



“Meet the Contractor” Community Meeting Summary Report: Red-Purple Bypass Area Residents

Date: May 29, 2019

Start Time: 6:00 PM

Location: The Center on Halsted, Hoover-Leppen Theatre, 3rd Floor, 3635 N Halsted

Speakers:

- David Shier (Walsh-Fluor)
- Tammy Chase (CTA-RPM)
- Jeff Wilson (CTA-RPM)

Support:

- Chris Bushell – CTA-RPM
- Steve Hands – CTA-RPM
- LaTrice Phillips-Thompson – CTA-RPM
- Katrina Denny – CTA-RPM
- March Jensen – Walsh-Fluor
- Jamie Simone -- ESP
- 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: 17 signed in

Attendees included:

- Ald. Tom Tunney (44th ward)

Participant Questions:

- Will the Red Line work between Roscoe and Cornelia extend beyond Cornelia?
 - No, it will not.
- Are Red Line tracks being moved to the West?
 - The Red and Purple Line track structures from Belmont to Cornelia will be rebuilt, which includes moving the tracks slightly west and eliminating curves that currently exist and slow train speeds.

- What are the anticipated RPM construction hours, day and weekend?
 - We are still in progress determining construction hours and days. Typical work hours will be 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., however, certain activities are better suited for off-peak hours when there is less impact to train service, vehicular, bike, and pedestrian traffic, etc. All activities will be scheduled to minimize impact to the community.
- What does “taking into consideration” to mediate construction noise for residents mean?
 - There are mitigation plans that the contractor has agreed to, including minimizing noise where possible. As we move closer to the start of construction, we will provide more details on what we’re doing to reduce noise and other impacts to you, and listen to your concerns.
- What compensation will residents have from this project?
 - There is no money in the project budget for compensation to residents. What we are doing for residents is working with our contractor to minimize noise and other impacts as much as we can; providing alternative parking and garbage/recycling pickup for people affected by construction; and providing regular project updates to keep you informed.
- What does it mean that you’re working with residents as this project develops?
 - Absolutely. We will continuously come to the community and inform you with more details.
- Communication is a two-way process; we have not been involved in this project. Have we not been considered at all?
 - Communication with the community is a big part of RPM Phase One since we announced the project five years ago and have held dozens of community meetings since. We will continue to update the community as we have more updates to share.
- Have you considered doing community outreach in the Wrigleyville neighborhood?
 - We have been meeting with the community extensively about this project and will continue to do so. We are currently developing our outreach program for 2019 to 2025, when the project will be completed. That will include attending community events to distribute information and listen to the community’s questions and concerns.
- When can we anticipate massive construction in the RPB area?
 - Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2019. We will provide more information this summer about construction details, including schedules for temporary street and alley closures and reducing construction impacts.
- Do you know when the Vautravers building will be moved?

CTA’s intention is to move the building in order to preserve the historic integrity of the Newport Avenue District, a designated Chicago historical landmark. The Vautravers building is currently undergoing rigorous investigations to determine the viability of relocating the building from 947-949 W. Newport Avenue further west towards Clark Street. Once the investigation is complete, CTA will advise on the next course of action.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 PM

Next Meeting: RPB / Meet the Contractor Business Owner Meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, 5/30/2019 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Location: 19th District Police Station, 850 W Addison