

Appendix K
Public Scoping Written Comments
Comments 901-1,000

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January 28, 2011

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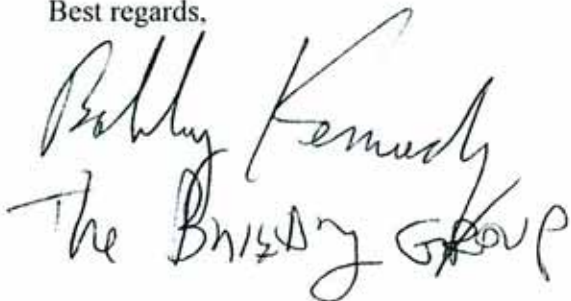
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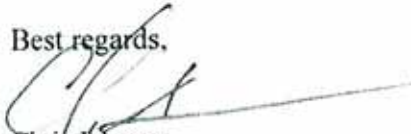
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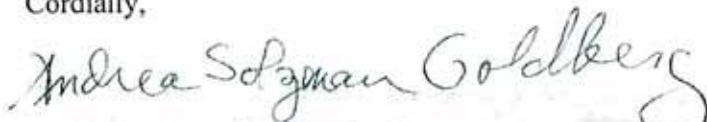
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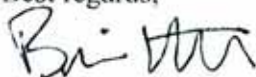
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Concerned Citizen and Bird Watcher

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I rely on public transportation as my primary means of transportation. I sold my car as soon as I moved to the city as a result of the excellent public transportation system. However, in my time here, I've endured one cut back after another. This has repeatedly negatively impacted my commutes. I urge you to please consider the negative impact of closing this stop.

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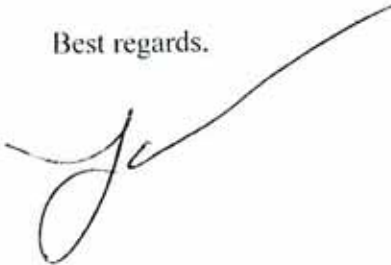
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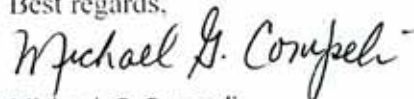
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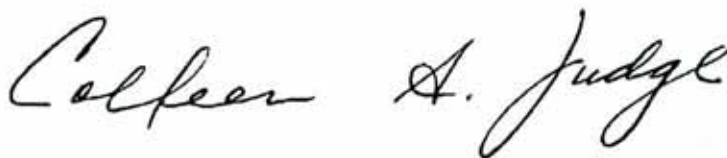
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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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From: Sandra Brown [SBrown@lsprealestate.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
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I am writing to request that you keep the South Boulevard CTA station open and operating!! As a real estate broker in Evanston, it is critical to have the station open to service the properties in south Evanston. The stop is a MAJOR attraction to buyers in Evanston and one primary reason that they choose to buy here.

As a homeowner in the neighborhood, both of my daughters use the South Boulevard stop every day going to work and school. It would be impossible for them to access either the Main St. or Howard St stops easily as it would double their walking commute.

We need the South Boulevard station to remain open to help continue to grow our neighborhood. We want more people to use public transportation....so why on earth are we considering closing an existing station?

Thank you,
Sandra Brown

Sandra Brown, Broker / Owner



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From: Raye Janousek [rj600fsb@att.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:48 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line South Blvd. Station

Good Evening,

I wasn't aware of the meeting regarding the Purple line in Evanston. I saw the article in the Evanston Review on Thursday, after work, when the meeting was being conducted.

I am a 20 year resident of Evanston at 600F South Blvd. I am also a CTA rider, walking across the street to the station.

As a resident, I see a steady stream of commuters walking to or from the South Blvd station while walking my dogs and while gardening on the parkway across from the station. The alley between Oakton and South Blvd is a virtual pedestrian walkway between the station and Resurrection Hospital.

The distance from the Howard Street and Main Street Stations to Resurrection would create a hardship to commuters and hospital patients and visitors even with an entrance to Main on Washington.

I sincerely encourage the CTA to amend the proposal to continue the operation of the South Blvd Station.

Sincerely,

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(847)869-5709

RPM. 918

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:45 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands

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From: Amanda Lenvin [alenvin@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 7:26 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands

PLEASE do not get rid of the Foster stop off the purple line. All of us students need it desperately!

Thanks

Amanda Lenvin

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RPM. 919

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:45 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd Open

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From: Shannon Moffitt [smoffitt2203@att.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:34 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep South Blvd Open

Hello!

Please reconsider your decision to close the South Blvd train station. It is used by many people who bought homes because they want to be close to that station.

Shannon Moffitt

RPM. 920

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:46 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Blvd.

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From: jason@dianogah.com [jason@dianogah.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: South Blvd.

Mr. Hands

Wed need more public transportation, not less. Please do not close the South Blvd. stop of the Purple Line. It will lower property values in our area and mean that getting to work downtown is that much harder (it already takes a over an hour). Saying that you will add entrances to other stops does nothing to reduce the 1/2 mile walk to Main St or Howard St. If I had to walk to Main St I would opt take the Metra, as would most people in my situation. If you close South Blvd you lose me as customer.

Please do not close this stop. Please do not limit the Express service either. Again, we need more public transportation, not less.

Jason Harvey
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RPM. 921

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:46 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Do not cut the Dempster Station

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From: Danielle Pickard [daniellepickard@att.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:41 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Do not cut the Dempster Station

We have a lot of people commuting who use this station

Danielle R. Pickard
"Life is short. Eat dessert first!"
Jacques Torress

RPM. 922

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:46 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: Dawn Patch [dpatch@oldtownschool.org]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 9:16 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

Dear Steve,

I own a 2 flat in Evanston, between the Main and Dempster stops. 3 out of 4 adults in our building (including me) use the Purple Express to commute to work in the city. Please preserve this valuable--and necessary service. Looking forward to capital improvements on the Purple Line, as well. We walk under the Dempster stop daily. Well, sometimes we run.

Sincerely,

Dawn Patch
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Evanston, IL 60202

"If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased."
-Katharine Hepburn

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 923

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:47 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red Purple Modernization

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From: Emily Hartnell [emily.hartnell@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:19 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Purple Modernization

Steve Hands,

I implore you not to close the South Blvd. stop on the Purple Line as proposed for the Modernization Alternatives being considered for the Purple Line in Evanston. The many Evanston residents living in the area served by the South Blvd. stop would be provided fewer transportation options. Those with cars would drive them more often, leading to crowded streets and more air pollution. Those without cars would have to walk longer distances which, particularly in the winter, would lead to reduced patronage of local businesses and an increased number of pedestrian falls.

This would also lead to reduced property values in South Evanston, exacerbating the already diminished value of properties experienced in the last few years.

The economic viability and livability of South Evanston would be negatively impacted by removing the South Blvd. Purple Line stop.

Please retain the South Blvd. stop in whatever Modernization Alternative is chosen.

Thanks very much,

Emily Hartnell
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RPM-924

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:47 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: RPM feedback

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From: Brian Derstine [brian.a.derstine@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:36 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: RPM feedback

Attn:
Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority
P.O. Box 7602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602
E-mail: RPM@transitchicago.com

I appreciate the technical paper detailing how the proposed closure of some stops would affect travel and walk times, though I think some maps and graphics of where the new station entrances might be placed/built would help people visualize the changes and better estimate future walk times.

I have family members who use the South Blvd station and they are quite concerned about the potential closure of that station. They do not own a car and they rely on iGo car sharing, bicycling, and the CTA bus/train system to get them everywhere they go. It takes them less than 5 minutes to walk to the South Blvd. station in good weather and good visibility (significantly longer when we have snow on the ground and the residents and landlords in the neighborhood do not clear their sidewalks... as is currently, and historically the case during winter). If South Blvd station were to close, they would have to walk to either Main Street or Howard, either of which is over 15 minute of walking, which is much longer than 5 minutes. Main Street is a 12 minute walk according to Google Maps, and Madison street is 10 minutes, which is not much different.

I would like to propose that if the South Blvd station were to be closed or renovated, there needs to be significant development along the west side of Chicago Avenue between South Blvd and Madison Street. The current train yard/parking lot, is an eyesore, a waste of space, and a terrible parking lot for the Firehouse Grill. This entire stretch of land should be redeveloped so that it is more bicycle and pedestrian-friendly, and should include some other community-friendly development (ideas: a park, dog run, community garden, children's play lot, sculpture park, skate park, picnic space, Japanese zen garden, an improved parking lot for the Firehouse Grill, native trees, shrubs and grasses?) in order to more effectively use that land and improve public safety.

That whole side of the street is a dead zone and very dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists.

I understand and appreciate the concept of wanting to reduce the number of stops in order to allow trains to make fewer stops, thus reducing overall travel times. However, I'm not convinced that a longer station platform and alternate entrance for Main Street station would beat the current 5-minute walk to South Blvd for my family members (and myself when I am at their place).

As for the overall plans: My preference would be the modernization 4-track, since that would allow the most flexibility and scalability for future services and future growth. I am against any plan that reduces future capacity below current infrastructure capacity. I think the 2-track subway plan would be a giant waste of money, and we should instead fix and replace the existing elevated tracks throughout the system (including the loop!). I hope that you are also considering the following schedule improvements in addition to (or as alternatives to) station closures:

- running shorter, more frequent trains on the Purple Line to reduce wait times in between trains
- running skip-stop Red Line trains all day that stop at ever other stop (Red-A stops at odd stops and Red-B stops at even stops counting south from Howard to Belmont).

Thank you,
Brian Derstine

Lea, Claudia

RPM-925

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:49 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Strategic Planning & Policy - North Red-Purple Line

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From: Timi Papas [timpapa417@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:48 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Strategic Planning & Policy - North Red-Purple Line

Dear Mr. Hands,

When I first read about these possibilities in the newspaper it seemed all-too-complicated. Upon rereading them, I see no reasonable option except **Alternative 2 – Basic Rehabilitation with Transfer Stations.**

The CTA **MUST keep the express train service**, both ways (North-South) at both times (morning & afternoon), and even increase the hours of express service!

Thank you for your careful consideration of these important matters for the health and accessibility of all Chicago communities.

Timothea C. Papas
729 Simpson Street
Evanston, IL 60201
847-424-1727

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Lea, Claudia

RPM. 926

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:50 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: KEEP SOUTH BLVD OPEN!

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From: Charles Musto [charlesmusto@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 5:06 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: KEEP SOUTH BLVD OPEN!

Dear Steve Hands,

I am a resident of south Evanston and it is very important to me that you fight to KEEP SOUTH BLVD "L" stop open!

I rely on the South Blvd. "L" stop to commute to and from work each day. Parking fees in my downtown Chicago office building are \$300 a month, so due to financial constraints I rely on the South Blvd "L" for transportation. My commute time to downtown is already 1 hour and closing the South Blvd stop would only increase my commute time or force me to drive and pay exorbitant parking fees - not to mention additional fees for gas and car maintenance. Closing the South Blvd. "L" stop might force me to leave my home in Evanston all together and move to Chicago.

I say the CTA moves forward and improves public transportation options and not reduce them. Who is looking out for the "little people" who rely on this cost saving mode of transportation? I know there are Northshore neighborhoods that can rely on the convenience of cars to get to work, but south Evanston is no such neighborhood. Who is fighting for us?

I trust you are Mr. Hands!

Many thanks,

Charles Musto
Resident of south Evanston.

RPM. 927

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 8:50 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red and Purple Modernization Project comments due February 18th!
Attachments: 391a7bd9.jpg; 391a7be8.jpg; ATT00001..txt; image001.jpg

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From: David Klow [DKlow@family-institute.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2011 8:38 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: FW: Red and Purple Modernization Project comments due February 18th!

To Whom it May Concern,

Please do not close the Foster Avenue El stop on the Purple Line. It is vital to the Northwestern University community. I work there and many clients use the Foster stop to come to my office. It would be a detriment to the community to have this stop closed, and would affect business in the area adversely.

Thank you,
David Klow, LMFT

David Klow, LMFT
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From: Cheryl Rampage
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 2:34 PM
To: All Staff & F/T Faculty; AllNUStudents
Subject: FW: Red and Purple Modernization Project comments due February 18th!

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In case you haven't heard, the CTA is considering closing the Foster Avenue El stop in their remodernization process. If you have an opinion about this, please email the CTA at the address below.

Cheryl Rampage, PhD
Senior Vice President for Programs and Academic Affairs The Family Institute at Northwestern University
(847) 733-4300 x302
crampage@family-institute.org

From: Angeline Heisler

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:30 PM
To: Cheryl Rampage
Subject: FW: Red and Purple Modernization Project comments due February 18th!

Do you think there's anything else we can do?

From: Andrew McGonigle [mailto:A-McGonigle@northwestern.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 4:28 PM
To: Angeline Heisler
Cc: Lucile Krasnow
Subject: Fwd: Red and Purple Modernization Project comments due February 18th!

Angie, Please forward this e-mail to those students and staff that have yet not commented upon the proposals put forth by the CTA on renovations to the Purple Line. Contrary to popular belief, the CTA has not denounced its plans to close Foster Street. This is still on the books.

Thanks.

Andrew

[cid:7.0.0.16.2.20110211162744.065fa208@northwestern.edu.2]

Submit a Comment by February 18, 2011

Red & Purple Modernization Project

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) thanks everyone who submitted comments and attended the Public Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping Meetings on the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) project. If you haven't submitted a comment or would like to provide additional comments, you can do so until February 18th, 2011.

Your comments will help shape the content and focus of the EIS, the next step in the environmental review process. A Scoping Report will summarize the comments received and the scoping outreach process and will be published on the RPM webpage in Summer of 2011.

Learn More about the Project!

The CTA encourages you to visit the RPM webpage<<http://www.transitchicago.com/rpmproject/>> to view the project materials. The Scoping Booklet(.pdf)<http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/rpmproject/RPM_-_web_ScopingBook_redpurple_FTA.pdf> is the main source of information; it describes the project, the alternatives and the environmental process. You can also view the meeting exhibits(.pdf)<http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/planning/RPM_Scoping_Meeting_Exhibit_Boards_for_Web.pdf> from the public meetings and technical handouts on specific aspects of the alternatives.

The CTA is still in the early planning stages for this project and the alternatives are being presented in scoping for public review in order to inform further study and evaluation. There is currently no preferred alternative and the preferred alternative may include some combination of elements from multiple alternatives. A preferred alternative will be chosen after additional analysis has been conducted to better understand the benefits and impacts of the project.

A concept to provide faster service with fewer train stops but additional station entrances throughout the corridor has been presented as a potential option in some alternatives. This concept, referred to as stop consolidation and secondary entrances, has been detailed in this Technical Handout(.pdf)<http://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/rpmproject/RPM_-_Stop_Consolidation_tech_handout.pdf>. The concept of stop consolidation along with additional entrances is one of many being considered as part of this long range improvement project and no final decision has been made nor are there any immediate plans to close any station on the North Red and Purple Lines.

How to Comment

Written comments will be accepted until February 18, 2011.

Comments may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax, with attention to:

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

E-mail: RPM@transitchicago.com<<mailto:RPM@transitchicago.com>>

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:16 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: North Red & Purple Modernization Project

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From: Melle, Laura
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:23 PM
To: Kenneth DeMuth AIA
Cc: North Red & Purple Modernization; Wilson, Jeffrey
Subject: RE: North Red & Purple Modernization Project

Hi Kenneth,

Thanks very much for your thoughtful input. I've copied the official Red & Purple Modernization Project email account on this message. Your comments will be reviewed and will help shape the Environmental Impact Statement. We appreciate your specific explanation of which options you favor and why.

You will also be added to the project mailing e-list for future updates.

Again, we appreciate you taking the time to attend the scoping meeting and to share your feedback.

Best,
Laura

*Laura Melle
Project Coordinator, Customer Feedback Programs
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From: Kenneth DeMuth AIA [kdemuth@pappageorgehaymes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:18 PM
To: Melle, Laura
Subject: North Red & Purple Modernization Project

Laura,
I met you at a community presentation on Jan 24. for the rehab project. Following are comments and thoughts I had concerning the project.

I live on the north side of Chicago and work downtown so I frequent both of these train lines as well as the Brown line and bus system. On the weekends I use it to go to downtown destinations or to the movies. Mass transportation is important to Chicago and to me. As a society, it is easy to own a car and the expenses and consequences of doing so are not readily apparent. The roads just get fixed at what ever the cost unlike what

you are doing now to secure funding for the trains. What we miss and give up becomes obvious when you visit other towns such as New York or Paris or Tokyo where rapid transit is much more extensive. In your PR efforts, you need to show the system an urban lifestyle amenity rather than strictly a rush hour utility or resource of the underprivileged. Not having a car relieves you of such burdens as changing the oil, parking tickets, traffic jams and hunting for a parking spot. I was once told by a bank loan officer that in a two car family, giving up one of the cars would equate to an increase in loan qualification of \$200K.

As for the schemes presented, I would most seriously favor the one that results in a full renovation/restoration of the present facility. The tracks, stations and infrastructure have been in place for a while and the adjacent neighborhoods and environs have adapted/evolved accordingly. Businesses exist to take advantage of pedestrian traffic. Changing these dramatically runs the risk negatively impacting fragile businesses and street frontages. Consider the results at Chicago Ave, Belmont, Southport, Paulina, Irving Park and Montrose where station expansions either buried or obliterated businesses resulting in vacancies and empty lots that to date have not returned. A subway system would cost much more money than a rehab. If the operation of a subway results in lower operating costs and a reasonable payback, then it might be attractive. But it was not presented as such and therefore the added dollars should be used for other forms of improvement. Going to fewer tracks translates to decreased service and should be avoided as it makes the system less convenient.

Intermodal transportation needs improvement. Bicycles need to be more integrated whether in the form of on train accommodations during rush hour or parking spaces at stations. Partnerships with bike repair shops might be a viable way to integrate the functionality.

Historically, the train line ended in the Uptown area. The neighborhood and its unique building's and character are a result. Recent investments have brought the area back to life. This should be acknowledged in the rehab work.

Transit oriented design is all the rage these days in professional planning circles. LEED ND is a planning standard coming into wide spread use and mass transportation is a critical component. Rail stations should be seen as the development tools that they are. The CTA should seek out industry experts in retail planning, urban design planning and mixed use development. If you read a history on the Illinois Central Railroad you will see that the line was built as a real estate development catalyst as much as a transportation device.

Please keep me updated on your progress. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

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RPM. 929

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:16 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Redline Proposals

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From: Sarz Maxwell, MD [sarzmaxmd@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:46 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Redline Proposals

I am a longtime resident of Edgewater (Ardmore & Kenmore), and plan to live here the remainder of my life. I share CTA's concerns about the degradation of the train system, which makes Chicago's transit system one of the worst in the nation, let alone the world. I understand that infrastructure concerns are often put aside when other needs are so readily visible, and congratulate CTA on its exploration of plans for renovation and improvement.

The proposals to consolidate Bryn Mawr with Hollywood and eliminate Thorndale impact me directly, as those are my stops. I am one block closer to the Thorndale stop, but that would be addressed by having a Hollywood entrance. A community advantage of closing the Thorndale stop might be to minimize the gang/crime presence in that block. The gangs will, naturally, move to another stop, but at Hollywood there will be less 'confusion' about precinct coverage and, hopefully, adequate policing.

In short: as a frequent user of the Thorndale stop I have minimal concerns about eliminating Thorndale and consolidating Bryn Mawr with Hollywood, for the reasons stated above. The only proposal I would be in vigorous opposition to would be #1: doing nothing. *Something must be done, and that something must be substantial and lasting.*

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my views.

Sarz Maxwell MD

1020 W Ardmore #2M

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RPM. 930

Lea, Claudia

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

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From: JAMES PSZANKA [James.Pszanka@AAcreditunion.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:45 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: Dennis Matyja
Subject:

Please add a purple line stop at Granville or Loyola in Edgewater with express service.

Thank you,
James Pszanka
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Chicago il 60660

RPM.931

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:17 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line at Granville or Loyola

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From: Dennis Matyja [dennis.matyja@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:12 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line at Granville or Loyola

Please add express purple line trains to the Granville or Loyola red line stations.
Thank you.
Dennis Matyja
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Chicago, IL 60660

RPM. 932

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 5:18 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Thorndale El Stop

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From: Sandra Pakin [news4pakin@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 3:27 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Thorndale El Stop

We have resided in Edgewater for 42 years. I use the Thorndale El stop - both south- and northbound - at least twice a week and the purple line at least once a week. My husband uses both about once every two weeks. It is a shorter distance for us than using Granville, which would add 5-10 minutes to our commute.

Of the options in the RPM Scoping Book, we do not believe that the No Action or Basic Rehab options are in the best interests of our community's need for reliable rapid transit service. Neither do we believe that there is a need for the underground option. The other options can be developed incrementally and would be options that we could support.

Sincerely,
Sandra Pakin

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 933

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:41 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: North Red Line and Purple Line

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From: John [nova_0311@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 6:39 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: North Red Line and Purple Line

Dear CTA,

I live on the Red Line, at Bryn Mawr. My Edgewater Chamber of Commerce newsletter had a link to the study on the modernization project and said you are soliciting feedback from the public. Obviously we need to do major upgrades, but the question is how much can we afford to do right now in this economy, and can we afford to put a Band-Aid on it knowing that our children will have to eat the big cost we didn't want to?

I don't like the underground idea at all. If you're going to do that, why come back above ground at all? Fullerton and Belmont, then back underground again. Sorry, but that's just stupid. If you really want to make the Red Line underground, just make Fullerton and Belmont the same type of station as State/Lake, where you go out and go upstairs to get to the Brown Line. I still don't like it. The Red Line going by is nice. It's part of the neighborhood.

Doing nothing is unacceptable. At the bare minimum, I'd like to see an elevator at my stop and at Granville. I'm only in my late 40s, but I had a heart attack in 2009, and I've got a bad knee from high school football and it acts up sometimes. I pull my personal cart to the grocery store and sometimes in bad weather I'd like to be able to take the train a stop or two instead of walking on icy sidewalks both ways. The problem is, that's a lot of stairs. There's an escalator going up, but no help going down. An elevator would be great there.

The Basic Rehabilitation with Transfer Stations would be good, but for a little more we buy ourselves an extra 40-60 years of life. Then it's up to date and we don't have to worry about it again for awhile. I vote for the Modernization 4-track plan.

Sincerely,
John Enos

RPM. 934

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:41 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: save the stop

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From: Johnson, Janice [Janice.Johnson@reshealthcare.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 7:17 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: save the stop

St Francis employees and pts need to keep this stop open PLEASE
South Boulevard stop on the Purple Line

Dr Janice Johnson
Director Obstetrics

Lea, Claudia

RPM.935

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:41 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: KEEP SOUTH BLVD STATION OPEN!

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From: Christina Tennant [christinatennant11@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:34 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; mwynne@cityofevanston.org; arainey@cityofevanston.org; cburrus@cityofevanston.org
Subject: KEEP SOUTH BLVD STATION OPEN!

Dear CTA Friends,

KEEP SOUTH BLVD STATION OPEN! Please do not end up closing the South Blvd CTA station during the proposed station renovations. This would put an extreme hardship on us. Using the Main Street station would mean walking 4 more blocks - a total of 8 blocks just one way and a total of 16 blocks each day and double that amount if we took the train twice in one day. Sure, that would be great exercise, but my husband and I are getting up in age and it would be difficult for us to walk that far each day, especially since my husband had a stroke and is now partially disabled. The main reason we moved to the apartment we now live in is because it was pretty close to the South Blvd train station (we do not own a car and public transportation has always been our only mode of transportation). If you do end up closing the South Blvd station, the number 205 bus will need to be run 24/7 to accommodate the people that would normally need to use this station.

Also, I think the Evanston Central Street station needs an elevator. This is the station that many people use to get to the NorthShore Evanston Hospital. If someone is going to the hospital, chances are they are either not feeling well, disabled or elderly. Those stairs are very difficult for someone in this condition to navigate. It seems like a "no brainer" that elevators should be located at every train station near a hospital, don't you agree? Maybe I'm just biased because we have never owned a car and have always relied on the CTA for all our travels. It seems more consideration and money is allocated to people who use cars, which pollute the country and this just seems crazy. It seems to me that we should try to make public transportation more inviting so more people consider this mode of transportation, thus less pollution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chris Tennant

RPM. 936

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:42 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red Line Train - Thorndale stop

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From: Mary Lauren [mlauren1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:33 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Line Train - Thorndale stop

Please **do not** close the red line **Thorndale** stop. The residents in the area need that stop. This neighborhood is slowly improving itself. If you close the Thorndale stop, it could be a tipping point to crush the efforts of these small businesses that are now hanging by a thread. I lived in that neighborhood for 10 years and know that the stop is needed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We do care!

Mary Lauren
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Chicago, IL 60640

RPM.937

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:55 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: comments on Red & Purple modernization

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From: Adam Plaiss [adam.plaiss@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:45 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: comments on Red & Purple modernization

Dear Sir or Madame:

As a North-Sider and one who commutes from Chicago to Evanston for work, I would strongly urge you to not pursue the three-track modernization option. There is a large number of people like me who ride the Purple Express in the "wrong" direction each day. Also, why spend so much money to have less track?

My personal preference would be to have the four-track modernization plan (a transfer to between Red and Purple at Loyola would be brilliant) or the subway option.

At the same time, why not simply renovate the existing stations and either a) increase train frequency or b) expand the L network? For example, imagine the benefits of having a Lawrence Ave. subway between the Lawrence Red Line stop and the Jefferson Park Blue Line stop. You could put the Brown Line underground where it is now at street level, getting rid of the at-grade crossings, and you could have a connecting line from the far North Side to O'Hare, securing the eternal gratitude of Rogers Park, Edgewater, Uptown, Ravenswood, and North Center.

Cheers,

Adam Plaiss

RPM-938

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:02 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Boulevard L stop open!

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From: B Cox [btensixtysix@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:56 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep South Boulevard L stop open!

Dear Mr. Hands, dear Evanston Alderman,

This is a request to please keep the South Boulevard L stop open.

I purchased a condo in the south Evanston neighborhood due to the proximity to this L stop. Property values in this area will decline and property sales will become more difficult without close access to an L stop.

I do not own a car and I rely on this L stop to commute to work downtown Chicago as well as get my groceries from supermarkets in Evanston. I would not be able to carry all of my groceries from Main Street to Austin Street!

South Evanston is a disadvantaged neighborhood. Please do not further this disadvantage by closing the South Boulevard L stop. There are no businesses in this area and we rely on the L to get to retail businesses, especially on Sundays, when there is no bus service on Ridge Road.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Cox
428 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston

RPM-939

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:46 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Thorndale Red Line Station
Attachments: thorndale.doc

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From: Marilyn Pierce [mjpier7133@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 10:30 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Thorndale Red Line Station

Steve Hands, please see attachment from the Thorndale Action Task Force regarding the Chicago Transit Authority Thorndale Red Line station. Marilyn (Lynn) Pierce, TATF Chairman

RPM. 940

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:47 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd El Station Open!

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From: linda ringstad [ringstadlj@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:22 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; janschakowsky@mail.house.gov;
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Subject: Keep South Blvd El Station Open!

I switched from Metra to the El because of the schedule/construction on the Metra North Line. If the South Blvd stop is closed, I will be forced to return to Metra. Many El riders do not live within walking distance to an El station, so we must drive and park on the street. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to find street parking near El stations in Evanston. South Blvd area is the only are that has available non-permit street parking near the station

RPM 941

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please Keep South Boulevard Station Open....

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From: Leticia Soto [lsoto@proptax.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:25 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; mwynne@cityofevanston.org; arainey@cityofevanston.org; cburrus@cityofevanston.org
Subject: Please Keep South Boulevard Station Open....

Good morning.

I was informed that the South Boulevard Station in Evanston will be closing. It upsets me to hear this news. I was born and raised in Evanston, IL. I've been using this train station for many years and enjoyed this transportation. I never had a complaint or major problem for the years I've used this station. When I moved out of Evanston I came to realize how simple this transportation was for me. Getting to another train station from my new location wasn't as smooth as I expected. The trains were late various times which meant that I was late to work. This didn't work out for me even when I took an earlier train. So I moved back to Evanston. I bought a house here over a year ago which is just minutes from the South Boulevard Station and so I'm back to taking this train station again. And I can still say today that I enjoy this station and still never had a problem with this service. Please do not close this train station. Many people use it like me and I'm sure they too enjoy this train station. This is coming from a true South Boulevard Station rider for years and want to continue to be one.

Thank you.

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RPM-9212

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Boulevard Open!

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From: LeeGaede@aol.com [LeeGaede@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:34 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; arainey@cityofevanston.org
Subject: Keep South Boulevard Open!

Dear Mr. Hands,

The South Boulevard station is an essential element to the health of South Evanston. My husband and I have lived at our present address for more than 17 years and chose the location based on both the easy access to public transportation and the diversity of the neighborhood. I hope that the diversity of race and income of the neighborhood is not the reason this particular station is being discussed for closing.

On a personal basis, I take care of my 2 granddaughters for my son and daughter-in-law. My daughter-in-law commutes to the North Michigan area daily. Should South Boulevard close, with the walk to Main St., her commute would increase by about an hour per day, an additional hour away from her children. This increase in commuting time would be the case for all those living and working in the area around St. Francis Hospital. In our condo building alone, persons from every apartment would be impacted.

As I said, we have lived at this location for 17 years. As a result, I have been on the platform at all times of the night and day and have never waited alone. There are always at least one or two others getting on when I do, even late at night. This station is important to Evanston and to the Chicago area.

The Reverend Lee A. Gaede
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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Closing of Jarvis El-bad idea!
Attachments: --sponsored--travel_lt.jpg

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From: Nita Gocht [n_gocht@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 11:43 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: joe moore
Subject: Closing of Jarvis El-bad idea!

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with the [Yahoo! Search weather shortcut](#).

RPM. 944

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Modernization

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From: Justin Castellano [j.tex.castellano@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 12:46 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Modernization

Dear CTA,

I am an Edgewater resident wishing to comment on my views of the future modernization of the red and purple lines

- 1) Thorndale stop- The distance of this stop relative to Bryn Mawr and Granville make this stop obsolete. While I'm sure the residents who enjoy a short walk to the station would complain. You only have to go two block north to get to granville and 3-4 blocks south to brwyn mawr. As someone who walks a half mile to Granville every day I don't have much concern for these complaints. They will get used to it.
- 2) Granville - The best option would be to create a Purple Express stop at this station. If a PLE stop was installed here a substantial revamp would have to be done to accomodate the increase in ridership. We currently only have 2 ticket stalls and one handicap stall. We would need to double it at least.

RPM. 945

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:50 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: KEEP SOUTH BLVD OPEN

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From: atl1111@comcast.net [atl1111@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:31 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; mwynne@cityofevanston.org; arainey@cityofevanston.org; cburrus@cityofevanston.org
Subject: KEEP SOUTH BLVD OPEN

Keep the South Blvd stop on the open CTA Purple line open. It is my only way to get to work. Without it, I will not work and will have to move out of Evanston and therefore not pay taxes in Evanston!

Lea, Claudia

RPM-946

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:50 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd. Open!

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From: Tomasek, Rachel [rachel.tomasek@wellsfargoadvisors.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:46 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: janshakowsky@mail.house.gov; etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; mwynne@cityofevanston.org;
arainey@cityofevanston.org; cburrus@cityofevanston.org
Subject: Keep South Blvd. Open!

Mr. Hands,

I write today concerning the CTA's proposed renovation plans that would include elimination of the South Blvd. station on the Purple Line.

Proximity to public transportation, specifically the CTA's rail lines, were a primary consideration when my husband and I purchased property in South Evanston seven years ago. It has enabled us to become a one-car family, and we use CTA's rail lines to travel to work both on the Northwestern University campus and in Chicago, and to entertainment venues in the Loop and North/Clybourne neighborhoods.

Retaining the South Blvd. station is of paramount importance to neighbors in my condominium, as well as the neighborhood at large. Stories related to this matter, published in the Chicago Tribune, discussed business communities around Evanston stations. The South Blvd station is used daily by persons who work at St. Francis Hospital, the patients of the hospital's related offices and clinic, local South Evanston schools, as well as commuters to Chicago.

On a more troubling note, any proposal to improve the Red and Purple lines that include elimination of the South Blvd. station would result in isolating South Evanston residents from a basic CTA service. It underscores the perception, once conveyed by overt housing discrimination, that services in Evanston are not required south of Main St. Persons of more modest means in the transitional neighborhoods surrounding the South Blvd. station depend on public transportation and are entitled to the same level of basic services as citizens in more affluent neighborhoods.

I urge you and CTA management to pursue plans to renovate the Red and Purple lines that retain the South Blvd. station.

Rachel Tomasek
342 Custer Ave. #1
Evanston, IL 60202

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RPM. 947

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:14 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd L stop open!

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From: Feedback
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:01 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd L stop open!

FYI:

CTA FEEDBACK TEAM

From: Feedback
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Brigitte Cox
Subject: RE: Keep South Blvd L stop open!

Thank you for your comments. Your information has been forwarded to the Purple Line 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

From: Brigitte Cox [bcox@mdna.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:58 PM
To: Feedback
Subject: Keep South Blvd L stop open!

This is a request to please keep the South Boulevard L stop open.

I purchased a condo in the south Evanston neighborhood due to the proximity to this L stop. Property values in this area will decline and property sales will become more difficult without close access to an L stop.

I do not own a car and I rely on this L stop to commute to work downtown Chicago as well as get my groceries from supermarkets in Evanston. I would not be able to carry all of my groceries from Main Street to Austin Street!

South Evanston is a disadvantaged neighborhood. Please do not further this disadvantage by closing the South

Boulevard L stop. There are no businesses in this area and we rely on the L to get to retail businesses, especially on Sundays, when there is no bus service on Ridge Road.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Cox
428 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston

RPM. 948

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:50 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please Keep South Blvd. Open!

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From: Markisan Naso [automaticsan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 1:02 PM
Subject: Please Keep South Blvd. Open!

Good afternoon. It has come to my attention that proposed renovations to the Purple Line include closing the South Blvd. station. I'm writing you today to ask that you not choose this option. My fiance and I bought our condo in large part because of the close proximity to the station. Closing it would not only make commuting to downtown Chicago longer and more difficult, it would take away from the property value of the South Evanston community - not only for those living here now, but for potential buyers and renters. Thank you for listening.

Best,
Markisan Naso

RPM. 949



We want your input on the North Red and Purple Modernization Project. The purpose of the scoping process is to identify public and agency concerns early in the environmental process, define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and facilitate an efficient EIS preparation process. The RPM project is one part of CTA's efforts to enhance and expand the entire Red Line. Please PRINT.

Name: MAX REISING

Organization: Graceland Wilson Neighbors Assoc Title: President Ward. 6th CD -
Booze Group

Address: 442 N Clifton

City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60640

Phone: 773-767-2213 E-mail: MAXR13CNMSBL@AOL.COM

Check here to also receive updates about other projects along the Red Line.

Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on February 18, 2011.

Our Block Club is bounded by Wilson - Montrose, Broadway - Malden -
The Wilson El station is avoided by many pedestrians because
it a dangerous, dark, gang infested area.
As the GUNA president, we want the Redline Wilson El to be
part of the complete modernization with 4-track platform.

Additionally, we want the Wilson El Station to expand the
platform south to Sunnyside - add an exit-entrance -
and improve pedestrian access with access paths
south to Montrose and west to Clifton.

We are making this project a top priority with our new
board and will push for \$10 million to help
support this #1 top priority with our Block Club.



RPM. 950



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Name: Julia McKay

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: 2013 W. Greenleaf Ave

City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60645

Phone: _____ E-mail: juliapeake@yahoo.com

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on February 18, 2011.

- ① I am opposed to the closing of the Streis stop along the red line. I think it would hurt the local businesses that are there for patrons either getting onto the train (coffee shop) or in the evening (restaurant, bar, wine shop).
- ② Having all train stops ADA would be wonderful - this way mothers w/strollers would benefit as well.
- ③ Having the Loyola stop a main transfer station would be great. The purple line at Loyola would make travel easier for a lot of people.

Scoping comments may be submitted via mail, e-mail or fax with attention to: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority, P.O. Box 7602, Chicago, IL 60680-7602. Fax: (312) 681-4195, Email: rpm@transitchicago.com, Website: www.transitchicago.com/rpmproject, Customer Information: 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282), Hearing & Speech Impaired: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-6891), Transit Information: 836-7000 from any local area code RTA TTY: 312-836-4949

RPM 951

January 28, 2011

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

Mr. Hands,

After reading the Sun-Times article regarding the potential closing of the Lawrence Avenue Red Line station ([CTA Considers Closing 5 Stops](#), January 27, 2011), I feel compelled to write. The closing of this station would have disastrous effects on the economic sustainability of Uptown.

The Lawrence station is the front door to the heart of Uptown's entertainment district. CTA riders count on the Lawrence station for safe and convenient access to the Aragon Ballroom, Green Mill Jazz Club, Riviera, Annoyance Theatre, and many other restaurants and pubs.

The Lawrence station is also the main stop for thousands of employees and customers, of the hundreds of retailers and service providers, located within steps of this stop. Residents in the immediately surrounding area, which number in the tens of thousands, utilize the Lawrence station to commute to destinations all over Chicago.

CTA 2010 statistics confirm this station's importance - ridership at the Lawrence station was up 2.8% over the previous year. The average Saturday at the Lawrence station increased 3.2%. In all, over 1.1 million riders went through the Lawrence station turnstiles in 2010. These numbers indicate that this station is a necessary component to the infrastructure of Uptown.

Closing the Lawrence station would have an immensely negative ripple effect on the businesses, residents, and visitors of Uptown. Keeping it open however, and reinvesting in the station, will benefit the community and likely increase your ridership even more - a win-win for everyone. I urge you to keep the station open.

Please share these comments with the CTA Board of Directors, and President Richard Rodriguez. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

John & Kar Janitor
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Chicago, IL 60640

RPM. 952

January 28, 2011

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Strategic Planning & Policy
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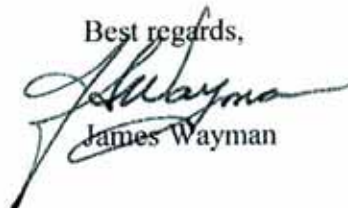
The Lawrence station is also the main stop for thousands of employees and customers, of the hundreds of retailers and service providers, located within steps of this stop. Residents in the immediately surrounding area, which number in the tens of thousands, utilize the Lawrence station to commute to destinations all over Chicago. There are also several senior citizens that live in the area that count on this service to get to their doctors, family, and to navigate around the city.

CTA 2010 statistics confirm this station's importance - ridership at the Lawrence station was up 2.8% over the previous year. The average Saturday at the Lawrence station increased 3.2%. In all, over 1.1 million riders went through the Lawrence station turnstiles in 2010. These numbers indicate that this station is a necessary component to the infrastructure of Uptown.

Closing the Lawrence station would have an immensely negative ripple effect on the businesses, residents, and visitors of Uptown. Keeping it open however, and reinvesting in the station, will benefit the community and likely increase your ridership even more - a win-win for everyone. I urge you to keep the station open.

Please share these comments with the CTA Board of Directors, and President Richard Rodriguez. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,


James Wayman

The Building Group, Inc.
1045 West Lawrence Ave.
Chicago, Illinois 60640

RPM 953



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Name: Donna Walsh

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: 2049 W. Jarvis #22

City: Chicago IL State: 60645 Zip: 60645

Phone: 312-282-2109 E-mail: _____

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on February 18, 2011.

I greatly appreciate the CTA obtaining input from the residents that will be affected by the closing of the Jarvis el station. I live + work in Rogers Park and I use the Morse, Jarvis + Howard el stations. By closing the Jarvis + or Morse el stations our businesses and property values will be greatly affected. Please help keep the small town feeling and the conveniences of CTA mass transportation in our neighborhood. Thank you for considering our input

Donna Walsh

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RPM-954



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Name: MARCIA SCHAK

Organization: _____ Title: _____

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I am 75 yrs of age and more & more rely on CTA.
It would be terrific if the Jarvis & Moore ave.
CTA stops could be enhanced so that they are
easier to navigate and safer. I realize there
are tough times and perhaps the billions of \$ to
enhance & expand the Red Line isn't wait, however,
this is not the time to close down stations such
as Jarvis which would have a devastating
effect on the improvements, small businesses,
that are located within walking distance
of that stop.

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RPM 955



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Name: Lindsey Tortorello

Organization: _____ Title: _____

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City: Chicago IL State: IL Zip: 60645

Phone: 312-218-6766 E-mail: lindsey.tortorello@yahoo.com

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I am a new resident to Rogers Park and I was very impressed with the small neighborhood feeling at the Jarvis el stop. It is in a residential area and I feel very safe at that el stop + I use the businesses near the el stop and I would hate to see those businesses close as a result of the loss of the el stop. Please keep the Jarvis el stop + the Morse el stop open because if they are closed they will be sorely missed. Thank you for your consideration and your open ear to the neighbors in this community we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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RPM.956



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Name: Andres Cruz

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: 1209 W. Arthur #808

City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60626

Phone: _____ E-mail: rogersparkcoqui@gmail.com

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on February 18, 2011.

No large changes should take place until there is enough funding to support a complete overhaul of the system. Small renovations of run down stations makes sense. Anything further is a waste. The entire system needs to be modernized along the ways of the Japanese Bullet Train.



RPM.9857



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Name: Yvonne Turner-McCray (WARD 49 City of Chicago)

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: 1533 W. Jarvis Ave.

City: Chicago State: Illinois Zip: 60626

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Please comment on the proposed alternatives, the purpose and need for the project, the proposed topics of evaluation and the potential impacts and mitigation measures to be considered. Comments must be submitted by the close of business on February 18, 2011.

Please do not close the very vital Jarvis Avenue El Stop. Many people of all ages use it day and night, and as there are some elderly residents who live within steps of this el stop they can easily (and safely) travel. Those of us who have to work at "unusual" hours find this el stop a very safe way to go back and forth, bypassing the too often unsavory activity on Howard Street. Moreover, there are some businesses here that have customers who have come to rely upon and appreciate this Jarvis El stop in Rogers Park. Also- if any changes are made- this station should be accessible.
Thanks for your consideration!

RPM.958

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:16 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd station open!!!!

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From: Ray Wong [raywong448@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 3:11 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep South Blvd station open!!!!

Sent from my iPad

RPM. 959

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:24 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: rmodernization

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From: RHine87532@aol.com [RHine87532@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 8:59 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: rmodernization

RED PURPLE MODERNIZATION | ALTERNATIVE COMPARISON

In Brief:

- 1) NO ACTION
Unacceptable, that's how we got where we are now.
- 2) BASIC REHABILITATION
Maybe for a 5 year, maintenance program till the economy improves.
- 3) BASIC REHABILITATION WITH TRANSFER STATIONS
Not really necessary, possibly just extend express hours & frequency.
- 4) MODERNIAZATION 4-TRACK
Mostly unnecessary. Update older stations for ADA, but no straightening or closing of stations.
- 5) MODERNIAZATION 3-TRACK
Mostly unnecessary. Update older stations for ADA, but no straightening or closing of stations.
- 6) MODERNIAZATION 2-TRACK UNDERGROUND
Almost completely unnecessary. Update older stations for ADA, but no straightening or closing of stations. No additional tunnels.

For me personally:

I use the Jarvis El 5-6 days a week. Closing this stop would be very inconvenient especially in bad weather as the Howard El is so badly run that the Red, Purple & Yellow Lines are always backed up even on good days. Adding even just a fraction of the Jarvis El passengers would increase crowding of the platforms and even more delays at Howard. Add to the fact that the #151 bus does not seem to run to Howard anymore and the #22 runs so badly on Clark means extra walks in bad weather and longer commutes for NO discernable improvements.

Robert Hineman

RPM. 960

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:24 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd. Purple Line Station Open!

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From: Kevin Swagel [kevinswagel@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 9:00 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; cburrus@cityofevanston.org
Subject: Keep South Blvd. Purple Line Station Open!

Dear Mr. Hands and area elected representatives,

I was extremely alarmed today when I learned of the proposed Red Line/Purple Line renovations from a man standing outside of the South Blvd. station handed out flyers in -14 degrees windchill.... this shows you the urgency the South Line Blvd. riders feel about this proposed....what a blow that would be! I live at 720 Oakton in Evanston about 2.5 blocks from the South Blvd. el station and use it daily to go to work in downtown Chicago. I do not have a car and depend on the el train to get me places. Bus service along Chicago Ave. in Evanston is infrequent at best and the el stations at Main in Evanston or Howard Ave. in Chicago would probably be a 25-30 minute walk and in the case of the Howard Ave. station the walk south would be through some neighborhoods that I would call unsafe especially at night. I implore you to please reconsider closing South Blvd. Station....it's well used and has got some classic architectural detail that could really make it shine with a little attention not to mention attracting more renters/homeowners to the area and helping the economy of South Evanston....the closing of the station would definitely have the opposite effect. St. Francis Hospital patients and staff are also served by the South Blvd. el Station...I think it would really hurt the hospital and possibly drive it out of business if the South Blvd. Station were to close. I truly think property values will drop in the area and things will get worse in South Evanston if the South Blvd. Station closes....I for one would definitely move out....please do everything you can to keep this gem of a station open and thriving...

Thank you Mr. hands and area representatives,

Sincerely Kevin Swagel,

720 Oakton, Apt. 4B
Evanston, IL 60202

RPM-961

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:26 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd open!

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From: Thomas Soukup [tvsoukup@att.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:55 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keep South Blvd open!

Dear Mr. Hands,

I have been told you are the person to whom I should address my concerns about the CTA's plans to close the South Blvd stop on the Purple Line. I use that stop daily on my commute to and from my job in downtown Chicago. Closing the South Blvd stop will make my life more difficult each and every working day of my life.

I live about a mile due west of the South Blvd stop, and on many days I walk rather than drive to the el. If I have to go to the Main St. stop, or to Howard St., walking will no longer be an option. I'll have to drive. Have you looked into what kind of parking is available near Main St. if I and many other commuters who use South Blvd need to drive there? There are no designated parking areas available, and the neighborhood will not be able to absorb all the extra cars.

It seems to me that the idea of public mass transit is to move large numbers of people in an effective and efficient manner. Forcing more people to drive to get to a rapid transit stop doesn't do that. It makes the process more difficult. It is well-known that Chicago has some of the worst vehicle commuting delays and poor air quality. The CTA should be looking for ways to take commuters out of cars, not force them into cars, as closing stops will inevitably do.

I would have been at the Evanston meeting in which the closings were introduced but for two things. First, the announcement of the meeting said nothing about station closings. The notice I saw at the CTA stop only said there would be a discussion about improvements to the Red/Purple Line stretch between Belmont and Linden. Closing stations is NOT an improvement! Secondly, I had a physical therapy appointment that evening that lasted until just after 7:00, the scheduled starting time for the meeting. Had I known that this wrong-headed idea would be proposed there, I would nevertheless have made the effort to attend.

I must repeat my assertion that closing the South Blvd Purple Line stop would be a mistake, and a huge disservice to the many commuters in south Evanston who use that stop. There must be alternatives to such a plan, and I urge you to consider them.

Thank you for your consideration.

RPM-962

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:26 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please keep South Blvd. station open

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From: Timothy J. McNulty [timothyj.mcnulty@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:17 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please keep South Blvd. station open

Closing it will cause a hardship for patients and employees of St. Francis Hospital and neighboring residents.
Thank you,
Tim McNulty

RPM. 963

Lea, Claudia

From: Hands, Steve [SHands@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:46 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please keep the South Blvd L stop open!

Steve Hands
Strategic Planner
Chicago Transit Authority
Strategic Planning and Policy
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From: Connelly, Michael
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:37 AM
To: Hands, Steve
Subject: Fw: Please keep the South Blvd L stop open!

From: Longhini, Gregory
To: Connelly, Michael
Sent: Thu Feb 10 09:32:13 2011
Subject: FW: Please keep the South Blvd L stop open!

Mike.

I sent this on to the email address you sent me, but it kicked back. Please forward.
thanks]
Greg

From: Brigitte Cox [bcox@mdna.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2011 2:59 PM
To: Longhini, Gregory
Subject: Please keep the South Blvd L stop open!

This is a request to please keep the South Boulevard L stop open.

I purchased a condo in the south Evanston neighborhood due to the proximity to this L stop. Property values in this area will decline and property sales will become more difficult without close access to an L stop.

I do not own a car and I rely on this L stop to commute to work downtown Chicago as well as get my groceries from supermarkets in Evanston. I would not be able to carry all of my groceries from Main Street to Austin Street!

South Evanston is a disadvantaged neighborhood. Please do not further this disadvantage by closing the South Boulevard L stop. There are no businesses in this area and we rely on the L to get to retail businesses, especially on

Sundays, when there is no bus service on Ridge Road.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Cox
428 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston

RPM. 964

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 2:08 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keep South Blvd station open

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From: denise steinhauser [denise_steinhauser@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:17 AM
To: janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; North Red & Purple Modernization; etisdahl@cityofevanston.org; mwynne@cityofevanston.org; arainey@cityofevanston.org; cburrus@cityofevanston.org
Cc: tony
Subject: Keep South Blvd station open

Good morning all,

As a resident and daily user of the South Blvd CTA station, I'm writing in opposition of closing this vital station.

Furthermore, my teenage son relies on the South Blvd station to get around town, and I am very uncomfortable with the idea of him (not to mention myself) having to walk the several additional blocks down Custer, at night, alone.

Thank you,

Denise

RPM-965

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 2:09 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Purple line - South blvd

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From: Feedback
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:43 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: FW: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Purple line - South blvd

FYI:

CTA FEEDBACK TEAM

From: Feedback
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:42 PM
To: Alan Williamson
Subject: RE: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Purple line - South blvd

Thank you for your comments. Your information has been forwarded to the Red and Purple Line project email RPM@transitchicago.com for consideration. For your convenience, we have provided a link to additional information on the Red and Purple Modernization Project.

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

We appreciate your remarks.

CTA FEEDBACK TEAM

From: Alan Williamson [al.williamson@eicoff.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 1:28 PM
To: Feedback
Subject: Transit Chicago Contact Us - Purple line - South blvd

Address:
Address2:
Address3:
City:
State:
Country: United States
Zip: 60202
Phone: 312-527-7100

Comment: Please do not close the South Blvd stop on the Purple line. I use it 10x/wk and have for the past 13 years.

RPM. 906

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 4:39 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Sun-times Article: CTA Considers Closing 5 Stops, January 27, 2011
Attachments: Steve Hands re Closing Lawrence Red Line Station.pdf

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From: angela.joiner-jones@c4chicago.org [angela.joiner-jones@c4chicago.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 4:21 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: tony.kopera@c4chicago.org
Subject: Sun-times Article: CTA Considers Closing 5 Stops, January 27, 2011

Attached is a letter from Tony Kopera, President & CEO of Community Counseling Centers of Chicago, opposing the closing of the Lawrence Avenue Red Line Station. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

ajj

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Community Counseling Centers of Chicago

ANTHONY A. KOPERA, Ph.D.
President & Chief Executive Officer

February 10, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Hands:

Last month there was an article in the Sun-Times about the possible closing of the Lawrence Avenue Red Line station (*CTA Considers Closing 5 Stops, January 27, 2011*). The closing of this station would have disastrous effects on the economic sustainability of Uptown. Hundreds of retailers and other service providers are located within steps of this stop. Residents in the immediately surrounding area, which number in the tens of thousands, utilize the Lawrence station to commute to destinations all over Chicago.

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4) is located in the heart of Uptown at 4740 N. Clark Street at Lawrence Avenue. The Lawrence station is the main stop for many of our clients and employees. C4 offers help to families struggling with mental illness, substance use, and emotional trauma and abuse. Our services reach some of Chicago's most vulnerable: more than 98% of people helped by our services live below the poverty level. For many individuals recovering from severe mental illness we are a lifeline of support, enabling these men and women to remain in their own communities and out of institutions. For families experiencing crises, we offer the counseling and referrals to community-based services so that parents and children can grow strong together.

The Lawrence station is also the front door to the heart of Uptown's entertainment district. CTA riders count on the Lawrence station for safe and convenient access to the Aragon Ballroom, Green Mill Jazz Club, Riviera, Annoyance Theatre, and many other restaurants and pubs.

I understand that per the CTA 2010 statistics, ridership at the Lawrence station was up 2.8% over the previous year. The average Saturday at the Lawrence station increased 3.2%. In all, over 1.1 million riders went through the Lawrence station turnstiles in 2010. These numbers indicate that this station is a necessary component to the infrastructure of Uptown.

Closing the Lawrence station would have an immensely negative ripple effect on the businesses, residents, and visitors of Uptown. Keeping it open however, and reinvesting in the station, will benefit the community and likely increase your ridership even more – a win-win for everyone.

As you continue your negotiations, please take into account the thousands of people that will be affected by your decision. Please share these comments with the CTA Board of Directors, and President Richard Rodriguez. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Kopera, Ph.D.
President & CEO

RPM. 967

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 4:40 PM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Foster Stop on Purple Line
Attachments: image001.jpg

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From: Breanne Henkelman [bhenkelman2012@kellogg.northwestern.edu]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 4:37 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Foster Stop on Purple Line

Dear CTA Strategic Planning and Policy,

Please reconsider your thoughts regarding closing the Foster El stop on the Purple Line. This stop is the closest stop to Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and it being a graduate school, many students commute and use this stop to get to class. Closing it would force thousands commuting to campus to have to walk farther than necessary.

Additionally, if you close this stop, those living near Foster station will have to walk 4 blocks to get home from either Noyes or Davis. At night, especially for females, this is very dangerous. With the recent muggings that have occurred as early as 7pm in the evening in the area, closing Foster station could subject many more people to an unnecessary walk that is unsafe for all, but especially females.

Lastly, an elderly care facility is located right next to this stop. Many family members and friends of those at the elderly facility take the El to Foster to visit. Closing this station will force them to have to walk a mile from the other nearest stations. It is important to ensure that people have access to convenient public transport so that they can visit their loved ones at the elderly facility as frequently as possible. Closure of the Foster station would be unfortunate.

Many thanks for your consideration of these issues.

Breanne Henkelman

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RPM. 968

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:27 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Modernization Project Comments

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From: Patricia Stewart [patriciacstewart@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 5:16 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Modernization Project Comments

Good day,

As a 14-year resident of Edgewater, I wanted to comment and say that removing the Granville el station and creating a Glenlake entrance would be extremely inconvenient for those, like me, who live between Devon and Granville, west of Clark St. From Clark & Granville, it is a 7 block walk to the Granville el - that's enough. The proposed Glenlake entrance would increase the walking portion of my commute to 11 blocks, or force me to take a bus and transfer to the el in times of inclement weather.

Keep the Granville stop open! Therefore, I vote for either of the Basic Rehab options. I think repairing/updating the viaducts and current support structures is most important. Perhaps Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stops could be combined, with an entrance on each end?

Thank you for all your efforts, and thanks for taking my comments into consideration.

Sincerely,
Patricia Stewart

RPM. 969

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:27 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Boulevard Station

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From: Regina Sant'Anna [regidoug@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 5:15 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: South Boulevard Station

CTA,

My husband and I have made a commitment to public transportation and during the past 15 years have taken public trains to work EVERY single day. This is our third home. Everytime we look for a home one of the things we factor in is how close to the L this home is. Please don't close the Sought Boulevard stop in Evanston. We need more stops all around and not less.

Regina Sant'Anna

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Lea, Claudia

RPM. 970

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: South Boulevard train station in danger of closing!!!!

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From: Regina Sant'Anna [regidoug@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 5:17 PM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization; North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Fw: South Boulevard train station in danger of closing!!!!

FYI regarding the South Boulevard Station.

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Cc: regidoug@yahoo.com
Sent: Thu, February 10, 2011 12:01:09 PM
Subject: South Boulevard train station in danger of closing!!!!

Jan Schakowsky, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, 3rd Ward Melissa Wynne,

We use the Purple line South Boulevard stop to go downtown everyday. We are committed to public transportation for the past 15 years as a way of contribution to the environment. This is also a more economic way of commuting for many families in South Evanston. We urge you not to close South Boulevard. We need more public transportation in all areas of Evanston as well as the less served areas of Chicago CTA, **and not less.**

PS: We are copying this email to our friends in Evanston, in the hopes that they will contact their representatives. Also please forward this action.

For more info read <http://triblocal.com/evanston/2011/01/25/cta-considers-chopping-two-evanston-stations/>

Regina Sant'Anna & Doug Skites
713 Sheridan Road
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RPM. 971

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:28 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Modernization Plan - Comment
Attachments: CTA SCOPING RESPONSE (02-11-11).pdf

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From: RTootelian@aol.com [RTootelian@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 6:30 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Modernization Plan - Comment

Mr. Hands,

Please see the attached letter with my comments to the Modernization Plan. I did attend the meeting in Evanston. I have been an avid rider for many years.

Bob Tootelian
2001 Maple Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201
(847) 864-4081

CTA SCOPING RESPONSE

FEBRUARY 2, 2011

I am opposed to any plan that closes "L" stops. In a poor economic climate, especially for real estate, closing stations will lead to a fall in real estate values since many neighborhoods were built up around these stations. This alone makes the idea of station closing unacceptable. Further, the recent blizzard should underscore the need for more "L" stations, not fewer.

I have lived in Rogers Park and South Evanston where I used the Jarvis and South Blvd stations. When I lived at Touhy and Sheridan, without the Jarvis station, the "L" would have simply been unusable. It's just way too far to walk to Morse or Howard Street. Presently, I live near, and use, the Foster St station. While it may not be the most heavily used station, there are always people on the platform. When I attended college, I would commute from Rogers Park to Northwestern. Like other students, I used both Noyes and Foster stations, depending upon the location of classes. I'm wondering whether CTA rider ship statistics include both entry and exit numbers, because I suspect that they are NOT the same, especially on weekends. Lots of students get rides to places off campus and return to by "L" train. I can't even imagine Northwestern without the Foster station.

It infuriates me to look at the Foster station and its state of disrepair. I don't think that the CTA has put a dime into the station in thirty years. In fact, it is probably much like it was a hundred years ago. Why not clean it up, update the stairs and lighting, powerwash it and throw on a coat of paint? I wondered the same thing about the Jackson subway stop which I used daily before the remodel. Why did it have to get so bad? Why couldn't the lighting have been improved? Why couldn't the light fixtures have been cleaned once in a while? Why did the Howard station fall into such a sorry state before reconstruction? It was so bad it is impossible to describe without being offensive, although I would describe it over the telephone.

Another thing about the Foster station, what about the parking? Whoever manages it needs to rethink that issue. The lot could easily accommodate far more cars – maybe twice as many. Why not 12-hour meters? The signage there is terrible. Additionally, someone should work with Northwestern to have them rethink the use of its parking lot that is adjacent to the Foster station. They could easily expand the use of the lot to the entire NU community, and maybe even to Evanston residents during certain times of the week. The issues of cleanliness and parking need to be addressed at all stations, especially the neglected stations. The CTA should be ashamed of itself to neglect stations and then suggest closure without first addressing the underlying issues

. Finally, to suggest that better service will result from station closure is ludicrous. Not so long ago, the Evanston Express (now the Purple Line) ran express from Howard to the Mart with stops at Belmont and Fullerton. Now, it's practically a local run. Eliminating Foster and South Blvd won't amount to much. As an experienced CTA rider, I can tell you that – over time - a few minutes saved will be lost somewhere else, anyway.

RPM 972

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:34 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Vote NO to closing the Chicago/South Boulevard EL stop

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From: lmoputr@comcast.net [lmoputr@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:29 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Fwd: Vote NO to closing the Chicago/South Boulevard EL stop

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From: "Coleen Burrus" <burrus-9thward@live.com>
To: lmoputr@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 10:36:57 AM
Subject: Re: Vote NO to closing the Chicago/South Boulevard EL stop

The city council and city staff are still working to keep the South stop open. Please remember to submit your comments online to CTA. Also encourage others to do so as CTA does take the comments into consideration.

Regards
Coleen
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----

From: lmoputr@comcast.net
Date: Thu, 10 Feb 2011 15:07:52
To: <Burrus-9thward@live.com>
Cc: <lmoputr@comcast.net>
Subject: Vote NO to closing the Chicago/South Boulevard EL stop

February 9, 2011

Ms. Burrus...

Please vote No to the closing of the EL Stop located at South Boulevard and Chicago Avenue

I have lived in this part of town all of my life. I have gone to the schools here. Taken the old Evanston number 3 bus on cold days to school and down town Evanston in the 60's. Taking the 202 bus to the High School, and the EL, to areas the buses did not go to. Little by little, there have been

eliminations of transportation in this part of town; all in the name of progress. How much does the south east area of Evanston need to lose in the name of progress?

How is it progress to cause residents, who move into this area because of the closeness to transportation options? A person would need to walk north multiple blocks only to go south into Chicago to work. Not everyone is in optimal health to take on these added blocks of walking.

The ride from this stop is approximately 30 minutes to the Loop. Great time, when you consider the alternatives of additional walking time added to ones commute, or driving. So much for going/staying Green.

For CTA to say this stop does not get utilized is a false statement. There are people that drive their cars to this area, park their cars, and take the train to their daily destinations. Again, area residents use this terminal for the same purpose. And Students going to the High School will grab the train if the bus is late, or crowded. Remember, this is a two way situation; those that use the train to leave, use it to return to the same area; close to their homes. Homes that could become empty as residents seek homes closer to timely transportation options.

I heard that CTA commented that this stop is also not needed because there are no businesses in the area. Untrue. What about the strip mall where Walgreen's is located on Chicago Avenue. How about St. Francis Hospital, where both employees and patients get off at South Boulevard and Chicago Avenue and walk four blocks to get to the Hospital. There is also the rehabilitation building on Asbury and Oakton. This does not even include the nannies that commute from into this area to their jobs in residents homes.

Instead of closing the EL stop at Chicago Avenue and South Boulevard, we should be promoting it. Clean it up a bit, repair it a bit. After all, it is the first stop in our town.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I sincerely hope this stop, the gateway into our town, remains open.

RPM. 973

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:59 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Saving southblvd station

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From: Choi, Myung [MChoi@Reshealthcare.org]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:38 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Saving southblvd station

I'm an employee of St. Francis Hospital and it is important to have South Blvd station open for some Chicago resident able to use public transportation as a patient and employee.
Thank you

RPM 974

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 9:00 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Keeping South Blvd. stop open

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From: Sally Brown-Winter [salad53@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 8:56 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Keeping South Blvd. stop open

Mr. Hands,

I am a cta rider. I usually drive my car to the South Blvd station, find a parking space and take the train to my work in the West Mart building. I've tried the Davis St station and others. However, the Davis Street Lot charges me \$12/day which I cannot afford as an everyday expense. The South Blvd station is the closest to my house anyway and affords me more time to spend with my family. I must note my dismay at the parking meters placed across the street from the station; in front of the condominium complex. Why would people want to insult their guests by allowing them to only stay for two hours and having to pay for that visit?! It afforded us cta riders extra parking space during the day. This parking meter fiasco should be revoked.

Anyway, if the South Blvd. station is cut off, there will be few free parking spaces at those stations still open and most of the spots open will only be for pay. My place of employment has just informed us that for the new fiscal year, our salaries will be frozen. I know that I am fortunate to be employed. I stretch my budget on sub zero days to pay the \$4.00 parking fee at the Howard St. lot. I cannot think of palatable options for me if the closing of the station comes to fruition.

I know others will write to you about the fact that they purposely rented nearby the station and that an additional 25 minutes would be added to their commute. I understand them completely. However, I wanted you to hear about another typical person relying on the South Blvd. Stop daily.

Thank you for listening

Respectfully submitted by,
Sally Brown-Winter
salad53@aol.com
847 372-7563

Sally

Lea, Claudia

RPM. 975

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: PURPLE LINE.

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From: Per Jacobson [perjacobson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:13 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: PURPLE LINE.

I take the Purple Line from the Main St Station. I very much hope that it remains open.
Thank you,
Per Jacobson
1019 Hinman Ave
Evanston

RPM 976

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: RJ Coleman [arj.coleman@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:17 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

Hi Steve,

I am writing to express my opinion about proposed changes to the Purple Line.

I live in Evanston about 1 mile west of the Dempster L station. I enjoy my walk each day to and from the station (great exercise), and I ride the Express to the Mart, as the company I work for is located near there.

First, I am very impressed with the new 5000 series train cars. They are smooth and quiet and a pleasure to ride in.

Second, I'm not a fan of closing stations, but Foster and South Blvd stations -- if they had to be closed or mothballed for budgetary reasons -- are close enough to other stations for most people to be able to get to their alternatives. And, more foot traffic would be directed to the businesses around Main St. and Davis St. stations which I think is good for economic development in those commercial hubs.

Finally, please keep the Express that operates during rush hour! This is vital for those that save time and aggravation on those commutes. I'm afraid I'd switch to Metra if the Express was eliminated. The Express is a very big selling point for Evanston/North Shore residents and generates lots of goodwill towards the CTA.

Thank you.

RJ Coleman
1719 Lake
Evanston, 60201

RPM. 977

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:45 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Purple Line Express

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From: Ray Saleh [raysaleh@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:23 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Purple Line Express

I am an Evanston Resident that travels to Chicago daily on the Purple Line Express to State and Lake. I use the Purple line primarily because it is an Express. Please do not eliminate the Purple Line Express during rush hours. It would make my commute longer and force me to abandon the CTA and use Metra...because of the convenience of shorter travel times.

BTW I love the timing screens at Belmont They have taken the guesswork out of when purple line will arrive at the station.

Thank you!

Ray Saleh
Evanston Resident
(312) 933-2799

RPM-978

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:19 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: David Schoenfeld [des3344@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:00 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

Please do not close the Foster Street station or eliminate Purple Line express service; we rely on both of them. Thank you.

RPM-979

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:19 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: keep South Blvd El sation open!!

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From: Kathryn Mickle [kbn456@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:02 AM
To: mwynne@cityofevanston.org; North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: keep South Blvd El sation open!!

I understand there is a plan in the works to renovate the CTA red and purple lines, and that this calls for closing the South Blvd El station. I work downtown and take the Purple line from this station daily and this would seriously inconvenience me. I rented my apartment in the 500 block of Hinman because of its proximity to this station, and my commute time would increase dramatically. This would be enough for me to consider moving from the area -- I am sure I'm not the only one. I understand there are other options that are less expensive and keep this stop open. Please seriously consider these.

Thank you --
Kathryn Mickle

RPM. 980

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:19 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: amisilvestre [amisilvestre@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:13 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

For my citizen comment:

Please keep the Evanston Express stop at South Blvd. This is important for people who work at St. Francis Hospital, and for those who visit patients, as well as people who live in the area.

And please keep the Evanston Express during peak , rush hour service to Chicago loop. The 12 stops that are eliminated take 20 minutes off the trip for commuters. It's important to keep it that way.

Thank you for listening,

Ami Silvestre Pullinsi
525 Grove
Evanston, IL 60201

RPM-981

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:20 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: attention: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority

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From: David Bush [bushdr@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:13 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: attention: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority

Steve,

Please do not close the South Street Station.
I use it almost daily.

Thank you.

David Bush
529 Chicago Ave Unit i
Evanston IL 60202

RPM. 982

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:20 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands: Please DO NOT discontinue Purple Line Express Service
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From: Evan Jackson [evanjac@cdw.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:17 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands: Please DO NOT discontinue Purple Line Express Service

Like many in the Northern Suburbs, I work in the City and the Purple Line express service is the only transit option which allows me to travel to my place of work with a reasonable commute time. Please do not discontinue this service – it is an economic necessity for a large population of individuals who live up North but work in the city.

Thank you,

Evan Jackson
Strategic Sales Tools Specialist
CDW
200 N. Milwaukee
Vernon Hills, IL 60061



RPM 983

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:19 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line

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From: Catherine Juric [catherinejuric@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:07 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Cc: mwynne@cityofevanston.org; janschakowsky@mail.house.gov; robyn@robyngabel.com; robynforrep@gmail.com
Subject: Purple Line

Dear Mr Hands

I am in favor of keeping the South Blvd stop OPEN. The stop is essential to the economic success of South Evanston and, given its proximity to St Francis Hospital, it provides a lifeline in the community.

Catherine Juric

RPM. 984

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:21 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston CTA

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From: Andrew Roberts [andrewcroberts@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:18 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston CTA

Steve Hands,
Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority

Mr. Hands,

I am an Evanston resident and I would like to submit my opinion for the changes to service of the CTA in Evanston.

I understand the financial constraints that will determine the final outcome are severe and of large concern. I would suggest several solutions that will hopefully be cost neutral.

1) Eliminate the stations at South and Foster. Both stations are within blocks of another easily accessible station, but are not in particularly high traffic areas of use. If stations need or should be eliminated, I presume these are the two that are least used. If that is the case, I agree. Close them. I don't mind walking to Main st. to catch my train.

2) Upgrading the Purple line AND keeping the purple line express should be a top priority for the CTA. Keeping paying commuters on the line and using the service should be a priority, and would only increase with upgrades systems. However, people wishing to ride the purple line express should be charged more for their tickets. I am not sure how that could be done, but it is a convenience service that is not available in many other areas. Riding the purple line or the express line should simply cost more to do, however, the added benefit to the customer is that they will have newer, better, facilities and that the burden of these costs will not be levied on their children or grandchildren. Most North Shore residents can and would pay more for better quality and consistent service if that were an option.

3) Keeping the North shore of Chicago connected and using the CTA should be a top priority. Once you lose those customers, it will take years to get them back, if ever. Don't let that happen.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

RPM. 985

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:24 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Attn: Steve Hands: Please DO NOT discontinue Purple Line Express Service
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From: Evan Jackson [evanjac@cdw.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:21 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: RE: Attn: Steve Hands: Please DO NOT discontinue Purple Line Express Service

Apologies for the second email – I just noticed that the South Blvd stop is also under consideration for closure, which is the last available Evanston stop for the entire southern half of Evanston – again, please do not close this stop. It would cut off a huge portion of Evanston workers, myself included, from reasonable access to the EL.

Thanks again,

Evan Jackson
Strategic Sales Tools Specialist
CDW
200 N. Milwaukee
Vernon Hills, IL 60061



From: Evan Jackson
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:18 AM
To: 'RPM@transitchicago.com'
Subject: Attn: Steve Hands: Please DO NOT discontinue Purple Line Express Service

Like many in the Northern Suburbs, I work in the City and the Purple Line express service is the only transit option which allows me to travel to my place of work with a reasonable commute time. Please do not discontinue this service – it is an economic necessity for a large population of individuals who live up North but work in the city.

Thank you,

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RPM. 986

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:25 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Evanston CTA
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From: Jacquelynn Kelly [jkelly@ncacf.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:21 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Evanston CTA

I moved to Evanston specifically for the public transportation and how the Purple Line provides me with a way to get where I need to go. Do not close any of the stations!

Jacquelynn Kelly
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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:26 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line Express Service

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From: Randy Hamburg [mchamburg@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:25 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line Express Service

I read that there is consideration of cancelling express service for the Purple Line.

That would be a major mistake. I've been dependent on the Purple Line for years and have loved the service. If the express service were cancelled, I would have to switch to driving and/or Metra (a ten minute walk from my work). I also appreciate the flexibility that I have being able to work as late as 7:15 and still get home at a reasonable time.

The people of Evanston depend on the Purple Line - It is a life-line into the city.

Save some money by closing South and Foster stations (there are stations within an easy walk of both of those). But don't cancel or cut-back on the express service.

RPM. 988

Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:25 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Comment on the Purple Line

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From: Elizabeth Wright [ewright@saic.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:19 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Comment on the Purple Line

I am writing to comment on what I've read of plans to re-vamp or eliminate the Purple Line's express service, possibly closing the South Blvd Station. I am a regular Purple Line commuter from South Blvd, and such service reductions would certainly affect my commute. The South Blvd stop serves St. Francis Hospital, but beyond that it serves a large population in south Evanston that is NOT in walking distance of the El. Main Street is a fine stop, but the parallel Metra station means that parking is rarely available near the El stop for those of us more than a mile and a half away (the limits of walking distance, i think; beyond those limits in winter). Howard is even worse for parking, and the walk is not safe at night. The South Blvd stop provides extensive neighborhood parking for commuters like me who want to use mass transit, want to keep our cars off out of the city, but cannot walk to a stop. The Purple Line express service means the length of my mass transit commute is competitive with driving.

I represent a potentially large number of commuters for whom the El is just marginally advantageous over driving: because of my work, i can park moderately cheaply in the Loop, and Lake Shore Drive is usually not too slow. When I figure a \$4 round trip on the El (more if I have passengers), my Loop parking fee seems even more reasonable. But by taking the El I save a couple bucks and do my bit for the environment. Eliminating the South Blvd stop and/or the express service makes that calculation even closer and mass transit that much less appealing compared to driving.

Closing South Blvd will result in fewer mass transit users. Surely we should be aiming to encourage mass transit use, not discourage it.
Please keep South Blvd open and the Purple Line express service running.

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"The arc of history is long, but it bends toward justice." M.L. King, Jr.

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:28 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Please upgrade Purple Line overpasses

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From: Richard Phillips [rphill1944@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:26 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Please upgrade Purple Line overpasses

I understand that the CTA is seeking riders' comments for possible upgrading of the north suburban line. I'd like to add my voice in support of upgrading overpasses in Evanston and retaining non-stop Purple Line service between Howard and Belmont. Also, keeping open the South Boulevard station is critical to residents on the south side of Evanston. However, closing the Foster Avenue station seems like a good cost-cutting idea.

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:38 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: CTA Purple Line (attention to: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority)

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From: Matthew Snow [matthewesnow@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:29 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: CTA Purple Line (attention to: Steve Hands, Strategic Planning & Policy, Chicago Transit Authority)

Dear Mr. Hands,

As an Evanston resident, I am encouraged by the possibility of refurbishing Purple Line stations. I do wish to express my sincere hope, however, that you do not close the South Blvd. station nor the Foster St. station. I live near the South Blvd. station, and I am a graduate student at Northwestern. Both of those stations are extremely important to me, both for school and for non-school use. I would certainly be less inclined to use the CTA if you closed the South Blvd. station.

Thank you,
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RPM-991

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:38 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple line changes

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From: John Fervoy [jfvoy@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:29 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple line changes

Dear Mr. Hands

I'm writing to express my concern regarding proposed changes to the Purple Line. The express service makes the Howard a functional transportation for a large population. That is why the express is always full. If the express service is canceled then many people need to consider other transportation options (driving) to get downtown on a daily basis.

Why dismantle a functioning hub and spoke system? We need to rely more on mass transit in the future. If this is done the city needs to expect more parking downtown, increase tolerance of pollution and traffic delays. This is clearly backwards thinking.

Also, if one looks at a map of the purple line, the South Boulevard stop is a key stop because of its isolated southerly location. It serves a large area of mixed income residents who rely heavily on mass transit. Again, it is increasingly important to reinforce existing services and not dismantle this important resource.

Thank you for your consideration

-John Fervoy
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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Proposed changes to Purple & Red Lines

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From: L Elam [laelam@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:33 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Proposed changes to Purple & Red Lines

Although I am semi-retired now, I rode the red and purple lines into Chicago from Evanston and the near north side on a daily basis for 26 years. I have two concerns regarding the proposed changes to these lines:

1. Express service should not be eliminated. The trip into Chicago from Evanston with express service is already at least an hour long. Given this trip is only 13 miles, it shouldn't take this long. Imposing a longer commute on daily travelers is simply untenable.
2. There is a problem with both the red and purple lines just south of the Howard stop. Regardless of the time of day, riders find that their trip is delayed near the Jarvis stop. For some unexplained reason, the trains always stop at this point and sit on the tracks for up to 10 minutes. Any improvements to the red and purple lines should eliminate this delay.

Sincerely,
Lucy A. Elam
1722 South Blvd.
Evanston, Illinois

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:39 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: purple line express

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From: Sarah Severson [sarah2405@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:31 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: purple line express

Dear Steve,

I am writing in regard to the possibility of eliminating the purple line express - PLEASE do not eliminate the express options! My commute into Chicago is already lengthy on the el, but more convenient to get to the Loop than the Metra. If the express was eliminated, I would most likely use the Metra more often because it would be faster, even though I'd have to walk more on both ends.

Please keep the purple line express!!

Thank you,
Sarah
Evanston resident near the Central St. purple line stop

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Lea, Claudia

From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:40 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Foster Station on the Purple Line

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From: Brown, Sheila J. [Sheila.Brown@dlapiper.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:33 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Foster Station on the Purple Line

Dear Sirs,

I have lived near the Foster Street CTA station in Evanston for nearly 23 years and use the L to commute to my job in the Loop every day. I feel extremely fortunate to have public transportation so conveniently located to me. I see many neighbors on the train who are also commuting to their jobs. Our home is often a stopping place for family members who are traveling to the city, but don't want to drive. The Foster Street station also serves many employees and students of Northwestern University who travel to and from work, class and cultural events.

In a time when we are facing rising gas prices and environmental concerns, I believe it is critical to maintain and enhance the current CTA system. I urge you not to close the Foster Street CTA station.

Sincerely,

Sheila Brown
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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:39 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: RModernization COMMENT

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From: Brigitte Cox [bcox@mdna.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:33 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: RModernization COMMENT

This is a request to please keep the South Boulevard L stop open.

I purchased a condo in the south Evanston neighborhood due to the proximity to this L stop. Property values in this area will decline and property sales will become more difficult without close access to an L stop.

I do not own a car and I rely on this L stop to commute to work downtown Chicago as well as get my groceries from supermarkets in Evanston. I would not be able to carry all of my groceries from the Main Street L stop to my home at Elmwood/Austin Streets!

South Evanston is a disadvantaged neighborhood. Please do not further this disadvantage by closing the South Boulevard L stop. There are no businesses in this area and we rely on the L to get to retail businesses, especially on Sundays, when there is no bus service on Ridge Road.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Brigitte Cox
428 Elmwood Avenue
Evanston

Lea, Claudia

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:40 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Do not close the South Boulevard Rapid Transit Station

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From: Bill Arndt [blueeagle@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:35 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Do not close the South Boulevard Rapid Transit Station

Hello,

It has come to my attention that the CTA is considering closing the South Boulevard Station on the Purple line. This is wrong headed and will hurt many people, like those in my family and my neighbors who are dependent on this station to get downtown.

It seems to me that the role of public transit is to facilitate commerce and the vitality of urban areas. For over one hundred years, the South Boulevard Station has served in downtown Chicago businesses by providing access to skilled labor as well as customers for retail establishments. In return, those who live in our area have easy access to jobs that keep food on the table and a roof over our heads.

Together with discussion of the additional closing of the Jarvis Station, the CTA is, in fact, participating in the redlining of much of South Evanston and Rogers Park. This will serve to undermine business investment in the area as well as dramatically decrease property values as you well know. Is this at the direction of the Chase Bank and it's minions here in local government? It has long been the practice of local banks and insurance companies to carry out such practices in the Chicago area. This is a despicable practice and serves only to profit the banks and not the citizens who are invested in a community. in our town. Is the CTA now complicit in these plans? I certainly hope not.

Please demonstrate your good faith in your riders by dispelling any notion that the closing of the South Boulevard station is under consideration.

Thank you.

Bill Arndt
Claire Howard

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:40 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: re purple line renovation

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From: Barbara Stone [b.stone@shimer.edu]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:37 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: re purple line renovation

I certainly hope that discussion of getting rid of South Boulevard will come to an end. I live near that station, and there are so many senior citizens who live in that neighborhood. We need the station!! In fact, we need more frequent service from Howard north during afternoon rush hours.

Thanks for asking.
Barbara Stone

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Barbara S. Stone
Professor of German and Humanities
Shimer College

RPM-998

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:40 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Jarvis stop

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Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:38 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Jarvis stop

DO NOT CLOSE JARVIS STOP AS IT WILL GREATLY HARM THE COMMUNITY IN MANY WAYS!!!

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Lea, Claudia

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:41 AM
To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Red Purple Line Modernization Feedback

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From: Pat Corirossi [patcorirossi@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:38 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Red Purple Line Modernization Feedback

As an Evanston resident living in downtown Evanston near the Davis Street station, I would like to provide feedback on the Red Purple Line Modernization proposals.

1. The idea of extending the Davis Street station access north to Church is not logical. Currently the station entrance is midway between Church and Davis Streets facing Benson where the CTA and Pace busses stop and park. There is no entrance along Davis Street. Save your money and leave the Davis Street station as is, but keep the Foster station open. Closing the Foster station as part of this proposal would negatively impact the Northwestern students who use it to travel to the northern part of NU's Evanston campus.
2. The South Boulevard station is the closest stop providing access to St. Francis Hospital. It should not be eliminated, but should be upgraded for ADA accessibility.
3. The Central Street station should also be upgraded for ADA accessibility. It services Evanston Hospital and should be the highest priority station for upgrades.
4. Continued Purple Line Express service should be provided in both directions. If anything, it should be expanded and provided on weekends in addition to weekday rush hours. We use it quite often to get into the City from Evanston to work in the early evening, but unfortunately, have to rely on the slow Red Line with transfers to the Purple Line in the late evening when returning home.

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From: North Red & Purple Modernization [RPM@transitchicago.com]
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To: Lea, Claudia
Subject: FW: Purple Line
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From: Joe Liss [jliss@bkl-cpa.com]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 11:39 AM
To: North Red & Purple Modernization
Subject: Purple Line

I am an Evanston, resident, an Evanston business owner and a board member for the Evanston chamber of Commerce.

I am writing to encourage the CTA to continue the Purple line service without diminishment. The Purple line is crucial to Evanston residents, Northwestern students, Chicago retail customers who shop in Evanston and Chicago residents working in Evanston. Conversely, Evanston residents and workers use the Purple line to visit the loop, Wrigley field, O'Hare and Midway airports and many other places in Chicago.

Diminishment in service on the Purple line, whether by closing Evanston stations or cutting back service frequency will have a negative effect on the Evanston and Chicago economies as well as present major inconveniences for Purple line users.

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