center is even adding a yoga studio. This little strip exists because of the train station, and taking that away, especially right now when it's building itself up, would be very detrimental. I remember when we decided to buy that I thought it reminded me of the Rockwell station by Lincoln Square, our old neighborhood. Yes, Rockwell is maybe two blocks away from the Western station, but it's a hidden gem of local boutiques and restaurants. Instead of deciding to get rid of the station since it's so close to Western, the CTA reconstructed it so that the station is gorgeous and inviting, making the area a great place to buy or rent. The same could happen with Jarvis if you would revamp the station instead of getting rid of it.

I'm also surprised to see that you're considering shutting down the Lawrence station. Lawrence is right by so much...the Green Mill, the Fat Cat, Borders. My brother in law is renting nearby and uses that station all the time. I understand that Wilson is close by, but I can't think of anything that's near that station, and I've never used it because it has a bad reputation for being sketchy. I can't imagine why shutting down Lawrence would even cross anyone's mind. Please reconsider this because it is such a bad move.

Thank you so much for your time,  
Jessica DiMaio

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:08 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Pleas Don't close the Lawrence Red line Station

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**From:** Katie DeFalco [katie.defalco@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:07 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Pleas Don't close the Lawrence Red line Station

To whom it concerns,

I am a law abiding, small business owner, who pays taxes and works hard to make my neighborhood a better place.

One of the major reasons I bought my condo in Uptown was because of the close proximity to the Lawrence Red line stop. Please, please, please don't close this stop!!!! It will affect my company in a MAJOR way.

I'm tired of paying taxes and not feeling as though they're doing anything to actually improve where I live. This closure would be the straw to break the camels back as they say - it would force me to move out of this neighborhood. A neighborhood which desperately needs tax paying, small business owners, who strive to improve Uptown!

I urge you to strongly consider the consequences.

Thank you,

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Katie DeFalco  
Owner, Premier Princess Parties



Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:09 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on RPM  
**Attachments:** RPM Comments.docx

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**From:** Donald Gordon [donalddgordon49@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:11 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** Wilson, Jeffrey; Ferguson, Heather  
**Subject:** Comments on RPM

First let me say that as a life-long citizen of this city and long-time rider of the Red Line, I appreciate the effort that the CTA has put in to assessing public opinion and deriving a number of options for improving the Red/Purple lines based on that input. I had the opportunity to attend last night's presentation at the New Field School here in Rogers Park and was impressed by the number of CTA personnel who came out to answer questions and also as to how gracious and patient they were with everyone. So now allow me to offer a couple comments on the recommendations. Please see the attached document...

Sincerely,

Donald Gordon

1228 W. Lunt Avenue

Chicago

773-559-4730

**STATION CLOSINGS** – This recommendation is akin to the proverbial cutting off your nose to spite your face. From all the discussions I had last night, it certainly appears that one of the primary reasons for closing three of the north-side stations is to improve travel time – along with the notion that the distance between stations are much closer than indicated by some obscure transportation standards. But let's focus on the travel time issue and bring out the math, which I certainly hope that some engineer at the CTA has considered. I don't have the benefit of having done exact time measurements, but I believe that my 20 plus years of riding the "L" permits me to make some good approximations.

**Benefit:**

Slowing down to a stop and then speeding up again to acceptable speed adds maybe **30-40 seconds** to travel time that a train not making a stop would avoid. Taking on passengers should add **20-30 seconds** – if more than that, then there's an issue of overcrowding which needs to be mitigated and to which I'll address in a moment. That would mean that a train stopping at a station would add **60-90 seconds** to trip time per station. Given that someone starts at Howard and goes past Belmont, the total savings by closing 3 stations would amount to roughly **3-4 minutes!**

**Costs:**

1. For those at stations that are closed, the additional distance one would have to walk to get to a station appears to be 1-2 blocks in all 3 cases. The time it takes to walk 1-2 blocks is roughly 60-90 seconds per block – in some cases more for those who are not as mobile, but let's stick to the 60-90 second estimate. That means that someone who would normally use the Jarvis station – the farthest north of the 3 recommended closings – and is going past Belmont - would save the maximum 3-4 minutes, BUT would expend 1-2 minutes of additional walking time for a net travel time savings of 1-3 minutes. Of course if the rider alighted at either Thorndale or Lawrence, the net savings goes down further. Thorndale riders would save roughly 2-3 minutes by using Granville and missing 2 closed stations for a net gain of 1-2 minutes at best; and Lawrence riders would save roughly 1-2 minutes by using Argyle and missing 1 closed station for a net gain of ZERO! Of course riders who normally use any of the stations not being considered for closure would have no additional walking cost and thus a net savings of 3-4 minutes. But wait, there's another cost!
2. Since stations will be closed that means that the time taken at Howard, Granville and Argyle to allow passengers to alight onto the train will necessarily increase because more passengers will now be going to those stops from the stops that were closed. Given the crowd affect, one can't just assume that a 10% increase of passengers at a station will increase alighting time by 10% because when a station becomes crowded, passengers act in a way that further delays boarding time – i.e. passengers bumping into one another, acting rudely, etc., which further increases boarding time. So, if we assume that under normal circumstances it takes 20-30 seconds to board, then we can project that it might take an additional 10 seconds or so to accommodate passengers boarding at the consolidated stations – for 3 stations that translates to 30 seconds overall. So for those passengers who would normally board at Howard – the farthest point north – they're net savings would be diminished by 30 seconds and a savings of 2 ½-3 ½ minutes.

## **Conclusion:**

For riders at stations being closed and travelling past Belmont, the southbound travel time savings will be anywhere from 1-3 minutes at a maximum, and no savings at a minimum! For riders who normally board at stations not being closed their travel time savings will be anywhere from 2 ½ -3 ½ minutes maximum and less for those boarding south of Howard. This conclusion is based on ALL THREE stations closing. If less than that are closed then the time travel savings diminish further! So the question we have to ask is whether it's worth it to close any or all of the three stations on the north side simply to save a maximum of 3-4 minutes in travel time and less in most scenarios? In answering that question one has to examine the negative aspects of closing an "L" stop other than the inconvenience to the typical rider having to go to another station. So let's look at what we LOSE by closing a station...

**COMMUNITY LOSS** – Look at any "L" station on the Red and Purple lines and you'll find neighborhood retail strips – some thriving and some struggling to come back. In either case, the community has come to depend on the "L" station as an anchor to that retail area. Removing the station would seriously impact the ability of that retail strip to continue to thrive or to come back. That reason alone should be sufficient to demonstrate that the couple minutes of travel time savings is not worth such a dramatic loss to a community. But there's more...

**CTA LOSS** – Currently the CTA does little to nothing to promote retailing within its stations on the north side. To emphasize this fact, if one were to call Jones, Lang, LaSalle, who has the contract to lease CTA space, one gets a recorded message that at this time there are NO SPACES AVAILABLE along the Red Line! Interesting in that they've had this contract going on two years and at the Morse-Lunt stop alone, the retail spaces have remained empty for upwards of over 5 years! There appears to be no concerted effort by the CTA nor Jones, Lang, LaSalle to improve and market the retail spaces owned by the CTA. This is a huge lost opportunity cost and is further exaggerated by the CTA effectively abandoning its spaces at the three designated stations for closing and thus giving up all that potential revenue. Instead the CTA should be marketing both their spaces and the surrounding neighborhood retail strips as a linear shopping mall from Belmont to Howard! Develop brochures, offer fare discounts and work with retail tenants to promote a unified marketing effort. This isn't enhanced by closing stations and certainly not worth saving 3-4 minutes of travel time.

**CITY LOSS** – Finally, the city as a whole loses when stations are closed. Chicago is a city of neighborhoods if it's anything and it's neighborhoods along the Red Line are punctuated and often defined by their "L" stops. Taking away an "L" stop is comparable to shutting down a train station in a small town. In fact our neighborhoods are just like small towns and those along the red line are rather LARGE small towns. Take away the train station and you take away part of the life blood of that neighborhood and diminish a neighborhood and you further diminish a city that has come to be defined by its neighborhoods. Closing any one station may seem to be a trivial act relative to the 77 communities of Chicago, but each community is critical on its own in defining the city as a whole. Is it worth 3-4 minutes of travel time to take away a community's life blood? I hardly think so.

## **TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Reduce the time one has to wait for a train, which sets the tone for one's perception of how long it takes to travel. Get on a train as you enter a station and you feel like you're going to have a quick trip – wait 5-10-15 minutes for a train and you feel like it's going to take forever to get where you're going. This is actually being addressed now that the Tracker system is up and running, so that alone is going to improve travel time.
2. Reduce the time a train sits at a station while passengers fight to board a car because it's already overcrowded. You can sit at a station for upwards of a couple minutes because some riders simply won't allow the doors to close! Closing stations would actually exacerbate this issue as mentioned earlier! So the answer isn't to close more stations but to make them longer and increase the number of cars or simply increase the number of trains to accommodate increased ridership.
3. Reduce – better yet eliminate – the painful delays south of Addison approaching the Belmont station. I often recalled times when we sat for 10-15 minutes waiting to enter the Belmont stop!

None of these alternatives have a negative impact, but on the contrary have a much large benefit in travel time savings then closing stations. Finally, I'll add one other comment. Regardless of how long it takes to get to one's destination, predictability is much more important than travel time. If I don't know whether it will take 45 minutes or an hour and a half to get downtown from Rogers Park, then I end up having to leave much earlier than necessary and incur much more anxiety. Add predictability to the system and you've given your riders a great deal more benefit than just a speedy ride.

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Lea, Claudia

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:12 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Foster St El Station proposed closing

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:14 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Foster St El Station proposed closing

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:14 PM  
**To:** wsherman@csu.edu  
**Subject:** RE: Foster St El Station proposed closing

Thank you for your comments. Your information has been forwarded to the Red Line [RPM@transitchicago.com](mailto:RPM@transitchicago.com) for consideration. For your convenience, we have provided a link to public hearing meeting locations regarding the Red and Purple Modernization Project which you may like to attend to voice your views personally.

<http://www.transitchicago.com/rpmproject/>

We appreciate your remarks.

CTA FEEDBACK TEAM

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**From:** Warren Sherman [wsherman@csu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:05 PM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Cc:** James Cox  
**Subject:** Foster St El Station proposed closing

CTA Public Relations,

I am a regular daily commuter on the CTA from my home in Evanston to my work at Chicago State University at 95th St. My commute is from the Foster St station on the Purple Line to the 95 St terminal on the Red Line. I have just learned of the proposed closing of the Foster St station, and wish to add my voice to the many others against this proposal. I am getting on in years and it would create great difficulty for me if I had to use any alternative stations for my daily commute to work.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of my request.

Warren Sherman  
2025 Sherman Ave, Apt 303  
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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:13 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Lawrence Red Line Station

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**From:** Cabell Williams [CWilliams@TedMoudis.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:16 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Lawrence Red Line Station

I am writing to object to the closure of the Lawrence Red Line Station. I believe that train stations are more than just transportation, they also serve as community hubs. I reside at Lawrence and Winthrop, and the Lawrence station is the central hub of activity for my neighborhood. Closing this station would negatively impact the neighborhood in a multitude of ways:

1. Higher income residents would be less likely to invest in property in the up and coming neighborhood
2. Those not living in the neighborhood would be less likely to come visit places such as the Aragon, Green Mill and Riviera Theatres
3. Current residents who are physically challenged and the elderly would have farther to travel to a train stop, and those that have to walk to Wilson or Argyle may look for alternate transportation because at certain times of the day it is not safe to walk between these stations to the areas that serve the Lawrence Red Line Station.
4. To abandon the Lawrence station would divide the neighborhood in half between those living to the east of the tracks and those living to the West. Doing this, I feel, would stop future development of this neighborhood.

If Uptown is to continue to grow, prosper, and attract new business it is critical that the Lawrence Red Line station remain open.

Thank you

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**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:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:18 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization; Holmes, Delores  
**Subject:** Please do not close the Foster St. El station in Evanston, IL

On Wed, Jan 26, 2011 at 7:50 PM, Jean V Demas <[jvdemas@gmail.com](mailto:jvdemas@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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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



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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
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**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Save South Blvd!  
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**From:** Jackson, Janet P [JJackson1@Reshealthcare.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:18 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** Lindquist, Janice; Baran, Melanie  
**Subject:** Save South Blvd!

Please accept this e-mail as our plea to you to save the purple line South Blvd stop! We have many students from Loyola University and Northwestern University who come to Saint Francis Hospital to volunteer their services. Most of these students are pre-med and we have become a viable opportunity for them to pursue their careers in medicine.

The Howard stop has created a less desirable stop for these students. An increasingly stronger security environment that requires more awareness to those around them tends to discourage these students from walking to Saint Francis Hospital. Also, the bus line has created additional time challenges to use public transit for safety reasons.

Your attention to our plea for these students is very much appreciated! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Janet P. Jackson  
Manager, Gift Shop, Volunteer and Transport Services  
(847) 316-2346

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**Subject:** FW: Please do not close the Purple Line South St. station!!!

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**From:** Mier, Debra [DebraMier@jcfs.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:26 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** annrainey8@aol.com  
**Subject:** Please do not close the Purple Line South St. station!!!

Dear Mr. Hands,

I read in this morning's Tribune that you are considering closing the South Street Station on the Purple Line. Additionally, those in my condo building have sent a flurry of emails and phone calls to one another knowing how this will impact us all and our daily commute to work. I'm also terribly concerned about the message closing this stop sends to the community. When I purchased my condo 5 years ago in South Evanston I was met with comments such as, "that's a dangerous area", "is it safe there?". It's ridiculous. These comments are rooted in underlying racism and fear of diversity. Closing the South Street stop will further isolate the south Evanston community and will reinforce an already negative stereotype. I love my neighborhood and my community and want it to be as diverse and accessible as possible. I'm unable to attend the meeting this evening but wanted to make my concerns known and trust that you will reconsider supporting the close of the South Street station.

Respectfully,

Debra Mier, LCSW, RDT/BCT  
342 Custer Avenue  
#3  
Evanston, Illinois 60202  
73-544-0188

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:15 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Closing 5 stops  
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**From:** Karen Magiera [Karmagi@cdw.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:29 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Closing 5 stops

This is a great idea! The stops are very close together anyways, and this would speed up service while cutting costs.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:15 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Citizen/Rider Response to Proposed Elimination of the South Blvd. CTA Station

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**From:** Tomasek, Rachel [rachel.tomasek@wellsfargoadvisors.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:30 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Cc:** annrainey8@aol.com  
**Subject:** Citizen/Rider Response to Proposed Elimination of the South Blvd. CTA Station

Mr. Hands,

I was surprised and disappointed to read this morning of the CTA's proposal to eliminate the South Blvd. station on the Purple Line.

On a personal level, this decision would adversely affect every household in my condo building. Each unit includes at least one person who depends on the South Station for commuting to work. Elimination of this station will double the distance and time required for train service.

At a more systemic level, the elimination of this station means that south Evanston would be isolated from basic CTA service. It also underscores the impression, once conveyed by housing discrimination, that services in Evanston are not required south of Main St., and that persons of more modest means who depend on public transportation are entitled to the same level of basic services as citizens in more affluent neighborhoods.

I would also note that while the story in this morning's Tribune talked about the business communities around the stations and the importance of the Foster St. station for connection to Northwestern. It story did not mention the importance of the South station for persons who work at St. Francis Hospital, and for patients of the hospital's related offices and clinic.

I am unable to attend the planned hearing this evening concerning these proposal, but trust that you will note my concerns with this ill advised proposal.

Sincerely,

Rachel Tomasek  
342 Custer Ave #1  
Evanston

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:16 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - news about possible L stop closures

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:31 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - news about possible L stop closures

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:30 PM  
**To:** Michelle Koedoot  
**Subject:** RE: Transit Chicago Contact Us - news about possible L stop closures

Thank you for your comments. Your information has been forwarded to the Red Line [RPM@transitchicago.com](mailto:RPM@transitchicago.com) for consideration. For your convenience, we have provided a link to public hearing meeting locations regarding the Red and Purple Modernization Project which you may like to attend to voice your views personally.

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We appreciate your remarks.

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**From:** Michelle Koedoot [mkoedoot@northshore.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:36 AM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Subject:** Transit Chicago Contact Us - news about possible L stop closures

Address: 6030 N. Sheridan Rd.  
Address2: Unit 1203  
Address3:  
City: Chicago  
State: IL  
Country: United States  
Zip: 60660  
Phone: 773-944-9302

Comment: I heard that the closure of the Foster, S. Blvd., Thorndale and Lawrence stops is being considered. I

am very concerned about this. These are busy stops, in areas with lots of businesses and poor parking availability. It would be very difficult for commuters and customers of local businesses if these stops were closed. I am particularly concerned with the possible closure of the Thorndale stop, as it is near my home and I use it every day of the week to go to work or other activities. There is a Dominick's grocery store there, as well as many other frequented restaurants and shops. Parking is terrible in that neighborhood and closing the Thorndale L stop would be a detriment to riders, residents and businesses in that area.

Please let me know what else I can do to work toward keeping these stops open for riders.

Sincerely,

Michelle



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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:17 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - proposed elimination of South Blvd station

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:31 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - proposed elimination of South Blvd station

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:30 PM  
**To:** Ron Anderson  
**Subject:** RE: Transit Chicago Contact Us - proposed elimination of South Blvd station

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**From:** Ron Anderson [ebyronand@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:16 AM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Subject:** Transit Chicago Contact Us - proposed elimination of South Blvd station

Address: 342 Custer Ave #1  
Address2:  
Address3:  
City: Evanston  
State: IL  
Country: United States  
Zip: 60202  
Phone: 847-328-8217

Comment: I want to register my very strong concern about your proposal to eliminate the South Blvd station.

This would leave no station between Howard and Main St. On a personal level, every household in my condo building uses the South station to commute to work--being forced to use the Main St station will double the time and distance required to get to the train. On a city-wide level, such a proposal gives the appearance, even if unintended, of a kind of "redlining" of train service for south Evanston--that is, it gives the appearance that only those near or north of Main St are of any importance for train service.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:17 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Closing of Jarvis Red Line Stop

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:34 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Closing of Jarvis Red Line Stop

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**From:** Feedback  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:33 PM  
**To:** Gabriela Zepeda  
**Subject:** RE: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Closing of Jarvis Red Line Stop

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**From:** Gabriela Zepeda [gabrielazepeda742@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:22 AM  
**To:** Feedback  
**Subject:** Transit Chicago Contact Us - Closing of Jarvis Red Line Stop

Address: 6543 N. Francisco Ave.

Address2:

Address3:

City: Chicago

State: IL

Country: United States

Zip: 60645

Phone: 773-990-0268

Comment: I am beyond furious, I have been using the redline jarvis stop for over 15 years and going to school ft

and working ft I work long hours every day. Going to the Howard stop late at night is not convenient or safe. I hope you reconsider not closing the Jarvis stop.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:18 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed Closing of Jarvis Stop on Redline

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**From:** Patrick Serowka [pserowka1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:36 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Proposed Closing of Jarvis Stop on Redline

I have lived and traveled through the area surrounding the Jarvis El stop for 18 years. I've been a regular rider of the red line for 18 years. Up until about 8 years ago, the jarvis square area was fairly blighted with very little local business save a liquor and convenient store. I moved to 1216 W. Jarvis in 2000, at that time, there was a convenience and a liquor store, the area was dirty and street crime more prevalent and the streets were fairly uninhabited. The closest business district was approximately a half mile away. My wife and I enjoyed that we lived in a ethnically diverse neighborhood, close to the lake, but it had no "walkability", no beneficial street life and no community.

In 2002, more businesses began to move in and the real estate boom resulted in a transition to condominiums from rental property. Over a period of eight years on jarvis ave from ashland ave east to greenview there are about 15 businesses. From health clubs, convenience stores, self storage facility, a bar, 2 theater companies, a real estate mgmt firm, dog wash, coffee house, a restaurant, salon and others border this area. As a consequence, the jarvis square avenue has become a community. Young adults play "bags" outside the pub at Greenview and Jarvis on the weekends, people dine al fresco at grupo di amici and Charms cafe throughout the day and night, Young families, children and the elderly populate the square during the day with theater and bar goers at night. People work together in making plantings in the parkways in the spring. Generally, people of all backgrounds linger and converse in the street when the weather permits and sometimes when it does not. I've lived all over the north side for the last 18 years and this area of Rogers' Park, in the last 6 years, is the only place I've witnessed a vibrant community of diversity by age, ethnicity and economics.

There is no doubt that the real estate bust and recession has greatly affected the business and surrounding homeowners. The neighborhood has proved fairly resilient and jarvis square supports a vibrant community providing a sound economic basis to sustain property values as people desire to live in vibrant communities. The business district, the jarvis el stop and the surrounding community have a symbiotic relationship. The business are, no doubt, only weathering this recession in hopes of an upturn. However, if the CTA chooses to close the jarvis el stop it will likely precipitate the inciting incident for these businesses to close and for this area to fall back to where it was from 1960-2000.

These business brought life and vibrancy to the neighborhood and the people have sustained these businesses and the el stop is an economic life line for both. Jarvis Square is an economic engine for a the transitional neighborhood of north central Roger's Park.

On a personal note, I work downtown. With walking, it is a daily 60 minute commute each way using the jarvis red line stop. Walking to the howard stop, even taking the purple line will increase my walk time to 20-25 minutes from 7 minutes. This would translate to a round trip commute downtown of 2-1/2 hours per day for someone who lives in Chicago. The 147 bus can border on a 3 hr daily commute during rush hour. I have no doubt that ridership has increased substantially from jarvis over the past 6 years and warrants its own stop. The Morse and Howard stops do not offer a practicable options. Whatever fleeting and modest savings the CTA can realize in closing the jarvis el are not worth severing this economic life line and underserving the central roger's park area.

Keep the Jarvis El stop open.

Patrick Serowka  
1216 W. Jarvis Ave.

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**From:** North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:18 PM  
**To:** Lea, Claudia  
**Subject:** FW: Closure of Lawrence Stop

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**From:** Kate Kusiak [katelkusiak@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:35 PM  
**To:** North Red & Purple Modernization  
**Subject:** Closure of Lawrence Stop

To whom it may concern:

It was recently brought to my attention that there is some talk to close the Lawrence red line stop, and I would like to send a plea to keep Lawrence open.

I have lived in Oak Park for most of my life and moved to Uptown about 7 months ago. Although it a neighborhood that struggles with crime and neglect, it is also a neighborhood that holds a lot of potential for gentrification. Cutting down access to the neighborhood could greatly affect Uptown's future growth. The Lawrence stops offers quick access to the music venues, bars and restaurants in Uptown that are currently serving as an anchor in the neighborhood.

Without Lawrence, my next best option for stops would be the Wilson stop. Frankly, this stop is not as safe and secure as Lawrence. I am a 26 year old woman and often come home late on the train after taking graduate classes at DePaul. I would like to know that I could go to a stop where I feel safe, and I am sure that there are many others that feel the same way. In fact, when we were looking at this neighborhood, we were told by our real estate agent to avoid the Wilson stop if possible.

I hope that my thoughts are taken into consideration on future plans of the Red Line.

Sincerely,  
Kate Kusiak