

Coming Soon: A Better CTA Red and Purple Line

CTA's Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One

Meet the Contractor Open House, May 2019

RPM Phase One: Overview

CTA is beginning the **Phase One of RPM**, a transformational, multi-phase project that will allow us to provide more convenient and reliable service to our customers.

This project includes:

- ◆ Four new, 100% accessible Red Line stations to replace aged stations at Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr; also, reconstruction of adjacent track structure for smoother ride
- ◆ New, modern rail bypass north of Belmont Station where Red, Brown and Purple Line trains intersect to improve service and relieve chronic overcrowding and delays throughout the rail system.
- ◆ New rail signal system from Howard to Belmont that will improve service reliability

Phase One kicks off the multi-phase RPM program, which will eventually rebuild all tracks and stations between Belmont and Linden.

Project at a glance

Project budget: \$2.1 billion

Now under way:

- ◆ Advance utility relocation ahead of starting foundation work for new track structures
- ◆ Project design work

Project completion: 2025





Clark Junction north of Belmont station, where Brown, Red and Purple Line tracks intersect. CTA will build a rail bypass here that will allow Kimball-bound Brown Line trains to travel over Red and Purple Line tracks, allowing us to add more train service while reducing delays and overcrowding on our trains – improving the commuting experience.

Red-Purple Bypass Project

The Red-Purple Bypass Project is a critical part of RPM Phase One that will ensure we can deliver quality, reliable and comfortable rail service to our customers.

It benefits riders on the Red Line, our busiest rail line with more than 125,000 riders a day, and other rail lines by addressing chronic overcrowding and delays and modernizing infrastructure that is more than a century old. The Red-Purple Bypass to be built north of Belmont, and reconstruction of Red and Purple line tracks just to the north of the bypass, will allow us to add trains during our busiest periods while providing a ride that is smoother and more reliable.

Key dates

Under way now: Project design

Fall 2019 - Summer 2021: Bypass construction

Foundation work for new track/bypass structure Fall 2019

Community update on this work planned for July 2019

Bypass completed in 2021

Summer 2021 - Summer 2024:

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Summer 2024: Red-Purple Bypass project work to be completed

Bryn Mawr	5600N 1200W	Berwyn	5300N 1200W
Argyle	5000N 1200W	Lawrence	4800N 1200W



Conceptual rendering of a new platform at the elevated Bryn Mawr station, which opened in 1921.

Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization

An important component of RPM Phase One is the reconstruction of four stations – Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn and Bryn Mawr, where combined more than 4.6 million people boarded trains in 2018 and the century-old track structure next to these stations,

These stations opened between about 1916 to 1923 and are outdated and inadequate to meet our customers' needs. They will be fully rebuilt into larger, modern, brighter stations that will be 100% accessible to customers with mobility issues. New track structure will provide a smoother, more reliable train ride.

Key dates

Under way now: Project design

Fall 2019 to Winter 2020-2021:

Track signal work

Construct temporary stations at Argyle, Bryn Mawr

Winter 2020-2021 - Spring 2024:

Station reconstruction begins; four stations close

Temporary stations at Argyle and Bryn Mawr open

Reconstruction of Red, Purple northbound tracks between Leland & Ardmore (Stage A)

Reconstruction of southbound tracks between Leland & Ardmore (Stage B)

Summer 2024: All four stations open to the public!

Stay informed!

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◆ Questions & sign up for project news:
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◆ Community meetings

◆ Construction Activity Notices

◆ Coming soon: Community presence, project hotline and more!