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Red Line Extension
Community Meeting
December 2020
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Answers will be posted to [www.transitchicago.com/RLE/whats-new](http://www.transitchicago.com/RLE/whats-new) by the end of next week.
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Project Overview

Red Line Extension
- 5.6-mile extension
- Four new stations:
  - 103rd Street (near Eggleston)
  - 111th Street (near Eggleston)
  - Michigan Avenue (near 116th Street), and
  - 130th Street
- Park & Ride and bus connections at each new station
- Elevated tracks from 95th Street to 119th Street, then tracks run along the ground from 119th Street to 130th Street
**Project Benefits**

**Equity** by providing affordable rapid transit to historically underserved communities and improving mobility for transit-dependent residents and people with disabilities.

**Connectivity and access** to the entire city via the CTA network.

Conceptual rendering of what a Red Line Extension elevated station could look like.

Graphic of CTA’s existing rail network along with four new proposed stations.
Project Benefits

Conceptual renderings of what the new elevated station could look like.

**Economic opportunity** through connections to jobs, educational opportunities, housing and other services, as well as economic development on the City’s Far South Side.

**Frequent rail service** will reduce commute times.

**Sustainable transportation** that helps contribute to improved air quality, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and saves energy.
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Michigan & 116th Station Conceptual Rendering
Recent Progress

President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. Appointed to lead CTA in 2015

- CTA commits $75M for RLE engineering and design work
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement published
- Preferred Alignment selected & Public Open House

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

- Consultant team hired to help expand CTA’s ability to advance the project
- CTA commits $310M for RLE Preliminary Engineering and Design
- Request Entry into Project Development, a critical step to secure federal funding
- Additional Environmental Analysis begins (Supplemental Environmental Assessment)

now
Design & Engineering Activities

• Initiated project design and continued inter-agency and railroad coordination.

• Field survey work began along the proposed alignment in the fall of 2019 and will continue through late fall of 2020.

• Includes traffic counts, boundary surveys, noise/vibration measurements, archeological and historical surveying, and traffic observations.

Pictured: Field survey work near the Historic Roseland Pumping Station.
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130th Station Update

- 130th station proposed for north of 130th Street in 2016
- In 2017, a Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) demolition resulted in a new opportunity to locate the station south of 130th Street
130th Station Feedback

- Prior to pursuing the south location, CTA met with several partner agencies and community and resident stakeholder groups for input.
- All were supportive of studying the location south of 130th Street.

Forest Preserves of Cook County Beaubien Woods

Altgeld Gardens

Carver Military Academy
Environmental Review Process

Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Began in April 2020 to study new south location of the 130th station
- Completing additional data collection and environmental analysis
- Designing concepts and preliminary plans
- Assessing potential impacts and required mitigation measures

Public Hearing to present Supplemental EA
- Anticipated Fall 2021
- 30-day comment period

Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)
Supplemental EA Analysis

130th Station South Location

Traffic and Access Analysis
- 130th Street and Ellis Avenue intersection study
- Internal Altgeld Gardens roadways

Historic and Cultural Resources
- Altgeld Gardens Historic District
- Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey

Public Parks and Recreational Areas
- Beaubien Woods (Forest Preserves of Cook County)

Noise and Vibration
- Detailed analysis with field measurements

Environmental studies will determine the potential impacts and facilitate consideration of measures to mitigate those impacts
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Michigan & 116th Station Conceptual Rendering
Potential Property Impacts

• Potentially impacted renters and property owners have already been contacted
  – Impacted people can email RedExtension@transitchicago.com with name, address and phone number for individual follow up
  – CTA does not plan to pursue acquisition of private property for the RLE Project until the environmental review is complete and project funding is secured

– Information and resources at www.transitchicago.com/RLE/potential-property-displacements/

– Customer service hotline: 1-888-YOUR-CTA Hearing Impaired/TTY: 1-888-CTATTTY1 or 711 (relay)
Sharing Project Updates

CTA staff sharing information at INVEST South/West kickoff event

An image from the Red Line Extension Project video released in August

An RLE Newsletter

The Red Line Extension Project Facebook page
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Planning for Jobs & Training

• CTA is proactively engaging in how the project will support training and career opportunities

• Currently reviewing a comprehensive written workforce plan

• Planning future workforce outreach events:
  – career readiness
  – trades workshops
  – career information

Pictured: Workers preparing drawings

Pictured: Workers in hard hats

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CTA working collaboratively with:

- DPD Department of Planning and Development
- Cook County Land Bank Authority

With funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Transit-Oriented Development

- TOD places housing, businesses, and amenities, close to transit to create walkable communities and reduce reliance on cars.

What is *equitable* Transit-Oriented Development

- Ensures that a more vibrant, prosperous, healthy, and resilient community may be enjoyed by all residents, and in particular, those in disinvested communities.

Transit-Supportive Development

- Broader in scope and geographic area than TOD. Includes developing a vision for the whole project area to encourage development as part of a transit investment.
Every Chicagoan, no matter what side of the City they reside on, should have access to both our world-class transportation system and the recreational, housing, and environmental benefits that come with it. ...”

—Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot, City of Chicago

Plan can be found at: chi.gov/etod.
$750 million in public funding over three years, seeking to leverage funding for new investment

Focus on 12 key commercial corridors in 10 communities on the South and West Sides including the Greater Roseland and Pullman Neighborhoods

ISW supports infrastructure development, improved programming for residents and businesses, and policies that impact each of the community areas surrounding these corridors to create lasting impact.
Current & Upcoming Regional Plans

** RLE Transit-Supportive Development Plan**

INVEST South/West **

Riverdale CA Multimodal Transportation

Roseland LISC Quality-of-Life Planning

Roseland Medical District Planning**

Historic Preservation Study (Michigan Ave)**

Illinois Port District Master Plan

Metra Electric Station Upgrades

South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project

** Department of Planning & Development Involvement
Transit-Supportive Development Plan
Mini-Agenda

• Plan’s goals and objectives
• Interactive polling questions.
• Four question on strengths, weakness, opportunities and constraints.
• Four questions on housing, commercial, retail, and jobs.
• Introduce the four “station areas”
The Plan will identify opportunities to:

• Encourage economic development
• Ensure continued affordability
• Engage private sector investment
• Foster multimodal connectivity and bike/pedestrian access
Transit-Supportive Development

Outcomes of the Plan

• Create a community vision for redevelopment

• Identify potential funding sources and tools for future development

• Develop policy recommendations in collaboration with City of Chicago agencies (Planning and Development, Housing, Transportation, and others)

• Support a stronger ask for federal funding for the transit project
Transit-Supportive Development

The planning process will include significant and continuous stakeholder engagement and public outreach in partnership with Department of Planning and Development.
NOW: We want to hear from you.
What are the community’s greatest strengths / mayores fortalezas from a development perspective? Pick up to 3.
What are the community’s greatest needs / mayores necesidades from a development perspective?

Pick up to 3.
What discourages development/
desanima el desarrollo in your community?

Pick up to 3.
What can help attract new investment / atraer nuevas inversiones and encourage development?

Pick up to 3.

Storefronts on South Michigan Avenue.
Tell us more!

The next four questions will ask about the types of housing, commercial, retail, jobs, you would like to see in your community?
Transit-Supportive Development

Housing
43,700 housing units
• 89% Single family homes and small multi-family buildings (up to 4 units)
• 11% Buildings with 5+ units

Ownership
• 48% Owner Occupied
• 35% Renter Occupied
• 17% Vacant
What type of **housing / vivienda** is most needed?

Pick up to 3.
What scale of housing / tamaño de la vivienda is desired?

Pick up to 3.
Transit-Supportive Development

Commercial Corridors
- 95th Street
- 103rd Street
- 111th Street
- 119th Street
- Michigan Avenue
- Halsted Street

Job Centers
- Manufacturing/Pullman Park
- Illinois International Port District
What types of businesses / negocios would you like to see?
Pick up to 3.
What types of jobs/tabajos are needed?
Pick up to 3.
In mid to late January the CTA will host individual public meetings for each station area. These meetings will be open to the public. Individuals with vested interest in the areas will be strongly encouraged to attend and agenda for each meeting will be clear, that topics will focus on the specific station area.
Transit-Supportive Development

103rd Street Station Area

- Commercial Corridors
  - Halsted Avenue
  - Michigan Avenue
  - 103rd Street

- Land Uses
  - Mostly Single-Family Homes

- Amenities
  - Langston Hughes Elementary School
  - Fernwood Park
Transit-Supportive Development

111th Street Station Area
- Commercial Corridors
  - Halsted Avenue
  - Michigan Avenue
  - 111th Street
  - Connections to Pullman Park and Pullman National Monument
- Land Uses
  - Mostly Single-Family Homes with a mix of light industrial and institutional
- Amenities
  - Roseland Medical District
  - Fenger High School
  - Several elementary schools
Transit-Supportive Development

[Image of a restaurant with signs offering chicken and wings]

[Image of a residential house]

[CTA logo]
Transit-Supportive Development

Michigan Avenue Station Area

• Commercial Corridors
  – Michigan Avenue
  – 115th Street
  – 119th Street

• Land Uses
  – Commercial and civic corridors and nodes

• Amenities
  – Palmer Park
  – Roseland Health Center
  – Curtis Elementary School
  – Senior Housing
Transit-Supportive Development
Transit-Supportive Development

130th Street Station Area

• Land Uses
  – Multi-family Housing
  – Forest Preserve
  – Industrial and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

• Amenities
  – Beaubien Woods
  – Washington Carver Park
  – Carver Military Academy
  – Altgeld Gardens and new Family Resource Center
  – TCA Health Clinic
Transit-Supportive Development
What is your vision for Transit-Supportive Development in your community?
Please type your response in the chat box.

¿Cuál es su visión para el desarrollo de apoyo al tránsito en su comunidad?
Escriba su respuesta en la sección de comentarios.
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How to access:

• RLE webpage on CTA website: transitchicago.com/RLE

• Directly: transitchicago.com/RLE/engage

Contact us: RedExtension@transitchicago.com
Upcoming Station Meetings

- 130th Station: January 27, 2021
- 111th Station: February 2, 2021
- 103rd Station: February 9, 2021
- Michigan Station: February 16, 2021

*All meetings will be held from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
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