

## Ready. Set. Build! What to expect from construction of the Red Line Extension

The Red Line Extension (RLE) project is entering an exciting time! Groundbreaking is expected to begin soon on the 5.5-mile project.

Construction of the new Red Line will be performed in six zones between 95th and 130th because of the project area's size. The contractor, Walsh-VINCI Transit Community Partners, will move around throughout the construction period 2026-2030, working in different zones and often in more than one zone at a time. This is to ensure the work is done as efficiently as possible in terms of manpower and equipment.

We've already begun the preparatory work necessary before we can start building. This has included demolition of properties acquired for the project, soil testing, survey work, relocation of utility poles and equipment and other site preparation activities. The contractor will then begin building foundations, columns, and other major structural elements.

Several portions of the new elevated track structure, which will be located between 95th and 119th, will be made of concrete and manufactured off-site to reduce the impact to people living and working near the project. The concrete bridge segments will be trucked into the project area, one by one, and assembled via a gantry system. The new track between 119th and 130th will be street level.

The new stations to be built at 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street will be built across multiple zones with station work occurring alongside track construction. As shown in the below infographic, this coordinated approach will allow steady progress across the project, with all zones anticipated to be complete and new stations opening in 2030.



### Red Line Extension Construction: A Zone-by-Zone Approach

95th Street/Dan Ryan to I-57 near 97th Street	I-57 near 97th Street to 99th Place 99th Place to 106th Place	106th Place to 118th Street	118th Street to 120th Place	120th Place to 132nd Street
<p><b>Completed to date:</b> Soil boring, project design/survey</p> <p><b>Fall 2027:</b> Utilities and preparatory work</p> <p><b>Winter 2027 - Spring 2028:</b> Foundations and columns</p> <p><b>Spring 2028 - Fall 2028:</b> Structure construction</p> <p><b>Spring 2028 - Winter 2028:</b> Track and systems construction</p> <p><b>2030:</b> Project complete!</p>	<p><b>Completed to date:</b> Soil boring, site preparation, building demolition, project design/survey</p> <p><b>Winter 2025 - Spring 2026:</b> Utilities and preparatory work</p> <p><b>Fall 2026 - Winter 2027:</b> Foundations and columns</p> <p><b>Spring 2027 - Winter 2028:</b> Structure construction</p> <p><b>Fall 2027 - Spring 2029:</b> Track and systems construction</p> <p><b>Winter 2027 - Spring 2029:</b> Construction of 103rd station</p> <p><b>2030:</b> Project complete!</p>	<p><b>Completed to date:</b> Soil boring, site preparation, building demolition, project design/survey</p> <p><b>Winter 2025 - Spring 2026:</b> Utilities and preparatory work</p> <p><b>Spring 2026 - Spring 2028:</b> Foundations and columns</p> <p><b>Winter 2026 - Winter 2028:</b> Structure construction</p> <p><b>Summer 2027 - Spring 2029:</b> Track and systems construction</p> <p><b>Winter 2027 - Spring 2029:</b> Construction of 111th station</p> <p><b>Spring 2027 - Winter 2028:</b> Construction of Michigan station</p> <p><b>2030:</b> Project complete!</p>	<p><b>Completed to date:</b> Soil boring, site preparation, building demolition, project design/survey</p> <p><b>Winter 2026 - Spring 2027:</b> Utilities and preparatory work</p> <p><b>Spring 2027 - Summer 2027:</b> Foundations and columns</p> <p><b>Fall 2027 - Spring 2028:</b> Structure construction</p> <p><b>Spring 2028 - Fall 2028:</b> Track and systems construction</p> <p><b>2030:</b> Project complete!</p>	<p><b>Completed to date:</b> Soil boring, project design/survey</p> <p><b>Winter 2026 - Fall 2027:</b> Utilities and preparatory work</p> <p><b>Spring 2027 - Fall 2028:</b> 130th Street bridge construction</p> <p><b>Spring 2027 - Spring 2028:</b> Grading and ductbanks</p> <p><b>Summer 2027 - Winter 2028:</b> Construction of 130th station</p> <p><b>Spring 2028 - Winter 2028:</b> Track and systems construction</p> <p><b>2030:</b> Project complete!</p>
Zone ①	Zones ② & ③	Zone ④	Zone ⑤	Zone ⑥

## Ready. Set. Build! Community Meetings



CTA and the RLE contractor used large maps to show residents how the construction would progress across the community.



Residents attended three meetings to learn about when the work would begin, where and how the community would be impacted.



CTA Chief Infrastructure Officer Bill Mooney talks with 21st Ward Ald. Ronnie Mosley.



Attendees talked with CTA, the contractor and workforce agencies about training and job opportunities.



Local residents were able to talk with construction professionals about the upcoming work.



Local residents asked the RLE contractor about where work was going to take place and what to expect.

### Introducing the New Public Meetings Tab

CTA is thrilled to announce the new RLE Public Meetings section of the project website! This page allows easier access to materials from recent meetings so you can stay engaged with the project even if you can't make it to a meeting. Presentation slides, exhibit boards, meeting recordings, and other materials from recent meetings will be posted on the new tab located on the RLE webpage, helping you stay informed, and making it simple to revisit information and share with neighbors. Visit the RLE Public Meetings tab at:

[transitchicago.com/RLE/meetings](https://transitchicago.com/RLE/meetings).



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