Purpose and Need

Transportation Needs

• Relieve roadway, bus and passenger congestion at Midway Airport Orange Line Station
• Better accommodate tremendous growth in employment opportunities along Cicero Avenue and air travel at Midway since the opening of the Orange Line in 1993
• Reduce lengthy bus trips to access Orange Line
• Alleviate traffic congestion due to expected growth in study area population and employment

Opportunity for Improvement

• Extend rapid transit service south from Midway Airport Orange Line Terminal
• Improve access to, within, and beyond study area
• Support economic development and job opportunities
• Shorten transit travel times through faster and more direct routings
Community participation is one of the key components of the alternatives analysis.

Community Outreach

- General Public
- Elected and Appointed Officials
- Community and Civic Organizations
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Local and State Agencies

Ongoing Public Involvement / Input

- Meetings announced through public notices and advertisements
- Project updates on the CTA web site: [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com), accessible at local public libraries
Screen 1 Findings

Bus Rapid Transit

Cicero Avenue Corridor

At Grade

Heavy Rail Transit

Belt Railway / Cicero Corridor

Elevated / Trench

Belt Railway / Kostner Corridor

Elevated / Trench

Orange Line Extension
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SCREEN 2 - Step 1: Alternatives Definition

Transportation System Management (Incorporates BRT)

Cicero Avenue Corridor
- At-Grade
- No Exclusive Lanes
- 1 Station / 2.3 Route Miles

Belt Railway / Cicero Corridor
- Elevated / Trench
- 1 Station / 2.2 Route Miles

Belt Railway / Kostner Corridor
- Elevated / Trench
- 1 Station / 2.2 Route Miles

Corridors and stations are shown in generalized locations only.

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**Legend:**

- Better than other alternatives
- Comparable to other alternatives
- Worse than other alternatives