Winter 2021 Newsletter

# RLE seeks final input on Red Line Extension Transit Supportive Development (TSD) Plan

The CTA is seeking community input on proposed TSD strategies and concepts near each of the four proposed RLE station areas. Final meetings to gain input from the community will be held in a virtual format on: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 (103<sup>rd</sup> St. Station and 130<sup>th</sup> St. Station) and Wednesday, December 8 (111<sup>th</sup> St. Station and Michigan Ave. St. Station) from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM. Community members are encouraged to attend both meetings! Registration is required to attend. Register at engagerle.transitchicago.com.

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## Red Line Extension Project Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) public comment period and public hearing

In response to project refinements, including the change in the proposed station location at 130<sup>th</sup> Street since the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was prepared in 2016, a Supplemental EA for the project is near completion. The Supplemental EA evaluates the potential impacts of the project on the natural and built

In early 2022, the Supplemental EA will be publicly available for a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing. Stay tuned for future updates about this important milestone for the RLE project!



environment and discusses how the project avoids, minimizes or mitigates those impacts. Mitigation measures and environmental commitments that are included in the Supplemental EA would be carried forward into the RLE project's design plans.

# Federal infrastructure bill signed in November

The Red Line Extension is a transformative project that will benefit Chicago's Far South Side for generations to come and is a top priority for CTA. The recent signing of the bipartisan infrastructure bill is expected to provide federal funding necessary to support this much-needed investment in CTA's public transit system. CTA looks forward to working with Senators Durbin and Duckworth, and the entire Illinois delegation to make this long-awaited project a reality.

# The Red Line Extension will provide many benefits, including:





Frequent rail service



**Connectivity and access** 



Economic opportunity



Sustainable transportation



### About the Red Line Extension Project

The CTA is proposing to extend the Red Line from the existing terminal at 95<sup>th</sup>/Dan Ryan to 130<sup>th</sup> Street, subject to the availability of funding. The proposed 5.6-mile extension would include four new stations near 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130<sup>th</sup> Street. Multi-modal connections at each new station include bus, bike, pedestrian, and Park & Ride facilities. In 2020, the project received approval from the Federal Transit Administration to enter the Project Development phase of the Capital Investment Grants Program as a New Starts project.

#### Red Line Extension Video and Facebook Page!

Check out the CTA's video about the Red Line Extension Project and our commitment to improve mobility and access to transit by visiting tiny.cc/RLEvid! Remember to share your thoughts and follow the project's Facebook page at facebook.com/CTARedExt for timely updates and announcements. We are #RLEReady!

#### Over the past year



#### **Questions?**

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

Contact us at <u>RedExtension@transitchicago.com</u>, visit our engagement website <u>engagerle.transitchicago.com</u>, call customer service at 1-888-968-7282, or write us at

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