

CTA wants your input on designing future Red Line station plaza areas

The Red Line Extension (RLE) project is moving toward a major milestone: The development of station plaza design concepts for the four new, fully accessible stations! We need you, the community, to help shape the aesthetic identity of each new station plaza area. CTA wants to ensure that station designs reflect how people who live and work near the future stations want the station plazas to serve and benefit the community. To accomplish this, CTA will host a series of open house meetings to provide residents with an opportunity to offer ideas, insights and creative visions on landscaping, plaza pavers and seating. Join us for our upcoming meetings:

September 2025 Station Meetings:

September 17, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Imani Village, 901 E. 95th St., Chicago, IL 60619

September 23, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Center, 1250 W. 119th St., Chicago, IL 60643

September 24, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Altgeld Gardens Community Youth Center, 951 E. 132nd St., Chicago, IL 60827

September 30, 2025, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 211 E. 115th St., Chicago, IL 60628



Renderings, top to bottom: 103rd Street station, 111th Street station, Michigan Avenue station. Background: 130th Street station

Registration is recommended – please sign up at <http://tiny.cc/742s001>. A second series of meetings will be held later in the fall to share with residents the final design concepts for station plazas based on the feedback we receive. The dates of those meetings will be available at www.transitchicago.com/RLE under the *What's New* tab.

The Red Line Extension project is about community ownership, economic opportunity and legacy-building. With groundbreaking anticipated in 2026, this historic investment on the Far South Side promises to uplift neighborhoods and better connect the people who call it home.

Community Spotlight: Pink Hats Construction and Development Group

When Traci Quinn first learned of the RLE project, she knew not only would it be transformative for transit riders, but also for potential contractors. “This project is an opportunity for smaller businesses to create generational wealth for their families,” said Ms. Quinn, CEO of Pink Hats Construction and Development Group. A certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and subcontractor to REDefine Southside Partners Joint Venture (RSPJV), Pink Hats Construction provided an all-female construction crew to assist with drywall, plumbing and painting of the interior of the RLE Project Office at 11203 S. Corliss Ave., repurposing the former Off Track Betting parlor.

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Pink Hats employees and other members of the construction project team are joined by RLE Vice President TaNesheha Marshall (top, 2nd left).

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Pink Hats, established in 2021, seeks to provide women and those reentering society a pathway to success in the trades. Ms. Quinn, whose daughters work for Pink Hats, says she is humbled to be a part of the RLE Project and excited at the level of prosperity the project will provide for countless residents and businesses throughout the Far South Side community.



Pink Hats CEO Traci Quinn (center) is joined by her daughters, Moriah Quinn (left) and Charity Gordon (right).

There's a new way to keep "track" of RLE project news!



An issue of the inside track E-newsletter campaign.

CTA is proud to announce the RLE "Inside Track," which is your new weekly go-to source for staying informed about all the latest information and developments on the Red Line Extension project. This email campaign is designed to improve access to timely information, making it easier for residents to stay up to date on activities within the community. Subscribers will receive information on upcoming events such as job fairs, community events and opportunities to engage directly with the RLE team. The Inside Track will also provide detailed construction activity notices intended to keep you well-informed of construction impacts such as temporary street and alley closures along with what we're doing to mitigate the impacts on the community. To sign up for the Inside Track, visit transitchicago.com/RLE.

2025 Year-to-Date Outreach Statistics:



1400+ Visitors Reached at 30+ Outreach Events in the RLE footprint



45+ Stakeholder meetings and listening sessions conducted



220+ In person attendees across 4 public meetings



Viewers across 3 streamed public meetings

Summer Outreach Recap

The Red Line Extension (RLE) project remains a community-driven endeavor and community participation is essential to its completion! The RLE team has participated in dozens of community outreach, workforce and contracting events within or near the project footprint this year. Following a successful series of "Meet the Contractor" engagements in the spring, we kicked off the summer at a variety of community events, including the Corliss High School Underground Railroad Commemorative Walk, the 9th Ward Juneteenth Block Party, Shop Roseland, Altgeld Gardens Back-to-School Block Party and more!

In addition to the community events, CTA's Diversity Program continues to host quarterly information sessions that cover workforce opportunities, contracting possibilities with RLE, and workshops for small businesses looking to do work with CTA. CTA and Walsh-VINCI Transit Community Partners are committed to awarding nearly \$618.5 million in contracts for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms to design and build the Red Line Extension. This commitment will have an economic impact on the project area and surrounding region well beyond the project's scheduled completion in 2030.



Walsh Vinci and the RLE project sponsored ice cream treats during the Altgeld Back-to-School Block party.

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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