



Michigan & 116th Station Conceptual Rendering Facing Southwest*

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!

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103rd Street Station Conceptual Rendering Facing Northeast*

The RLE will provide many benefits, including:



Connectivity and access to the entire city via the CTA network



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



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



Frequent rail service will reduce commute times



RLE Project Background

CTA is proposing to extend the Red Line from the existing terminal at 95th/Dan Ryan to 130th Street, subject to the availability of funding. The proposed 5.3-mile extension would include four new stations near 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue and 130th Street. Each new station would include park & ride and bus facilities.

Connection to the CTA network is key: 72% of riders who board at the 95th St. Red Line station today are traveling north or south of the Loop, or are transferring to other CTA lines to reach destinations throughout the city.

In January 2018, CTA selected the Preferred Alignment based on community feedback, technical analysis and agency coordination. The Preferred Alignment is a combination of the previously presented East and West Options. This alignment will capture the benefits and minimizes the impacts of either option and incorporates feedback received on the Draft EIS.

If you have any questions related to the CTA's proposed RLE Project, or would like to be added to the contact list for future project updates, please contact us at:

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Red Line Extension Preferred Alignment

