

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Combined Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision,
and Section 4(f) Evaluation
for the
Chicago Transit Authority
Red Line Extension Project

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), announce the availability of the combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Record of Decision (combined Final EIS/ROD) and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation for the Red Line Extension (RLE) Project on the Far South Side of Chicago in Cook County, Illinois. The combined Final EIS/ROD and Section 4(f) Evaluation was issued on August 12, 2022.

The RLE Project would extend the Red Line from the existing 95th/Dan Ryan terminal to 130th Street. The proposed 5.6-mile extension would include four new stations near 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street. Multimodal connections at each station would include bus, bike, pedestrian, and park & ride facilities. The Final EIS includes the project's purpose and need, a description of the alternatives considered, and evaluates the potential impacts and benefits of the project's Preferred Alignment in comparison with the No Build Alternative. The combined Final EIS/ROD commits to specific mitigation measures to eliminate or reduce adverse impacts to the human and natural environment. Comments received on the Draft EIS, Preferred Alignment announcement, and Supplemental Environmental Assessment were reviewed by FTA and CTA. The comments, with corresponding responses, are included in the combined Final EIS/ROD. The ROD is the conclusion of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) EIS process and the official FTA decision document regarding the environmental impacts and mitigation that allows CTA to continue additional engineering and construction of the RLE Project.

Under 23 U.S.C. § 139(n)(2), FTA has issued a single document that consists of a Final EIS and ROD. Therefore, the 30-day wait/review period under NEPA does not apply to this action. A copy of the combined Final EIS/ROD and Section 4(f) Evaluation is available for the next 30 days at the following locations: FTA Region 5 Office, 200 W. Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606; CTA Headquarters, 567 W. Lake Street, 1st Floor, Chicago, IL 60661; 9th Ward Aldermanic Office, 34 E. 112th Place, Chicago, IL 60628; 34th Ward Aldermanic Office, 507 W. 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60628; Pullman Public Library, 11001 S. Indiana Avenue, Chicago, IL 60628; Palmer Park, 201 E. 111th Street, Chicago, IL 60628; West Pullman Public Library, 830 W. 119th Street, Chicago, IL 60643; Altgeld Public Library, 955 E. 131st Street, Chicago IL 60827; Woodson Regional Public Library, 9525 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60628; Calumet Park Public Library, 1500 W. 127th Street, Calumet Park, IL 60827; and Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60605. An electronic copy is available on the CTA website at transitchicago.com/rle/finaleis.