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**TO:** CTA / CTP

**FROM:** Purple Group

**SUBJECT:** “Meet the Contractor” Community Meeting Summary Report  
LBMM – Berwyn to Bryn Mawr Residents – May 23, 2019

**DATE:** May 31, 2019

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**Date:** May 23, 2019

**Start Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** St. Ita Catholic Church, 5500 N Broadway

## Speakers:

- Alderman Harry Osterman (48th Ward)
- Dagobert Beek (Walsh-Fluor)
- Tammy Chase (CTA-RPM)
- Jeff Wilson (CTA-RPM)

## Support:

- Chris Bushell, CTA-RPM
- Steve Hands, CTA-RPM
- LaTrice Phillips-Thompson, CTA-RPM
- Marcy Jensen, Walsh-Fluor
- Michal Williams - CTA RPM
- John Titzer - CTA RPM
- Kim Proia - CTP RPM
- Cindi Mortimer - CTP RPM
- Brian Spillie – SQN
- Jacki Reyes – Purple Group
- Felip Ballesteros – Purple Group
- Jami Jacobs – Purple Group
- Annet Miranda – Purple Group

**Attendees:** 89 signed in

## Participant Questions:

- Are the Lawrence and Berwyn stations coming back after construction?
  - Yes. Lawrence and Berwyn, along with Argyle and Bryn Mawr, will all be fully reconstructed into more modern, 100 percent accessible stations.

- Is it possible to say how much time will be added to get into the Loop due to construction?
  - Unfortunately, not at this time. We will provide information about service impacts at a future date. We are assessing several alternative routes, supplemental bus scheduling, dedicated buses and other measures to provide additional transit options to customers.
- At any point will the Argyle and Bryn Mawr stations be completely closed?
  - During construction, CTA will have temporary stations at Argyle and Bryn Mawr to serve customers until those stations are fully reconstructed and opened.
- Will there be buses provided to supplement the back-riding?
  - Yes, we plan to add supplemental bus service when needed.
- In addition to more bus service on Broadway, will there be more buses for Lakeshore express bus service?
  - When needed, we will consider supplementary bus services. We will provide more information about bus service at a future date.
- When will you be done with the project and out of the neighborhood?
  - We anticipate the project being substantially completed in 2024.
- I'll have to walk 3 extra blocks in the dark during construction, from a safety perspective, will there be more police cars or anything similar?
  - Safety of our customers and employees is our highest priority. We will work with the community on ways to enhance safety during construction.
- Will Berwyn buses continue to run along Berwyn? What will the impact of the project be on this?
  - As construction schedules are finalized, CTA will determine what temporary service changes are necessary to accommodate our customers. We will provide advance notification of bus route changes to local residents and businesses.
- If you're going to do rerouting, can you fix the bus tracker information?
  - We would update our CTA Bus Tracker to reflect the reroutes, yes.
- Are there plans for auxiliary entrances?
  - We will provide information about the station constructions at a future date, including details on entrances.
- Will the embankment that the Red and Purple lines run on stay? What will happen to it?
  - It will be replaced or repaired.
- Is the clearance going to be raised for trucks?
  - Yes, the structure will be raised to meet modern transit standards.

- Can you characterize the concerns of the businesses?
  - We are working with an outside consultant to create an Open for Business program that will promote and assist local businesses during this period, including addressing the concerns they have.
- Will there be Purple line service within the affected stations?
  - Red and Purple Line Express trains will share tracks during the construction process.
- What will be the impact on street parking in general?
  - As anticipated, there will be an impact, especially in areas with heavier construction. There will be alternative parking options and resources, and we will give you plenty of notice before to help you plan.
- Are utility lines going underground now?
  - Utility relocation work is currently being done in anticipation of the station construction.
- Will you work on all stations at once?
  - Yes, we will be working on all stations at once.
- Is the construction crew going to park in the streets?
  - No. Walsh-Fluor is required to provide off-site parking to its workers.
- Will the 5G network be impacted by construction?
  - As part of the utility relocation work, telecom providers have relocated and upgraded telecom equipment to meet their customers' needs. We do not anticipate RPM construction to affect telecom service.
- Can we have the project timeline laid out on a month to month basis including all parts of project?
  - We will absolutely provide detailed construction information in a timely manner to the community – you will hear from us often.
- What exactly is the contract commitment from the contractor to find parking?
  - If parking is to be impacted, the contractor is required to provide alternative parking to those effected. This information will be available as soon as possible to help the community plan.
- Bryn Mawr traffic is horrendous and dangerous for pedestrians, how will you address those issues?
  - The contractor is required to develop a Traffic Control Plan to manage the impact construction will have on traffic. We will provide an update about traffic plans at future meetings and in communications with the public.
- There are 600 units on my block alone, where are all those people going to park?

- Parking will be provided to residents and businesses whose access to parking is affected by construction. We will work with affected people and businesses on an individual basis based on their circumstances and needs.
- Is there an opportunity for community input in regards to design, considering the historical architecture of community?
  - Artwork is an important component of the new stations and track structures and there will be opportunities for people to provide input.
- Has a decision been made about what the station will look like from the ground?
  - Station design work is under way and we will provide updated renderings of the new stations at a future date.
- Is there signal work taking place at Sheridan and Wilson?
  - Yes. A new modern traffic signal system will be installed between Howard and Belmont as part of Phase One, which will improve service reliability.
- Can the CTA quantify what faster and more frequent service will look like when the project is done?
  - This bypass will add up to eight more Red Line trains per hour during rush periods, accommodating up to 7,200 more passengers per hour on the Red, Brown and Purple lines during rush periods, which is 30% more than today.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM**

**Next Meeting:** RPB / Meet the Contractor Resident Meeting

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, 5/29/2019 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Location:** The Center on Halsted, Hoover-Leppen Theatre 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 3656 N Halsted