FTA’s New Starts Process

- Concept Development
- Alternatives Analysis Study
  - Preliminary Engineering
  - Environmental Impact Statement
- Final Design
- Construction
- Operation

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Purpose and Need

• Transportation Needs
  - Growth in population and employment
  - Access to activity and employment centers
  - Changing travel patterns (non-Loop destinations)
  - Connecting among transit modes
  - Transit-reliant residents
  - Congestion and lengthening travel times

• Purpose of Transit Investments
  - Increase transit access west of Loop
  - Improve access to major activity centers
  - Improve transfers between modes
  - Increase system efficiency
  - Leverage existing infrastructure investments
Alternatives Analysis Process

Growing level of detailed study
Evaluation Criteria

A shrinking number of alternatives

Alternatives

Screen 1  Screen 2  Screen 3  LPA

Technologies

Corridors

Ashland
Ashland/Ogden
Canal/Clinton
Damen
Halsted
Western

Alignments

At-Grade
Elevated
Underground

Universe

Approx. 134 Combinations including No-Build and Baseline

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Community Participation

• Community Participation is One of the Key Components of the Alternatives Analysis Study

  – Elected and Appointed Officials
  – Community and Civic Organizations
  – General Public
  – City and State Agencies