Chicago Transit Authority



Racine Green Line Station
October 10, 2026

Project Location



Fig 1.1.1 Aerial Photo of the Racine Station

Located at 6314-16 S. Racine Avenue. The property is located in Chicago's 16th Ward and within the West Englewood Community Area, just west of the Englewood Community Area.

Project Benefits and Impacts

- **Benefits:**
  - Reactivates a transit station to promote the ongoing revitalization of the Englewood neighborhood and 63rd Street corridor.
  - Provides for more connectivity to the area, including to a magnet high school, retail opportunities along 63rd St, and recreational opportunities at Ogden Park.
  - May restore an original elevated train station while also providing a modern, ADA accessible station.

- **Challenges:**
  - Historic eligibility of the current station house structure and platform canopy, which could extend timeline of NEPA process. Construction cannot proceed until this process is cleared.
  - Footprint of property is impacted by CTA rail shop facility.
  - Right of way acquisition will be required for the project. The current station footprint is insufficient for a modern accessible station. Property acquisition, including portions of a current CDOT alley, are required for any scenario to provide for proper platform widths, lengths and stairs.
  - Zoning change from C1-2 (Commercial) to T-district.
  - Permitting delays.
  - Relocation of major ComEd service within the alley.
  - Construction activities may cause temporary noise and other disturbances to the community.
  - Work may impact operations on the Englewood Line, potentially causing temporary line closures and bus shuttles.

Project Timeline

- **Planning Feasibility Study:** Now through mid-2027
- **Design:** 1Q 2027 to 2Q 2028
- **Construction:** 3Q 2028 to 3Q 2030
- **Station Opening:** Per NITA, station must be opened by January 1, 2031.

Project Status

- A feasibility study was awarded to AltusWorks with a start date of October 29, 2025.

- Preliminary survey work completed and will inform the station condition assessment and the station concepts. GeoTech was completed in June 2026 (soil borings around station).

- AltusWorks has also subcontracted with MUSE to do the public outreach and community engagement for this project. This presentation outlines MUSE's plan for public outreach and how the project team will connect with residents, businesses, and stakeholders central to the CTA Racine Green Line station.

Public Engagement – Project Overview

- **Overall public engagement plan:**
  - Coordinate with stakeholders prior to main public outreach meetings.
  - Public Meeting 1 will introduce the project scope and timeline. It will be used to solicit community feedback on how they would use the reopened station.
  - Public Meeting 2 will present up to three (3) concepts for a new station. This meeting will allow the community to provide input on preferences based on several feasible options to better refine how the station will interact with the neighborhood.
  - Public Meeting 3 will present the recommended conceptual plan, elevations, and renderings based on the 30% design completion. This final meeting will provide the public with a chance to see the station design prior to completion and see how their previous comments were addressed, as feasible, in the design process.

Public Engagement Locations

CTA will work with community partners and coordinate with venues to book a meeting space.

The below table represents examples of potential event locations, pending availability.

Location	Address
Ogden Park Field House	6500 S Racine Ave, Chicago, IL 60636
Perkins Bass Elementary School	1140 W 66th St, Chicago, IL 60621
Kennedy King College	6301 S. Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60621

Public meeting locations will be selected based on proximity to the CTA station, community accessibility, and logistical needs to maximize participation. The following criteria will be considered when selecting a location:

1. Geographic accessibility (within the study boundary, proximity to CTA Racine Green Line Station)
2. ADA accessibility
3. Spaces without strong political affiliation
4. Equipped with technology needed for the type of engagement
5. Established gatherings that are familiar to residents are preferred
6. Food/Beverage permitted
7. Free or low-cost fees
8. Proximity to maximum modes of transportation

Coordination Opportunities

- Engagement kickoff meeting
- Stakeholder meetings
  - Individuals representing community-based organizations and/or public entities. Receive project materials and updates, review key findings and emerging alternatives, and provide structured input at defined decision points.
- Public meetings (up to 3)
- Focus groups
  - Small-group roundtable discussions; explore specific questions in greater depth than is possible in a large public meeting.
- Survey
  - Digital and/or print version
- Key Person interviews
  - One-on-one interviews; structured conversations designed to draw out in-depth perspective, institutional knowledge, or candid assessment that may be more difficult to surface in a group setting.
- Pop-up events
  - Select various locations; multiple dates for these events.

Public Engagement – Asset Mapping

Asset Mapping Activity

- Understand the potential impact of station reopening by collecting feedback about community assets in the area.





Public Engagement – Asset Mapping

- **Materials:**
  - 36 x 48 boards
  - Color pin flags to represent different community assets
- **Prompts:**
  - Place a green flag at the places you spend time in this area.
  - How would you get to the station? Draw your route on the map.
  - What elements are most important for you in the station?



Public Engagement – Station Elements

- **Materials:**
  - 36 x 48 boards
  - Color pin flags and/or sticky notes for station element.
- **Prompts:**
  - What elements are most important for you in the station? For example, seating, escalators, plaza space, canopy coverage, benches, heaters, etc?



Appendix

MUSE Experience

- CTA RPM Next Phases Study
  - Worked with the technical team at CDM Smith; MUSE coordinated with CTA to develop a strategy and materials for stakeholder and community engagement.

- Washington Park Economic Development Action Plan
  - Building on Elevated Chicago's Green Line South Action Plan efforts, MUSE led the development of an equitable and inclusive economic development strategy in the Washington Park community. Working alongside project partners like CMAP and Elevated Chicago, as well as local business owners, youth, and longtime residents, the team's work celebrated local culture.

- Vision Zero South Side
  - Worked with community partners and leaders across the communities of Greater Englewood, Grand Boulevard, and Washington Park, MUSE helped bring an on-the-ground perspective to quantitative data about High Crash Areas in Chicago's South Side.