

CTA hires contractor to design, build Red Line Extension Project

The CTA this summer made a major down payment on the \$5.7 billion Red Line Extension Project, moving us closer to breaking ground in 2025! The Chicago Transit Board in August 2024 approved the award of a \$2.9 billion contract to Walsh-VINCI Transit Community Partners to design and build the 5.5-mile extension of the Red Line from 95th Street to 130th Street. The extension includes four new stations.

Who is Walsh-VINCI?

- Walsh Construction has built or is building several transit projects in Chicago, including the \$2.1 billion Red & Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One Project.
- VINCI Construction has completed more than \$50 billion worth of design-build construction projects in 42 countries around the world.
- Systra has worked on CTA's RPM Phase One Project and other U.S. transit projects.
- EXP has designed CTA stations including the Garfield (Green Line) Gateway Project, Washington/Wabash Elevated Loop Station and the 95th Street Terminal Improvement Project



CTA President Dorval Carter Jr. holds up a sign for Howard-bound trains at 130th street station.

Now what?

Walsh-VINCI will hold Meet the Contractor meetings with residents and job seekers in the coming future. Meeting dates will be announced via RLE project emails, social media and through aldermanic offices.

Construction is set to start in late 2025 and new service is scheduled to start in 2030. The Red Line is coming!

Community Spotlight: Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce

The Red Line Extension (RLE) outreach team recently joined Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce (GRCC) for its annual Shop Roseland event. Held at the corner of 115th and Michigan near the future Michigan Red Line station, the event featured dozens of vendors and entrepreneurs including food trucks and local artisans. CTA and the Red Line Extension booths anchored the event.

Now in its fourth year, Shop Roseland allows GRCC to showcase and support businesses in Roseland and surrounding communities. Led by Executive Director Andrea Reed, the organization is dedicated to strengthening economic vitality and community development within Roseland.

Ms. Reed's deep roots in the Roseland community along with her diverse background in the mortgage and financial literacy industry makes her uniquely positioned to lead these efforts. Her commitment to empowering local businesses and fostering economic development has been instrumental in expanding GRCC's outreach.



Balloons and signage on display at the Shop Roseland Event.

Community Spotlight, continued...



The project team smiles for a photo with Andrea Reed.

Thanks to Ms. Reed, GRCC has launched several programs aimed at strengthening the local economy, providing resources for small businesses, and promoting entrepreneurship. Other resources include workshops designed to equip local entrepreneurs with essential skills like writing and creating business and marketing plans.

Ms. Reed and the GRCC look forward to the completion of the RLE project and are excited for the re-development of the Roseland community. “The RLE [project is] very important for economic development and changing the financial footprint for the community,” Ms. Reed said. “This investment needs to stay within the community [by] creating jobs, loans, and homeownership opportunities.”

Look for the Red Line Extension team in your community!

The RLE project has always been a community-driven project, so engagement is vital to its success! Over the past several months, the RLE team has participated in dozens of community workforce, and contracting events and meetings within or near the project footprint. This summer alone we met hundreds of residents at events ranging from the 95th Street Corridor Plan public meeting and Taste of Chicago-Pullman, to the Altgeld Gardens Back-2-School Parade.

Did you miss a recent event? CTA's Diversity department hosts quarterly events designed to educate participants on contracting and career opportunities on the RLE and other major CTA construction projects.

Look for us at the following events in October and November:

Fall 2024 Citywide Career Fair

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Olive-Harvey, Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Building,
10001 S. Woodlawn Ave, Chicago.

Register at bit.ly/4d3liVZ

9th Ward Resource Fair

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Pullman Community Center, 10355 S. Woodlawn Ave, Chicago.

For information, visit Ward09.com

95th Street Corridor Plan Public Meeting #5 Final Feedback

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location TBD

For information, visit bit.ly/4gzYwld



Community members attend the Q3 Diversity Outreach Event

To recommend a community event for the RLE outreach team, email RedExtension@transitchicago.com.
To learn about CTA's Diversity Programs, visit transitchicago.com/diversity-programs.

Questions? Would you like to be added to our list for future Red Line Extension updates?



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