Red Line Extension

Project Update
Fall 2019
Agenda

• Project Background
• Moving Ahead/Project Progress
• Future Outreach and Workforce Activities
Project Background Timeline

• Alternatives Analysis – 2009
• Environmental Analysis – 2014
• Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – 2016
• Preferred Alignment selected – 2018
• CTA hires RLE Program Manager HNTB – 2018
• CTA begins procurement for Preliminary Engineering/NEPA consulting services – May 2019
Red Line Extension includes:

- 5.3-mile heavy rail transit line extension from the 95th Street Terminal to 130th Street
- Four new stations at 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street
- Park & Ride and bus facilities at each new station
- Train storage yard and maintenance facility at 120th Street
- Structure is elevated from 95th Street to 119th Street, then at-grade from 119th Street to 130th Street
**Red Line Extension Benefits**

**Connectivity and access** to the entire city via the CTA network

**Equity** by providing affordable rapid transit to historically underserved communities and improving mobility for transit-dependent residents and people with disabilities

**Economic opportunity** through connections to jobs, educational opportunities, housing and other services, as well as economic development on the City’s Far South Side

**Frequent rail service** will reduce commute times
RLE Community Benefits

- **20-minute time savings** to downtown from 130th Street Station
- Average commuter would **save 87 hours per year**
- **6,200** estimated construction jobs
- **56% increase** in newly-accessible jobs **within an hour commute** of the proposed 111th Street Station
- **Over 70%** of riders who board at 95th Red Line station have **destinations outside of the loop**
- Fosters **economic development** in the project area
Preferred Alignment Selected in 2018
• CTA recently committed $310 million toward local funding match needed to secure federal funding
  – In addition to $75 million previously committed in 2016 to advance design and engineering
• Significant resources dedicated to advancing project:
  – RLE Program Manager Hired (2019)
  – Preliminary Engineering/NEPA consultant (early 2020)
• $1.48 million Federal Transit Administration grant to conduct a Transit-Supportive Development Comprehensive Plan, beginning in 2020
Public Outreach

Purpose and Goals

• **Share and communicate** project information
• **Inform** key stakeholder groups and the public of the project’s status, impacts, benefits and progress towards completion
• **Encourage** project support from stakeholders
• **Coordinate** with and keep impacted property owners/renters informed
Public Outreach

Fall 2019

• Stakeholders Meetings
• Newsletter

2020+

• Stakeholder Meetings
• Community/Summer Events
• Community Meetings
• Property Owner/Renter Coordination
• Workforce Outreach
• Project Newsletter/Project Website
Workforce

2019/2020+

• Researching training partners for professional services and trades

• Conducting meetings with representatives of ongoing workforce initiatives for lessons learned/best practices

• Exploring partnerships with colleges/universities to establish pipeline for future roles (e.g., internships, contractor positions)

• Planning future workforce outreach events (i.e., career readiness event; trades workshops; career information event)
Questions/Discussion

• Future Stakeholder Outreach Opportunities
  – Coffee with a stakeholder/small group meetings (Co-host? Topics?)
  – Community or other events we should attend?
  – Alderman Town Hall/resident meetings?
Thank you!