FTA’s New Starts Process

1. Concept Development
2. Alternatives Analysis Study
   - Preliminary Engineering
   - Environmental Impact Statement
3. Final Design
4. Construction
5. Operation
Purpose and Need

Transportation Needs

- 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 than rest of City
- Traffic congestion is expected to grow along with study area population and employment

Opportunity for Improvement

- Extend rapid transit service south from 95th Street Red Line Station
- Improve access to, within, and beyond study area
- Stimulate economic development and job opportunities
- Shorten transit travel times through faster and more direct routings
Community Participation

Community participation is one of the key components of the alternatives analysis.

Community Outreach

- General Public
- Elected and Appointed Officials
- Community and Civic Organizations
- Faith-Based Organizations
- City and State Agencies

Ongoing Public Involvement/Input

- Meetings announced through public notices and advertisements
- Project updates on the CTA web site: www.transitchicago.com, accessible at local public libraries
Universe of Alternatives

Technologies
- Automated Guideway / Monorail
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Commuter Bus
- Commuter Rail
- Heavy Rail
- High Speed Rail
- Light Rail
- Local Bus
- MagLev
- Personal Rapid Transit
- Streetcar

Corridors
- I-57 Expressway
- Halsted Street
- UP Railroad
- Wentworth Avenue
- State Street
- Michigan Avenue
- King Drive
- Cottage Grove / Metra Electric
- I-94 Bishop Ford Freeway

Profiles
- Elevated
- At-Grade
- Trench
- Underground

Red Line Extension
Alternative Analysis Study