

Fall 2020 Newsletter

## Guiding Future Development Along the Red Line Extension Through the Transit-Supportive Development Plan

The CTA is beginning development of a Transit-Supportive Development (TSD) Plan, in partnership with the Department of Planning & Development (DPD). The TSD Plan will incorporate the community's vision for future development along the RLE corridor. It will also identify methods and resources needed to enable mixed-use development and enhance economic vitality, multimodal connectivity and the pedestrian environment. The TSD plan will utilize an equitable Transit-Oriented Development (eTOD) planning approach, eTOD planning seeks to promote development without the displacement of existing residents and achieve community-focused benefits such as affordable housing, local economic development, and environmental sustainability. It can be a driver for more vibrant, prosperous, and resilient neighborhoods that put people of color and lowerand moderate-income residents at the center. A vital part of this plan will be a community engagement and ownership process that incorporates and appreciates the vision of residents and stakeholders from the surrounding neighborhoods throughout the development of the plan.

The firm Solomon Cordwell Buenz is leading the plan, and they have brought together a strong and diverse team, including experienced planning and

architectural firms and multiple Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs).

To learn more about the TSD plan, visit Transitchicago.com/RLE/TSD

# **December Public Virtual Community Meetings**

Join us for a virtual community meeting on Tuesday, December 8 (6-7:30 p.m.) or Wednesday, December 9 (1:30-3 p.m.)

We'll be sharing updates on the project and discussing ways you can get involved in 2021, including future community meetings that discuss the TSD Plan.

Find out more about this meeting and how to join by visiting **Transitchicago.com/RLE/whats-new** 

### RLE Progresses on Environmental Studies and Preliminary Engineering

The CTA continues to advance environmental studies and prepare preliminary engineering documents to complete the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Since announcing the project's Preferred Alignment, an opportunity has presented itself to potentially relocate the proposed 130<sup>th</sup> station from the north side of the street – near the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) – to the south side of 130<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to Altgeld Gardens.

As a result, a Supplemental Environmental Assessment is underway that will focus on investigating the impacts of this potential change to the project. Studies are now being completed on noise and vibration, traffic flow and access, and other topics. The CTA has already discussed this change with several groups representing residents in the immediate area and has received positive feedback as the new station location would position Red Line riders closer to homes, schools and recreational opportunities and farther away from the industrial land uses, truck traffic, and the MWRD treatment plant. CTA welcomes additional input on the 130<sup>th</sup> station location change in upcoming community meetings.



# The Red Line Extension will provide many benefits, including:



**Equity** 



**Connectivity and access** 



**Economic opportunity** 



Frequent rail service



**Sustainable transportation** 

# About the Red Line Extension Project

The CTA is proposing to extend the Red Line from the existing terminal at 95th/Dan Ryan to 130th Street, subject to the availability of funding. The proposed 5.6-mile extension would include four new stations near 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue and 130th Street. Each new station would include Park & Ride facilities and bus connections. In 2018, CTA selected the Preferred Alignment as shown in the map.

Questions? Would you like to be added to our list for future Red Line Extension updates? Contact us at RedExtension@transitchicago.com or at

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# Red Line Extension Video and Facebook Page! Check out the CTA's video about the Red Line Extension Project and our commitment to improve mobility and access to transit by visiting tiny.cc/RLEvid! Remember to share your thoughts and follow the project's Facebook page at facebook.com/CTARedExt

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### Red Line Extension Preferred Alignment





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