

Red Line Extension

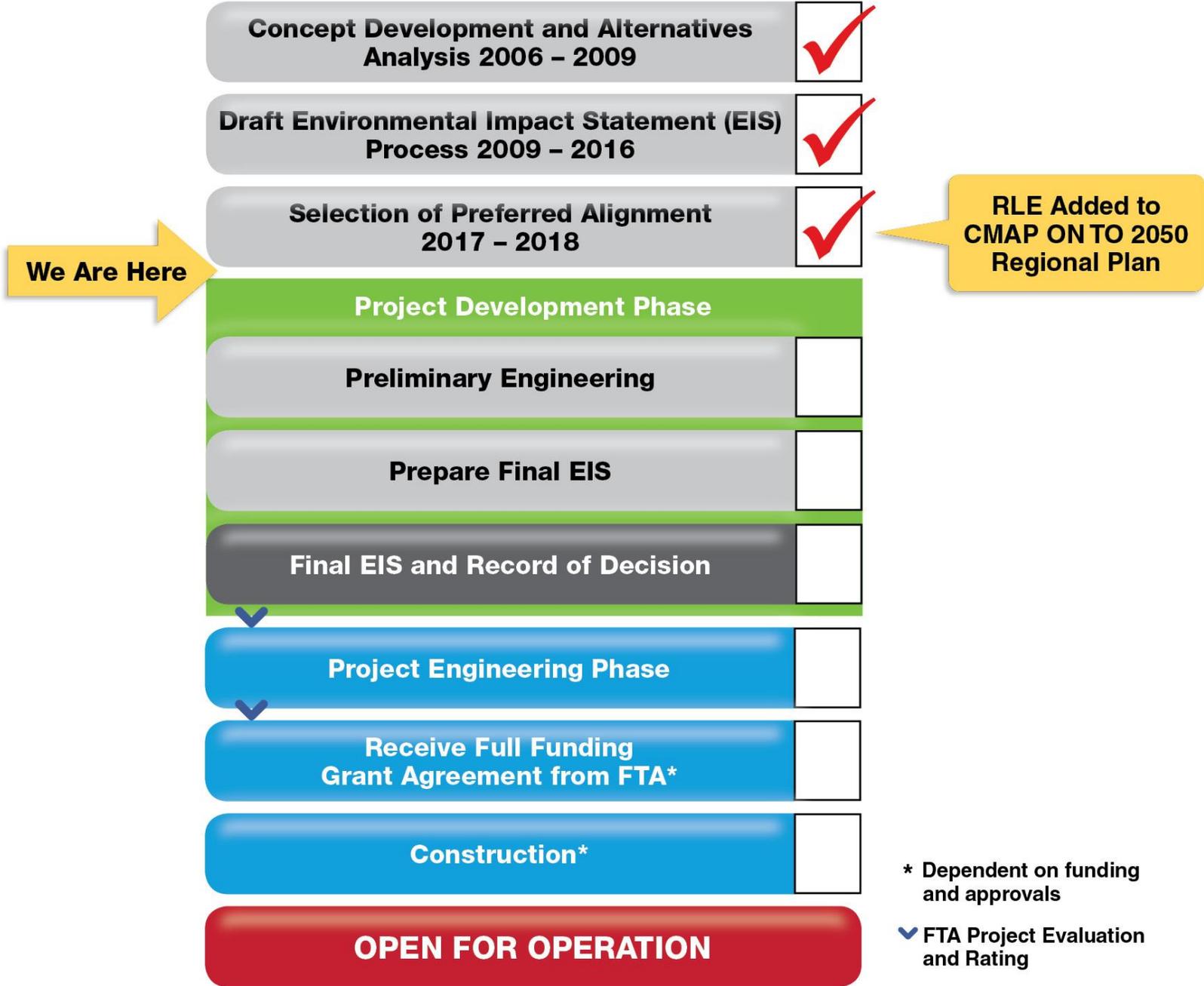
Project Update Fall 2019



- Project Background
- Moving Ahead/Project Progress
- Future Outreach and Workforce Activities

- Alternatives Analysis – 2009
- Environmental Analysis – 2014
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – 2016
- Preferred Alignment selected – 2018
- CTA hires RLE Program Manager HNTB – 2018
- CTA begins procurement for Preliminary Engineering/NEPA consulting services – May 2019

Anticipated Schedule



Project Overview

Red Line Extension includes:

- 5.3-mile heavy rail transit line extension from the 95th Street Terminal to 130th Street
- Four new stations at 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street
- Park & Ride and bus facilities at each new station
- Train storage yard and maintenance facility at 120th Street
- Structure is elevated from 95th Street to 119th Street, then at-grade from 119th Street to 130th Street

103rd Street Station (facing northeast)





Connectivity and access to the entire city via the CTA network



Equity by providing affordable rapid transit to historically underserved communities and improving mobility for transit-dependent residents and people with disabilities



Economic opportunity through connections to jobs, educational opportunities, housing and other services, as well as economic development on the City's Far South Side



Frequent rail service will reduce commute times

- **20-minute time savings** to downtown from 130th Street Station
- Average commuter would **save 87 hours per year**
- **6,200** estimated construction jobs
- **56% increase** in newly-accessible jobs **within an hour commute** of the proposed 111th Street Station
- **Over 70%** of riders who board at 95th Red Line station have **destinations outside of the loop**
- Fosters **economic development** in the project area



Preferred Alignment Selected in 2018



- CTA recently committed \$310 million toward local funding match needed to secure federal funding
 - In addition to \$75 million previously committed in 2016 to advance design and engineering
- Significant resources dedicated to advancing project:
 - RLE Program Manager Hired (2019)
 - Preliminary Engineering/NEPA consultant (early 2020)
- \$1.48 million Federal Transit Administration grant to conduct a Transit-Supportive Development Comprehensive Plan, beginning in 2020



Purpose and Goals

- **Share and communicate** project information
- **Inform** key stakeholder groups and the public of the project's status, impacts, benefits and progress towards completion
- **Encourage** project support from stakeholders
- **Coordinate** with and keep impacted property owners/renters informed



Fall 2019

- Stakeholders Meetings
- Newsletter

2020+

- Stakeholder Meetings
- Community/Summer Events
- Community Meetings
- Property Owner/Renter Coordination
- Workforce Outreach
- Project Newsletter/Project Website

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Red Line Extension (RLE) Project Moves Forward in 2019

Earlier this year, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) took the next critical step in moving the RLE Project forward by hiring a Program Management team to oversee the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Preliminary Engineering. These steps will allow CTA to prepare materials that are needed to receive federal New Starts grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Currently, an engineering survey is underway along the Preferred Alignment. The results of the engineering survey will be used in the Preliminary Engineering of the RLE Project. CTA anticipates hiring Preliminary Engineering and environmental consultants and beginning the next phase in early 2020.

CTA has also received a grant through the FTA pilot program to prepare a Transit Supportive Development Comprehensive Plan. The grant will be used for planning efforts that will examine ways to encourage economic development and support ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, identify public, nonprofit, and private partners, assess infrastructure needs and enable mixed-use development along the planned RLE corridor.

Additionally, CTA's study will analyze how Transit Oriented Development (TOD) can benefit households of varying income levels and ethnic backgrounds, which is known as equitable TOD, and support affordable housing.

As you can see, the RLE Project is moving ahead!

The appearance of project elements in conceptual renderings is intended to show the scale of project elements. Actual construction appearance may differ based on design decisions for colors, features, finishes and choice of specific design features.

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CTA sigue progresando en el Proyecto de Extensión de la Línea Roja

En septiembre y octubre de 2019, CTA estará completando una encuesta de ingeniería por la Orientación Preferida identificada en 2018 para la Extensión de la Línea Roja. El propósito de la encuesta es recolectar información precisa sobre las condiciones existentes en la zona del proyecto para la ingeniería preliminar.

Durante este tiempo, puede haber personas tomando medidas y realizando estudios topográficos, pero no estarán en propiedades privadas y los estudios no afectarán a su propiedad.

¿Preguntas?
1-888-968-7252 o redextension@transitchicago.com

Personal del proyecto de CTA también estará disponible para contestar a sus preguntas sin previa cita en:

Jueves, 3 de octubre, 2019
2:00 p.m. a 7:30 p.m.
Pullman Branch –
Chicago Public Library
11001 S. Indiana Ave.

Favor de visitarnos en cualquier momento entre 2:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. para hablar con el personal del proyecto.

103rd Street Station Rendering
Representación de la Estación 103^{ra} Street



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- Researching training partners for professional services and trades
- Conducting meetings with representatives of ongoing workforce initiatives for lessons learned/best practices
- Exploring partnerships with colleges/universities to establish pipeline for future roles (e.g., internships, contractor positions)
- Planning future workforce outreach events (i.e., career readiness event; trades workshops; career information event)

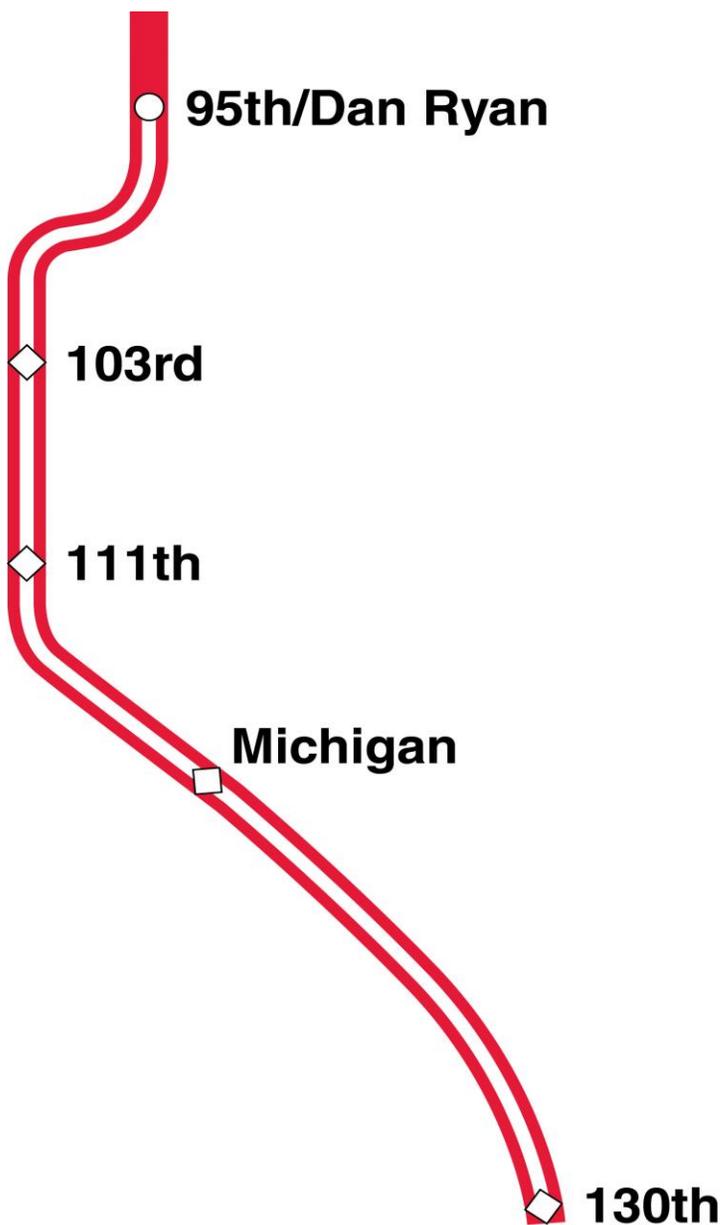


- Future Stakeholder Outreach Opportunities
 - Coffee with a stakeholder/small group meetings (Co-host? Topics?)
 - Community or other events we should attend?
 - Alderman Town Hall/resident meetings?

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Thank you!

