

Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization: Project purpose and goals

We are moving forward with the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One project, rebuilding century-old track structure and train stations to improve service for our customers. This includes rebuilding the Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations into new, larger modern stations that have elevators to make the stations fully accessible to customers with disabilities. It also includes rebuilding century-old track structure between the stations.

How are we preparing for this work?

It's important to keep CTA Red and Purple Line service operating during construction. In order to build new stations and tracks while maintaining our service, there is work we need to do before we can start major station and track construction, expected to begin near the end of 2020 or early 2021. That preparatory work includes:

- Relocating utility lines and equipment so that the contractor can build the new structure.
 - Doing track improvement work so that Red and Purple Line tracks can run on two tracks while we take the other two tracks out of interlockings that will allow us to change the tracks on which our trains run.
- Building new temporary rail stations at Argyle and Bryn Mawr to serve our customers when we close the Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr stations for reconstruction, expected at the end of 2020 or early 2021.

How will this affect riders?

- Periodic weekend station closures
- Times when trains will not make stops, requiring passengers to exit at the next open station and ride in the opposite direction to the desired station
- Service delays and bus shuttles put into place during temporary suspensions of service

How will this affect residents and businesses in the community?

- Periodic street & alley closures including some weekend closures
- Parking lane closures
- Overnight construction
- Noise and vibration
- Dust
- If the project contractor, Walsh-Fluor, needs to access your alley and will block access to your garage, you will receive advance notification on an alternative parking location for you.
- The contractor will also maintain your garbage and recycling service during construction.

LBMM PROJECT TIMELINE

Late 2019 thru Fall 2020 – Pre-Stage trackwork

- New track interlockings at Thorndale and Montrose
- New track signals to regulate train traffic during two-track rail operations

Spring 2020 – Advance utility relocation work to be completed

Spring 2020 to Late Fall 2020 – Construction of Argyle and Bryn Mawr Temporary Stations

Fall 2020 to Fall 2022 – Major Reconstruction Begins: Stage A

- Partial demolition of the existing Argyle and Bryn Mawr stations
- Full demolition of the existing Lawrence and Berwyn stations
- Reconstruction of the northbound (east) track structure

Fall 2022 to Fall 2024 – Major Reconstruction Continues: Stage B

- Demolition of the remaining Argyle and Bryn Mawr stations
- Construction of the new Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr stations
- Reconstruction of the southbound (west) track structure
- Repave alleys east of track structure

Fall 2024 – Stage B Construction Complete – New CTA stations!

- New Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr stations open to public
- Reconstruction of northbound and southbound track structures complete