

# Chicago Transit Authority

## Orange Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Study

### Screen 1 Public Outreach Comment Database

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| 1   | Thanks for Opening this to the Public. My 2 choices would be Bus Rapid Transit Cicero corridor and the Belt Railway/Cicero Corridor. Also, if you ever reevaluate the 44 Racine Line, we miss that it can go all the way into the loop. Please re consider. Thanks. | FCM           | 4, 5, 14      |
| 2   | I would prefer Belt/Rail/Cicero Corridor Bus Rapid Transit/Cicero Ave. Corridor   | FCM           | 4, 5          |
| 3   | Does your plan for this area dovetail along with the plans of Chicago Planning committee  | FCM           | 11            |
| 4   | Please send me a hard copy in the mail for my reference. Thank you  | FCM           | 9             |
| 5   | Is there a way to get a printed copy of the charts inside?  | FCM           | 9             |
| 6   | I would like to get a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and also the information boards   | FCM           | 9             |
| 7   | I think it was very informative, need more instructors given to make translation easy   | FCM           | 9             |
| 8   | Will this impact the trains on Kostner Ave, if that corridor is chosen?   | FCM           | 4, 11         |
| 9   | The US Attorney should be attached to monitor zoning changes & condemnations!   | FCM           | 8             |
| 10  | Zoning & Condemnation: A. Current Project B. Past-Pulaski C. Future- Toyota Stadium-Summit-Countryside-LaGrange-Connecting with Star Line, Joliet, O'Hare   | FCM           | 8, 11         |
| 11  | Will there be a station like the Midway Station erected at Ford City Mall?  | FCM           | 6             |
| 12  | What properties will have to be relocated for this process to take place?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 13  | How this project will affect the Ford City Condominium complex, the residents?  | FCM           | 8             |
| 14  | Any residents affected by the Orange Line extension?  | FCM           | 8, 13         |
| 15  | Is service going to improve or any impact on the neighborhood?  | FCM           | 13            |
| 16  | What will happen to my property? I am located at 76th & Kostner   | FCM           | 8             |
| 17  | What influence will this project have on my property value?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 18  | How will this affect the property on this area? How soon will this project start  | FCM           | 2, 8          |
| 19  | Will it affect where I live, will homes and businesses have to be moved west of Cicero Ave in the Burbank Area?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 20  | How will the extension of the orange line effect current residents in the area?   | FCM           | 8, 13         |
| 21  | Will houses be demolished?  | FCM           | 8             |
| 22  | Would the extension create more traffic?  | FCM           | 13            |
| 23  | How soon is the project going to take place?  | FCM           | 2             |
| 24  | Will it affect the Ford City Condo's  | FCM           | 8             |
| 25  | Will there be a lot of noise from the rail ?  | FCM           | 13            |
| 26  | Will any homes or private property be taken for any of these projects?  | FCM           | 8             |
| 27  | If corridor of "Kostner" selected how would it affect above address?  | FCM           | 8             |
| 28  | What will happen to the Ford City Condo Complex? Will it be torn down? Will the units be purchased? If so, by whom? CTA? When will this occur?  | FCM           | 3, 8          |
| 29  | How will the expansion affect property values and will home be town down to make way for the expansion?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 30  | What steps will be taken to keep increased traffic and parking from clogging already congested area?  | FCM           | 13            |
| 31  | If I am going to be effected with the condo where I live, are you going to suggest and help with our living arrangements? Such as if I have to move etc.  | FCM           | 8             |
| 32  | How would the Orange Line extension effect our condo homes at 76th near Kostner?  | FCM           | 8             |
| 33  | Where exactly on Kostner will this change take place?   | FCM           | 4             |
| 34  | How will this affect Ford City Condo if at all?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 35  | Will condo owners have to move?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 36  | Will they be compensated for this move?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 37  | Does this have anything to do with the Olympics coming to Chicago, "a Possibility"  | FCM           | 15            |

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| 38  | How will the expansion project, especially the construction phase effect property values and resale ability of existing homes? Will the City/CTA attempt to take any homes especially via eminent domain? Has the City/CTA conducted a crime impact analysis to determine if there will be an increase in crime in surrounding communities | FCM           | 8, 13         |
| 39  | Concern with private auto traffic interference. Firm belief that monorail, heavy rail, and elevated light rail are the only modes by which this interference may be avoided. Has been taking CTA for 48 years.   | FCM           | 5, 13         |
| 40  | It would be best to choose the Belt Railway Corridor/Kostner Corridor. Choosing it would be the best because of limiting traffic and making traveling easier from Midway to Ford City and between  | FCM           | 4, 13         |
| 41  | The best alternative would be if Belt Railway/Kostner Corridor was chosen. Choosing this way would be best because of limiting traffic and making an easier access from Midway to Ford City and between.   | FCM           | 4             |
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| 43  | The best way would be if the Belt Railway Kostner Corridor was chosen. This way will be the best, because that one no collision with the Cicero and Pulaski Road traffic. This location of station Orange CTA will be the easiest to travel with Cicero, shopping center and Daley College.  | FCM           | 4, 6          |
| 44  | How will this effect Ford City Condo property  | FCM           | 8             |
| 45  | Kostner Route is the best.   | FCM           | 4             |
| 46  | When will it come?   | FCM           | 2             |
| 47  | I am okay with it  | FCM           | 15            |
| 48  | I choose Belt Railway/Kostner Corridor because it connection with Ford City Mall and Daley (College). The other do no connect to the mall and school. I live on the south side and 79th and garage buttons broke down and buses were on the street.  | FCM           | 4, 14         |
| 49  | Plan 1 & 2 sounds the best to me. The third plan can disrupt residents, as well as factories in the area (on Kostner)  | FCM           | 4             |
| 50  | Cicero Ave to Ford City Mall great idea waiting for it!  | FCM           | 4             |
| 51  | That they should extend the rail line to Ford City.  | FCM           | 15            |
| 52  | Pulaski has an overpass that makes it easy for busses to go to Kostner Ave through Ford City Dr. The Kostner Ave Alternative is the best option as it does not lead to more traffic if you do buy the Ford city condos for a station.  | FCM           | 4, 6, 8       |
| 53  | The Ford City Condo Association is looking to sell the property. The square block can act as a rail station and provide space for parking. Ford City Drive can be reopened to Cicero and make the proposed Kostner Station very accessible to traffic from both Cicero and Pulaski   | FCM           | 6, 8, 12      |
| 54  | Kostner Ave seems most feasible to me.   | FCM           | 4             |
| 55  | How will Ford City Condos at 76th & Kostner be affected?   | FCM           | 8             |
| 56  | Will a study be considered about the possible rise in crime due to more access to this area?   | FCM           | 13            |
| 57  | I would like to know who the community would see the track from the airport to Ford City, and being very curious about the quietness of its tracks instead of making them louder. I say this is a great start, and a great idea  | FCM           | 13            |
| 58  | What would be the cost of building a bus rapid transit system as opposed to a building a heavy rail system?  | FCM           | 5             |
| 59  | What is the cost difference between the bus transit and rail transit?  | FCM           | 5             |
| 60  | Very well doing and great first step for much needed project   | FCM           | 15            |
| 61  | We would favor the route closest to Cicero Ave with a stop at either 65th or 67th to serve the Midway Hotel Complex.   | FCM           | 4, 6          |
| 62  | We would like to see route planed to take in future development west towards 73rd to Toyota Park.  | FCM           | 3             |
| 63  | What is the closest stop that you have proposed to Summit?   | FCM           | 6             |
| 64  | Can you use existing tracks and have a stop at 5900 S Harlem or 63rd Harlem?   | FCM           | 6             |
| 65  | This extension would be great for the SW side of it.   | FCM           | 15            |
| 66  | What is the tax impact for residents of the city and also Cook County will property taxes be raised to cover the charges for the study?  | FCM           | 10, 13        |
| 67  | What is the impact on the CTA & Metra fares?   | FCM           | 7, 11         |
| 68  | The Metra SW Service line currently has issues with freight traffic from Norfolk Southern - how will the Belt Railway construction be affected   | FCM           | 11            |
| 69  | Has there been approval of construction on their site? (See comment 68.)   | FCM           | 11            |
| 70  | Will the cost of fare go up once you get this system approve   | FCM           | 7             |
| 71  | Will this system bring you out of the deficit that you are already in  | FCM           | 10            |
| 72  | Will you still lay off people  | FCM           | 10            |

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| 73  | Based on my 10 +years driving for McNamara I would like to suggest: 1 bus route # 63 W(west 63rd) needs later operating hours, suggest last departure (west bound from Midway) be extended to 1:20am, 7 days a week.   | FCM           | 14            |
| 74  | During an average week of cab driving I move at least 2-3 dozen riders, Midway Terminal to west 63rd Corridor  | FCM           | 14            |
| 75  | Are you going to raise the fare on this project  | FCM           | 7             |
| 76  | Is this project going to effect bus and El line during rush hour services? Is this project going to effect bus and El line during weekend services   | FCM           | 7             |
| 77  | How long if max takes to be built if you decide to make it.  | FCM           | 2             |
| 78  | When will the line be completed if RTA approves a design?  | FCM           | 1, 2          |
| 79  | What is the time table?  | FCM           | 2             |
| 80  | What should we as condo owners be concerned as to how long where and when these changes will be taking place.  | FCM           | 2, 8          |
| 81  | How would the Bus Rapid Transit system work? Would it take up a lane on the street?  | FCM           | 5             |
| 82  | I would prefer this option as we have thousands of people coming in and out of the Midway Hotel Center with much more growth- adding convention center.  | FCM           | 15            |
| 83  | Will this bring jobs to the residents of this area? Will they be earmarked just for the residents in the construction zone?  | FCM           | 13            |
| 84  | Why did the Pulaski Road Corridor fail?  | FCM           | 4             |
| 85  | If CTA has not been able to operate with out increasing fares, threatening to cut services and staff drastically how can these expansions take place.  | FCM           | 1, 10         |
| 86  | Is the bottom line The City is preparing for the future Olympics?  | FCM           | 15            |
| 87  | If the Kostner Corridor is selected will there be enough room for storage on the trains? (train yards) or will homes further south be in the way for a train storage yard. Considering your study goes to 79th St.     | FCM           | 4, 7, 8       |
| 88  | Why does the line extend only 17 blocks (59th to 76th)   | FCM           | 3             |
| 89  | Why not 2 lines going further south?   | FCM           | 3             |
| 90  | Would they need to obtain the parking lot across from the Orange Line?   | FCM           | 12            |
| 91  | A meeting should be organized specifically with residents effect with each extension. The residents should be informed of all prospective plans for the Orange Line  | FCM           | 9             |
| 92  | What impact will the Canadian National purchase of the BRC have on your Cicero belt and Costner belt corridors also what effect will their reroute some of the freight trains have on these corridors an other routes. | FCM           | 11            |
| 93  | How would the line affect the Ford City Mall?  | FCM           | 8, 13         |
| 94  | Can you walk from the line to the mall?  | FCM           | 6, 13         |
| 95  | How close will the line be to Daley College  | FCM           | 4, 6          |
| 96  | We were told that Ford City Mall will shut down in 3 yrs. So why are you extending transportation to a closed mall?  | FCM           | 2             |
| 97  | Call my ok Orange Line   | FCM           | 15            |
| 98  | Need transportation from Bogan HS 53rd Ford City Mall 54th North 79th Night owl Service Lake front to Western.   | FCM           | 2, 14         |
| 99  | The need to extend the orange line later in the evening and weekends   | STK           | 7, 14         |
| 100 | I have received many complaints that the Orange Line is not doable for them working late in the loop and have to depend on buses.  | STK           | 14            |
| 101 | Many people use Midway Airport and then have to depend on buses to get them where they are going?  | STK           | 15            |
| 102 | The extension of the orange line to Ford City Mall via Kostner Ave would enhance the area and create a more convenient ridership to local people   | STK           | 4             |
| 103 | Daley College currently in master plan process to better serve residents of Chicago. Extension of Orange Line would significantly improve enrollment and ability of Daley College to serve Chicago community.          | STK           | 13            |

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| 104  | <p>For a long time, I thought the extension to Ford City would be a worthwhile and beneficial improvement that would reduce bus-miles and bypass road congestion. These needs have not changed; but what becomes apparent is that direct, one-seat service to Midway Airport from the southwest suburbs would be lost. Midway also serves as a hub for routes to Willow Springs and Bolingbrook.</p> <p>Furthermore, Midway is a natural hub for potential circumferential express routes using I-294 to western and northwest suburban Metra and Pace hubs. The additional transfer to the Orange Line would discourage use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hinsdale BNSF-Pace and Oakbrook Pace</li> <li>• Oakbrook Pace</li> <li>• Elmhurst UPW-Pace, Addison, Bensenville MDW, Elk Grove, and Franklin Park NCS</li> <li>• Rosemont CTA-Pace and Des Plaines Metra-Pace</li> <li>• Schaumburg Pace</li> </ul> <p>I propose the alternative (if no one else has) of additional BRT lanes or a separate new bus way from Midway to 79th &amp; Cicero to speed up bus service. Such an improvement would be congruent with other proposals for ART and BRT in the Cicero Av/Mid-Town Corridor.</p>                | EMAIL         | 4, 5, 11      |
| 105  | <p>Thank you for conducting the meeting regarding the Orange Line Alternatives Analysis Study. The meeting proposed many valuable plans that could assist many residents and business' in the area. I understand the CTA is to continue to serve and inform all current residents and riders of any future plans regarding the Orange Line. Yet, I would like to recommend the following: Future meetings should be held at 6:30 or 7 p.m. Many commuters are still in route at 6 p.m. thus not allowing enough time to arrive to the meeting or attend a meeting. Future meetings should be held at a local library within the areas affected. Ford City Mall is very congested with traffic that it does not appear to be accessible to residents. In addition, a larger number of resident would attend the meeting if held at local libraries. A designated area at the midway Station should demonstrate and inform Orange Line riders of the proposed expansion. Yesterday at the meeting I was told all the poster board information would be available on the website for customers to review. However, i have not been able to find any information that was provided at the meeting on the website. Is it possible</p> | EMAIL         | 9             |
| 106  | <p>While I laud the CTA's efforts to improve rail service by exploring the impact of extending and expanding service along the Orange and Yellow Lines, I think I speak for the majority of rail riders (not just the minority of users who would be benefited by expanded Orange and Yellow services) when I say that thisworthy project should be put on hold until such time as the CTA is able to finance and execute the successful rehabilitation of its much more heavily traversed Red, Blue, and Brown Lines. Additionally, the agency's funds would be better spend on renewing the study and implementation of its proposed Circle Line, which would benefit the greatest number of current CTA riders. Furthermore, the development of an "outer" loop, as provided by a Circle Line, would lead to less congestion along the CTA's busy Loop elevated tracks, which could allow the agency to use the tracks more exclusively for Orange Line trains, thus achieving the goal of improving service along the line. Thank you for your consideration.</p>  | EMAIL         | 10, 11        |
| 107  | <p>Please be advised that the Village of Oak Lawn has substantive concerns about this project and any further extension. I am told that the next phase that includes a station construction component is critical to the future growth and energy/transportation efficiency of the Cicero Avenue corridor. The station without question should be constructed in a manner that accommodates future expansion south down Cicero Avenue into Oak Lawn rather than further to the west when the greatest population base and largest employer in the area is based in Oak Lawn. I respectfully request the opportunity to meet with your planning consultants at their earliest convenience and also please enter this communication into the assessment report being prepared by the federal government.</p>   | EMAIL         | 3, 4, 6, 9    |
| 108  | <p>I would like to know what capacity you will be adding to the Orange Line if you extend it to Ford City. I live in McKinley Park and use the 35th &amp; Archer Station. In the mornings there is never a seat, and two or three days a week there is barely room to cram on during the morning commute. Extending the line will make a bad situation worse, so I'd like to know how you will address this concern.</p>   | EMAIL         | 7, 14         |
| <b>* Key to source of comments:</b>                                  |  |               |               |
| <b>FCM</b> Comment received at Public Meeting held at Ford City Mall |  |               |               |
| <b>EMAIL</b> Comment sent to CTA by email                            |  |               |               |
| <b>STK</b> Comment received at Stakeholder Meeting                   |  |               |               |
| <b>USPS</b> Comment sent to CTA by postal mail                       |  |               |               |