October 10th, 2023
Dr. Conrad Worrill Track & Field Center
10am-1pm
Welcoming Remarks by:
Reggie Bates
Workforce Initiatives Coordinator, Diversity Programs
CTA Infrastructure: Charles Freeman

Red & Purple Modernization Project Phase I: Grace Ohs

Red Line Extension Project: Muayad Elamin

Workforce Goals: Reggie Bates

CTA Workforce Partners: Reggie Bates

*Featured Building Trades*

Operator Engineers Local 150: Marcus Jordan

Sprinkler Fitters Local 281: Alan Crawford
Charles Freeman
Chicago Transit Authority
Manager, Capital Construction
Projects Underway
• Barry Damen Canal Substations
• Congress Track Improvements
• Morgan Substation Construction

Upcoming Projects
• Des Plaines Yard Track Improvements
• EBus – Bus Garages
• Substation Equipment Replacement
Austin/Lake  

Harlem Bus Bridge
Construction Contracts - Facilities

Current Projects
• 63rd Maintenance Facility
• Skokie Shops
• Racine (Congress) Station
• Kedzie Bus Garage
• Substation Roofs

Upcoming Projects
• Austin/Lake ASAP Improvements
• Western Brown Line Station Improvements
• 43rd Green Line Station Improvements
• California/Milwaukee ASAP
63rd Non-Revenue Shop

Substation Construction
Opportunities Include

**Trade Work**
- Electricians
- Line worker
- Laborers
- Carpenters
- Operators
- Trucking
- Pipefitters
- Roofers

**Professional Services**
- Field Engineer
- Engineers
- Architects
- Estimators
- Safety Oversight
- Office Support
Grace Ohs
Chicago Transit Authority
Vice President, Construction- RPM
RPM PHASE ONE PROJECT OVERVIEW

➡️ Largest Capital Improvement Project in CTA history
➡️ Design-Build Contract
➡️ Four Project Areas:

• Pre-Stage Work – Completed May 2021
• Red-Purple Bypass (RPB) & North Mainline Tracks
• Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization (LBMM)
• Corridor Signal Improvements (CSI)
RPM: The Next Stage of Construction
LBMM – FOUR NEW ACCESSIBLE STATIONS

Berwyn

Lawrence

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Bryn Mawr
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- **Laborers**
- **Carpenters**
- **Operators**
- **Iron Workers**
- **Teamsters**
- **Electricians/Linemen**
- **Cement Masons**
- **Painters**
- **Misc. Others**

**CTA Diversity**

**Escalators**

**Elevators**

** Plumbers**
Red Line Extension Project

Muayad Elamin

Chicago Transit Authority
Project Manager, RLE
Red Line Extension
Construction Management & Professional Services
Contracting Opportunities
Project Overview

• 5.6-mile rail extension from 95th/Dan Ryan Terminal

• Four new fully accessible stations:
  – 103rd Street (near Eggleston)
  – 111th Street (near Eggleston)
  – Michigan Avenue (near 116th St)
  – 130th Street (near Altgeld Gardens)

• Multimodal connections at each station will include bus, bike, pedestrian, and park & ride facilities

• Train storage yard & shop facility at 120th Street
Advancing RLE

Project Schedule

2023
- Engineering Phase
- Construction*

Accomplishments to date:
- Transit TIF approved
- Phase 1 Procurement completed
- Transit-Supportive Development Plan adopted
- Project Development completed
- Federal funding announcement - $2B

2024
- Project Development Complete
- We Are Here
- Phase 2 Procurement Process started
- Anticipated Receipt of Federal Funding*

2025-2029
- Project Opening
- Continued community engagement
- Workforce opportunities
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business participation

Note: Milestones dependent on funding and approvals.
Transit Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
*Exact dates subject to further refinement as project advances.
CTA has selected East Lake Property Management to maintain properties acquired for the Red Line Extension Project prior to Construction.

Services include, but is not limited to:
- Site Preparation (including securing door and window openings)
- Parcel Management (including cleanup and pest control)
- Site Security (including fencing)
- Mowing
- Snow Removal
- Graffiti Removal
- General Debris Removal (as directed)
- Landscape Maintenance (as directed)
- Hazardous Waste Removal (as directed)
CTA is in the process of selecting Construction Management support services for:

1. **Advanced CM Task Order for Demolition/Advance Work Oversight**
   This CM will oversee the demolition work orders and advance work, such as Third Party Utilities, community office renovation and Norfolk Southern Track Bed Drainage and Grading.

2. **CM LIQ for Design-Build (Mainline) and Design-Bid-Build (Yard & Shop) Contracts**
   This CM will advise CTA and act on their behalf, ensuring successful completion of the project and the Owner’s interests are represented in every decision in each phase including: bidding, design, construction, commissioning and start-up, and close out.

   Opportunities include: Field Inspectors, Quality Manager, Safety Manager, Office Support, Engineers
CTA has selected contractors to perform demolition of buildings acquired to support the Red Line Extension Project

(2) SBE Contractors have been qualified to perform Ordinary Demolition
• Foundation Mechanics (SBE)
• Taza Construction dba Tiles in Style, LLC (SBE)

(2) Contractors have been qualified to perform Complex Demolition
• John Burns Construction Company
• Kiewit Infrastructure Company

Work Orders to be issued in 2024.

Services include: Civil / Structural, Demolition, Utility Disconnect Work, Environmental Abatement and Remediation, Site Restoration & Fencing.
RLE Design-Build Contract

• **Scope:** Final design and construction of mainline ROW, structures, tracks, signal system, traction power system, stations and parking facilities
  - Shortlist Contractors:
    - FH Paschen/Ragnar Benson/Millhouse/BOWA Joint Venture
    - Kiewit Infrastructure Company
    - Walsh Vinci Joint Venture
  - Request for Proposals (RFP)
    - Issued to short-list firms in June 2023.
    - Expected to be awarded Q4 2024.

Opportunities will include trade work and professional services.

Upcoming Roadshows to Meet the Contractors, check the website:

https://www.transitchicago.com/rle/
CTA will be continuing to build the team that delivers the Red Line Extension over 2023 and 2024.

- **Engineering positions:**
  - Structural
  - Mechanical
  - Communications
- **Construction positions:**
  - Project Managers
  - General Managers
- **Safety**
  - SSC Project Manager
  - Construction Safety Inspectors

www.transitchicago.com/careers
Reggie Bates

Chicago Transit Authority
Coordinator, Workforce Initiatives
Access to Opportunities

Connecting Communities to Opportunities

• Building on CTA's past practices, with lessons learned
• Establishing a pipeline of career seekers to connect them with opportunities in the construction industries with family-sustaining wages
• Supporting training and preparation
• Engaging with Labor Unions to support strong coordination

Contract Goals for Workforce Participation

• Careers Opportunity Goal: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Section 3 workers
• Union Apprentice: new entries into the trade labor unions
• Economically Disadvantaged Area (EDA): zip codes within the CTA Service Area with a household median income of $45k/year or less

Successes from RPM Phase One (2019-2023):

• EDA: 388 individuals; $18.9M in wages; $12M in Chicago alone
• WIOA: 97 individuals; $7.5M in wages
• Apprentice: 228 individuals; $6.5M in wages
Workforce Collaborations

- Executive Support
- Assess Goals & Monitors Contractor Performance

- Commit to Workforce Goals
- Establish Potential Hire Needs

- Prepare Candidates for a Career in the Building Trades
- Refer candidates according to contractor need

- Active Partnerships
- Support Workforce Goals
Workforce Partners
Featured Building Trades
SPRINKLER FITTERS LOCAL 281

Alan Crawford
Director of Training
Application Process Will Tentatively Open in November

- Applications given to the first 500 applicants that meet requirements
- Must be 17 to apply and 18 at start of Apprenticeship
- Must have a certified copy of Birth Certificate
- Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D. with official sealed copy of transcripts.
- Valid Drivers License or State Issued I.D.
- $25 certified check or money order made out to Local 281 J.A.T.C.
- Copy of DD-214 if applicable.
Local 150 Operating Engineers
Apprenticeship & Skill Improvement Program

Marcus Jordan
DEI Outreach Coordinator
IUOE Overview

- Diversified trade union
- Founded in 1896
- Approximately 400,000 members
- 10th largest union in the AFL-CIO
- Over 100 Apprenticeship & Skill improvement programs nationwide
Application Requirements

- MUST HAVE VALID DRIVER’S LICENSE
- MUST BE DRUG FREE
- LOCAL 150 JURISDICTION
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR G.E.D.
- $25.00 APPLICATION FEE
Pay Rate

- Apprentice
  - Wage: $26.65
  - H&W: $12.25
  - Annuity (H&W): $1.75
  - Pension: $5.25
  - Retirement Annuity: $0.00
  - Vacation: $2.00
  - Apprenticeship: $.93
  - Total: $48.83

- Journey Worker
  - Wage: $53.30
  - H&W: $17.25
  - Annuity (H&W): $4.90
  - Pension: $15.50
  - Retirement Annuity: $0
  - Vacation: $2.00
  - Apprenticeship: $2.25
  - Total: $95.20
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