Schedule for Tonight’s Meeting

- Structure of the meeting
- Questions and answers process
  - Submit your comments in writing on comment cards
  - Comments and questions will be grouped and answered by topic
  - All comments and questions will be addressed on CTA’s website - www.transitchicago.com
  - An interpreter for the hearing impaired and a translator for the Spanish speaking community are available this evening
Screen 3 Public Meetings

Wednesday, June 3, 2009
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
(Presentation begins at 6:15 pm)
Olive-Harvey College Cafeteria
10001 S. Woodlawn Ave.
Chicago, IL

Thursday, June 4, 2009
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
(Presentation begins at 6:15 pm)
Woodson Regional Chicago Public Library
9525 S. Halsted St.
Chicago, IL
 Tonight’s Speakers

- Darud Akbar – Moderator
  - Chicago Transit Authority

- Jeffrey Busby – Strategic Planning Manager
  - Chicago Transit Authority

- Ronald Shimizu – Red Line Study Area Manager
  - Parsons Brinckerhoff
Outline of the Presentation

• Discuss Status of Red Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Study
  – New Starts Overview
  – Prior Findings

• Screen 3 Preliminary Findings

• Public Involvement Process
Status of Study
FTA’s Required New Starts Process

- Concept Development
- Alternatives Analysis Study
  - Preliminary Engineering
  - Environmental Impact Statement

  Final Design

  Construction

  Operation
Alternatives Analysis (AA) Studies

- FTA Requirement for federal funding for transit expansion (New Starts)
- Identifies transit opportunities and ensures all practical solutions are considered
- Ensures planning is consistent among all New Starts projects throughout the country
- Provides opportunity to gather information and receive public input
- Identifies Locally Preferred Alternative
The Purpose and Need is first defined, the evaluation criteria are applied, and options within the Universe of Alternatives are eliminated until at the end of the process, there is a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA).
Purpose and Need

- Significant Bus and Passenger Congestion at 95th Street Red Line Station
- Lengthy Bus Trips to Access 95th Street Red Line Station
- Far South Area Residents Experience 20% Longer Commute Times than Rest of City
- Traffic Congestion is Expected to Grow along with Study Area Population and Employment
Screen 1 & 2 Summary
Universe of Alternatives - Technologies

TECHNOLOGIES

- Automated Guideway/Monorail
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Commuter Bus
- Commuter Rail
- Heavy Rail Transit
- High Speed Rail
- Light Rail Transit
- Local Bus
- MagLev
- Personal Rapid Transit
- Streetcar
Universe of Alternatives - Profiles

Profiles:
- Elevated
- At-Grade
- Trench
- Underground
Universe of Alternatives - Corridors

- I-57 Expressway
- Halsted Street
- UP Railroad
- Wentworth Avenue
- State Street
- Michigan Avenue
- King Drive
- Cottage Grove Avenue / Metra Electric
- I-94 Bishop Ford Freeway
Screen 1 Public Involvement Process

• Two public meetings
  – April 10, 2007 at Chicago State University
  – April 11, 2007 at West Pullman Branch Chicago Public Library

• More than 140 people attended public meetings
• Met with stakeholders and elected officials
• Over 200 comments submitted and answered
• Significant media coverage
Screen 2 Evaluation - Findings

Bus Rapid Transit

Halsted Street

At Grade

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Halsted Street

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Elevated

UP Railroad

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Elevated

Red Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Study
Screen 2 Public Involvement Process

- Two public meetings
  - December 3, 2008 at Historic Pullman Visitor Center
  - December 4, 2008 at Woodson Regional Chicago Public Library
- More than 80 people attended public meetings
- Met with stakeholders and elected officials
- Over 130 comments submitted and answered
- Significant media coverage