



“Meet the Contractor” Community Meeting Summary Report – Red-Purple Bypass Area Business Owners

Date: May 30, 2019

Start Time: 10:50 AM

Location: 19th District Police Station, 850 W Addison

Speakers:

- Mike O'Donnell (Walsh-Fluor)
- LaTrice Phillips-Thompson (CTA-RPM)
- Jeff Wilson (CTA-RPM)

Support:

- Christina Williams - CTA Workforce Initiatives
- Juanpablo Prieto - CTA DBE/SBE Certification
- Chris Bushell – CTA-RPM
- Doug Kucia – CTA-RPM
- Katherene Cuza - CTA DBE
- Carrie Wagener – CTA-RPM
- Michal Williams - CTA RPM
- John Titzer - CTA RPM
- Kim Proia - CTP RPM
- Cindi Mortimer - CTP RPM
- Brian Spillie – SQN
- Jacki Reyes – Purple Group
- Felip Ballesteros – Purple Group
- Victoria Medrano – Purple Group
- Annet Miranda – Purple Group

Attendees: 10 signed in

Attendees included:

- Jessica Papp, 44th Ward
- Maureen Martino, Lakeview East Chamber of Commerce

Participant Questions:

- Will the existing rusty structures be de-rusted and painted?
 - We will build the Red-Purple Bypass, which will be new structure to improve our rail service, and we will demolish the Red and Purple Line structures between Belmont and Cornelia and rebuild with new structure.
- What about all the way to Howard?
 - New structure north of Belmont and south of Addison will be built to replace century-old structure. All of the track structure between Belmont and Howard (Red Line) and Belmont to Linden (Purple Line) will be rebuilt as part of RPM over multiple phases. CTA is proceeding with Phase One of RPM, which includes rebuilding tracks and stations between Lawrence and Bryn Mawr; building the Red-Purple Bypass and replacing Red and Purple Line tracks from Belmont to Cornelia; and replacing the CTA's track signaling system between Howard and Belmont.
- Will the new structures be quieter with the concrete rather than steel?
 - Yes, similar to the new track structure we built at the Wilson station in 2017, along with the station reconstruction, the new RPM structures will be quieter than the steel structures in place today.
- Are these going to be single columns holding up the bypass? What will the diameter be?
 - Yes, they will be single columns. The diameter is currently in design, but we are approximating 8 feet with roughly 100 feet between each column.
- How accessible will the businesses be during construction?
 - We will be working with all the businesses to make sure there is accessibility. If you ever have an issue, we will work closely with you to make them accessible.
- With alley closures and street closures, what will we be doing in 2019 during baseball season?
 - The contractor is required to accommodate special events, including baseball games and limit road closures and detours for two hours before and one hour after games and other special events.
- Can you tell us more details about alternative parking?
 - This is still being worked out in terms of identifying locations. We can tell you far in advance of when that need comes. We're asking that residents and businesses stay in touch with us so we can keep you updated on project work and address individual concerns and needs.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:42 AM

Next Meeting: N/A

Date/Time: N/A

Location: N/A