

# Technology Evaluation Scorecard Suitability

Measure of Effectiveness Technology	Does the mode meet the MOE?		
	Length of Commute	Typical Station Spacing	Operating Speed
Automated Guideway	●	●	●
Bus Rapid Transit	●	●	●
Commuter Bus	●	●	●
Commuter Rail	●	●	●
Heavy Rail Rapid Transit	●	●	●
High-Speed Rail	●	●	●
Light Rail Transit	●	●	●
Local Bus	●	●	●
MagLev	●	●	●
Personal Rapid Transit	●	●	●
Streetcar	●	●	●

● Yes    ● No



# Technology Evaluation Criteria

Criterion/ Technology	Study Area Suitability	System Applicability	Overall Score	Recommend to Step 2 of Screen 1?
	Does the mode meet all the MOE in Criteria?			
Bus Rapid Transit	●	●	●	Yes
Heavy Rail Rapid Transit	●	●	●	Yes
Light Rail Transit	●	●	●	Yes
Automated Guideway	●	●	●	Yes
Commuter Bus	●	●	●	No
Commuter Rail	●	●	●	No
High-Speed Rail	●	●	●	No
Local Bus	●	●	●	No
MagLev	●	●	●	No
Personal Rapid Transit	●	●	●	No
Streetcar	●	●	●	No

● Yes    ● No

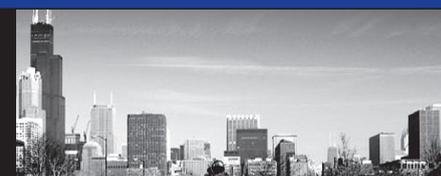


# Technology Alignments Considered

## Step 2 of Screen 1

Technology	Air Quality	System Capacity	Travel Time	Compatibility	Traffic	Project Costs	Carry Forward
At-Grade Bus Rapid Transit	○	—	○	+	○	○	●
At-Grade Light Rail	○	+	○	—	○	○	●
Below Grade Automated Guideway	○	—	+	—	○	○	●
Below Grade Bus Rapid Transit	○	—	—	—	○	○	●
Below Grade Heavy Rail Rapid Transit	○	+	+	+	○	○	●
Below Grade Light Rail	○	—	—	—	○	○	●
Elevated Automated Guideway	○	—	+	—	○	○	●
Elevated Bus Rapid Transit	○	—	—	—	○	○	●
Elevated Heavy Rail Rapid Transit	○	+	+	+	○	○	●
Elevated Light Rail	○	—	—	—	○	○	●

- +** Better than other alternatives
- Same as other alternatives
- Worse than other alternatives
- Yes      **●** No



# Corridors Considered

Corridor	Recommended for Further Analysis?	Comments
Clinton/Canal Avenue	●	<p><b>Location:</b> Corridor is less than ½ mile from the Loop.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> Does not access non-CBD activity centers.</p> <p><b>Transit Connections:</b> Metra already at terminals, close to CTA Loop stations already.</p>
Halsted Avenue	●	<p><b>Location:</b> Corridor is ¾ mile from the Loop.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> Little travel time improvement for non-CBD trips.</p> <p><b>Transit Connections:</b> Too close to terminals for any Metra connections; existing CTA rail stations could be connected.</p>
Ashland Avenue	●	<p><b>Location:</b> Sufficient distance of 1 ¾ miles from the Loop.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> accesses major neighborhoods and key activity centers.</p> <p><b>Transit Connections:</b> good connections to existing CTA transit stations, possibility of new Metra transfer stations.</p>
Ashland/Ogden Avenue	●	<p><b>Location:</b> Similar to Ashland Corridor.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> Similar to Ashland south of Lake Street, does not serve neighborhoods north of Lake Street.</p> <p><b>Transit Connections:</b> More direct connection between rapid transit lines in the north. Would serve same Metra stations as Ashland in the south, but does not serve Metra Clybourn station.</p>
Damen Avenue	●	<p><b>Location:</b> Sufficient distance from the Loop at 2 ¼ miles.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> Access to activity centers and neighborhoods; but primarily small scale residential character less conducive to high capacity transit improvements.</p> <p><b>Transit Connections:</b> Damen (Blue Line) only existing CTA station. Possibility of new Metra and/or CTA Transfer station.</p>
Western Avenue	●	<p><b>Location:</b> Corridor is 2 ¾ miles from Loop, with largest theoretical travel time savings.</p> <p><b>Land Use:</b> Wide avenue with many uses; industrial in south, but with mixed uses in north.</p> <p><b>Transit Connections:</b> Existing Metra stations on BNSF and Milwaukee District; connection with Metra Clybourn possible; many CTA rail stations on route.</p>

Yes ● No ●



# Screen 1 Preliminary Findings

Alignment Configuration	Heavy Rail Rapid Transit	Light Rail Transit	Bus Rapid Transit
Ashland Corridor Elevated	●	●	●
Ashland Corridor At-Grade	●	●	●
Ashland Corridor Below-Grade	●	●	●
Ashland/Ogden Corridor Elevated	●	●	●
Ashland/Ogden Corridor At-Grade	●	●	●
Ashland/Ogden Corridor Below-Grade	●	●	●
Western Corridor Elevated	●	●	●
Western Corridor At-Grade	●	●	●
Western Corridor Below-Grade	●	●	●

● Yes    ● No

