

Federal Transit Administration's
New Starts Process

Red Line Extension Alternatives Analysis Study

June 2009



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**

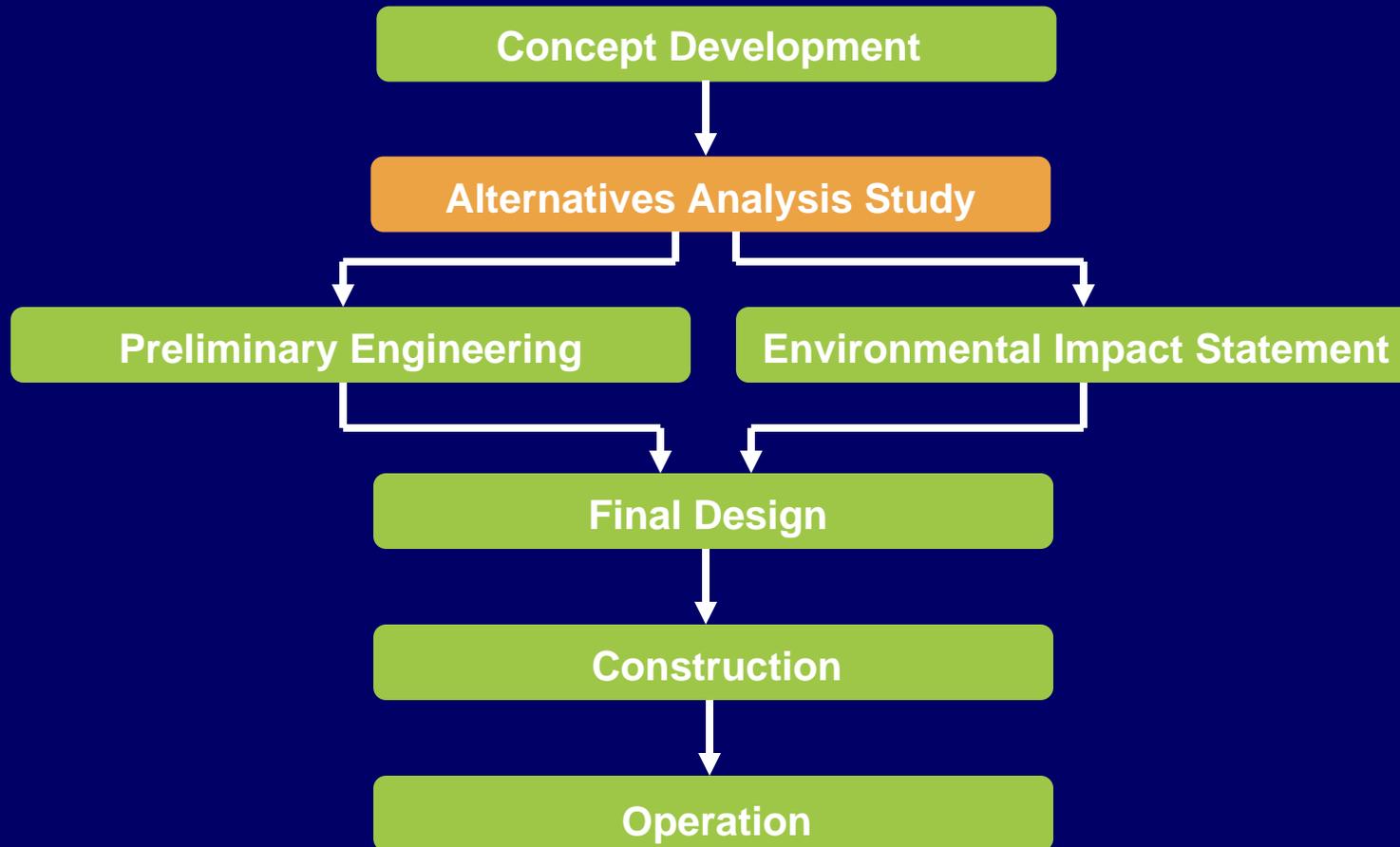
Outline of the Presentation

- **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

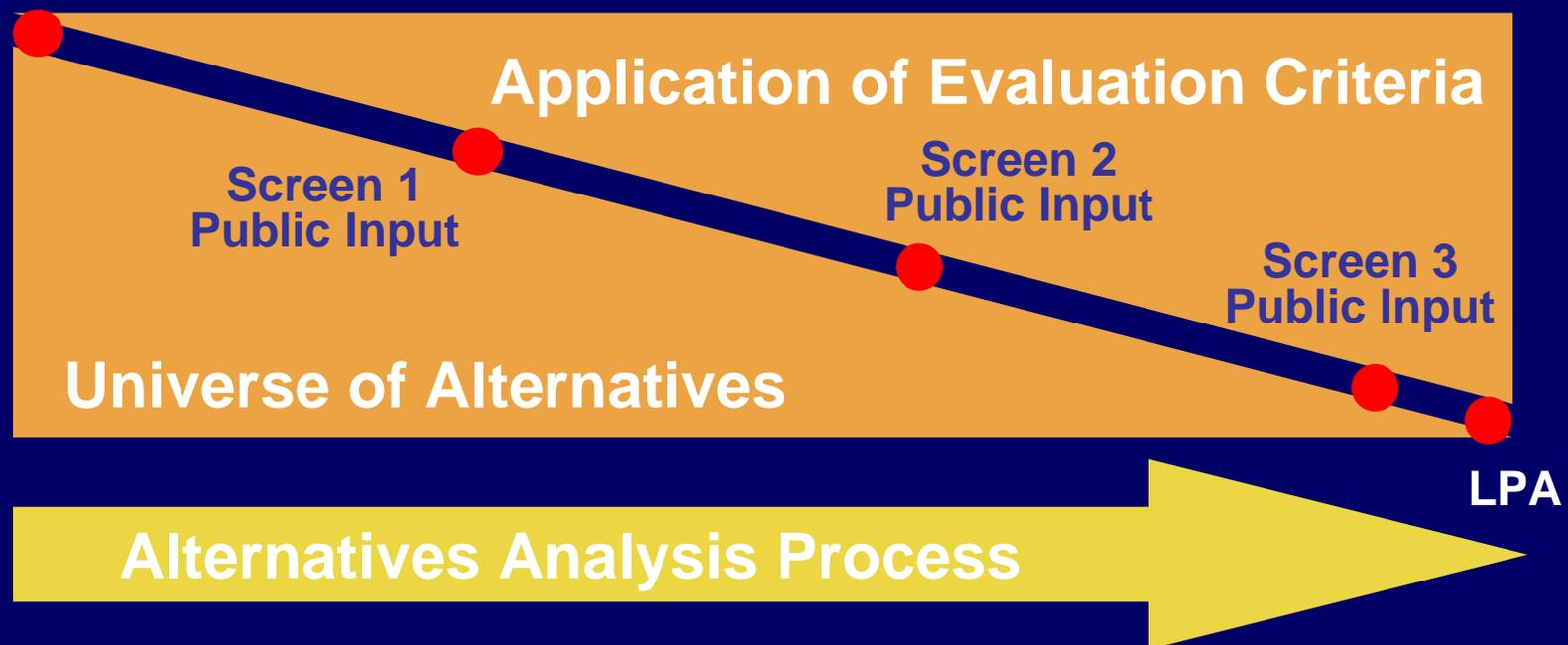


Alternatives Analysis (AA) Studies

- **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**

FTA Evaluation Process

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

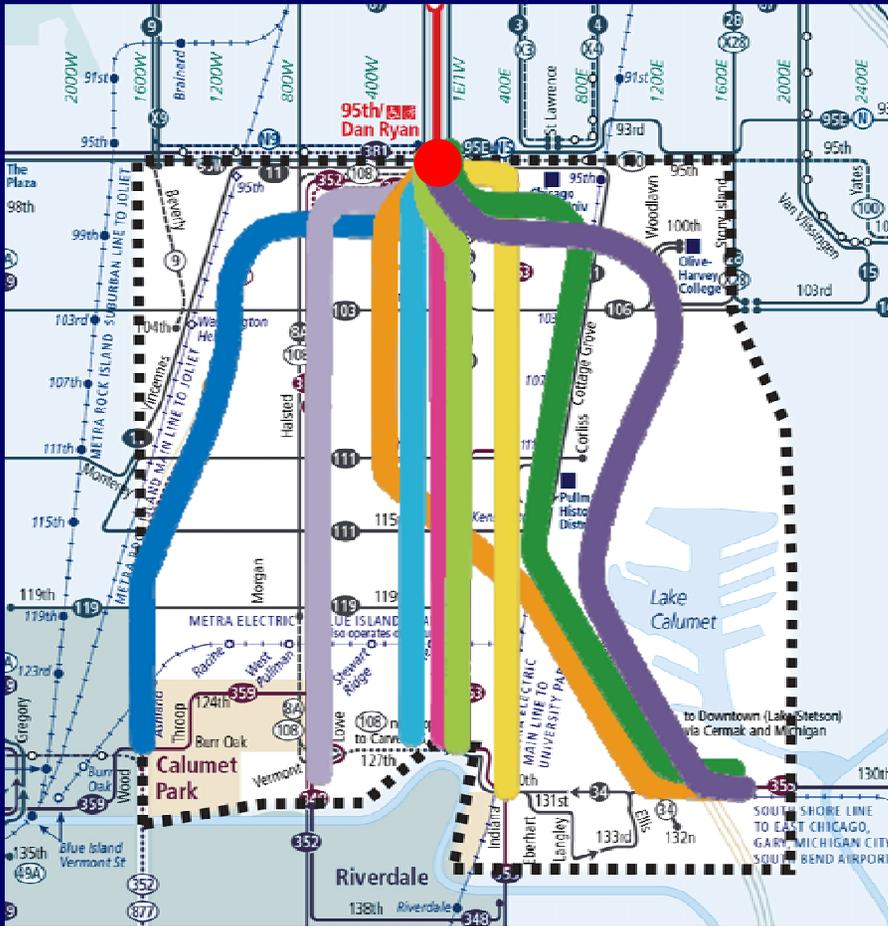
PROFILES

Elevated	
At-Grade	
Trench	
Underground	



Screen 1

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**



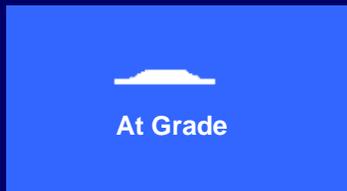
Screen 2

Screen 2 Evaluation - Findings

Bus Rapid Transit



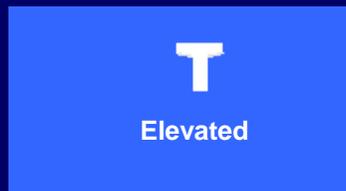
Halsted Street



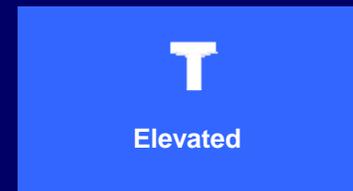
Heavy Rail Transit



Halsted Street



UP Railroad



Screen 2

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



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Alternatives Analysis Study
Comment Card

Please print your contact information if you would like to receive a response to the questions and comments.

Name _____
Organization _____
Address (Street, City, Zip) _____

Phone _____
E-Mail _____

Would you like to be added to the Red Line Extension Project mailing list? Check box if yes.

Please write your question or comment in the area below (please print). When you have completed the form, please give to one of the CTA representatives.

Please send comments and questions to: David Akbar, Chicago Transit Authority, Government and Community Relations, P.O. Box 7567, Chicago, IL 60680-7567. Or dakbar@metransit.chicago.gov

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