

Red Line Extension Awarded \$1.9 Billion from the Federal Transit Administration

In a historic day for Chicago, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Mayor Brandon Johnson, Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) President Dorval R. Carter, Jr., members of the Illinois Congressional delegation and other elected officials signed and finalized a \$1.9 billion funding agreement that allows the CTA to move forward with the transformational Red Line Extension (RLE) Project.



CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr., left, joined FTA Deputy Administrator Veronica Vanterpool, middle, and FTA Regional Administrator Kelley Brookins, right, for the funding agreement signing ceremony.

The CTA and the FTA at a ceremony and press conference Jan. 10 signed a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA), which guarantees the project will receive the funding pledged by the federal government. With this agreement, the Red Line Extension will advance toward groundbreaking, expected by early 2026.

The project will extend by 5.5 miles the CTA's Red Line, the busiest of its eight rail lines, from 95th Street to 130th Street, including building four new Red Line stations. The federal grant is the largest transit infrastructure grant awarded to CTA in the agency's history and is the final step in securing the funding needed for the \$5.7 billion Red Line Extension Project.



Students from Carver Military Academy presented the colors during the event.



Representative Robin Kelly addressed the crowd.



10th Ward Ald. Peter Chico was a guest speaker at the event.



U.S. Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García, RTA Chairman Kirk Dillard and 9th Ward Ald. Anthony Beale were among the featured speakers.



21st Ward Ald. Ronnie Mosley spoke during the event.

Introducing the RLE YouTube Channel

CTA has launched the Red Line Extension YouTube channel! Watch the entire FFGA event, as well as other videos highlighting the project, community success stories and more.

Subscribe to the RLE YouTube channel at youtube.com/@CTARedLineExtension to get the latest news.

New RLE Station renderings unveiled

CTA unveiled new conceptual renderings during the Jan. 10 funding agreement signing ceremony. Images of 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street stations provide a visualization of the future stations.



103rd Street Red Line station



111th Street Red Line station



Michigan Avenue Red Line station



130th Street Red Line station

Do you have any questions about the RLE? Would you like to be added to our list for future Red Line Extension updates?

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CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr., with CTA Chief Infrastructure Officer Bill Mooney, immediate left, and CTA Vice President of RLE Construction, TaNesheha Marshall, right, and the rest of the CTA RLE team.

Thank you CTA President Carter!

The end of January marked the closing of a chapter as CTA President Dorval R. Carter, Jr. announced his retirement from the agency after 40 years of service in the transportation industry. In a letter to CTA staff, he affirmed his sense of pride in all CTA has accomplished during his tenure, including the historic investment of the Red Line Extension Project. On behalf of the RLE, our team offers our gratitude to President Carter for his dedication to the CTA and the RLE project.



Talk to the CTA and the Red Line Extension team!

Community outreach remains a key component of the Red Line Extension project. Learn about career and contracting opportunities at the following events this quarter:

CTA Diversity Outreach Event

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Build Inc., 5100 W. Harrison St., Chicago

RLE in Your Community: Mobile Office Hours

The RLE community office will be closed temporarily for renovations. To reach a member of the outreach team, please call 312-772-2272 or email RedExtension@transitchicago.com. Outreach team members will also host office hours in the community for those who may wish to speak with someone in-person. Feel free to visit us at one of the following days/locations:

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Fernwood Park, 10436 S. Wallace St., Chicago

Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Altgeld Library, 955 E. 131st St., Chicago

If you have a recommendation on a community event for the RLE outreach teams, please email us at

RedExtension@transitchicago.com

To learn about contracting events, register at

<http://cta.dbesystem.com>

