



CTA BLUE LINE VISION STUDY

# *CTA Blue Line Forest Park Branch Feasibility/Vision Study*

June 2016 

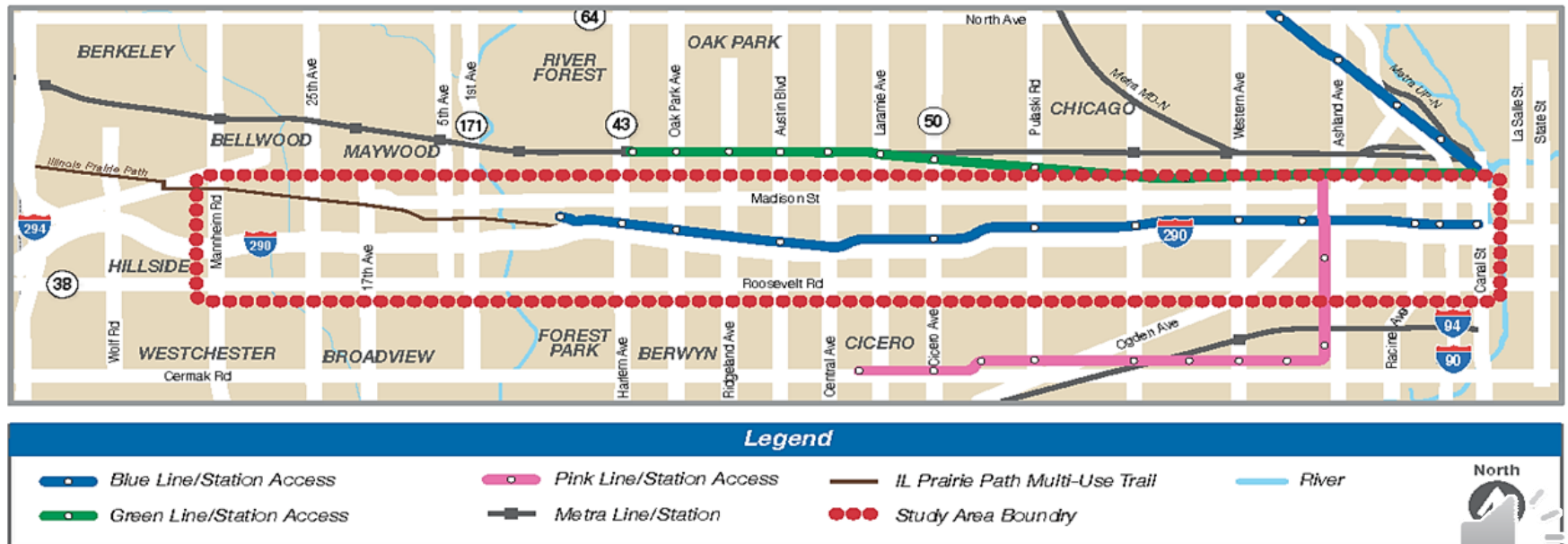


- **Share Project Status**
- **Blue Line Recommendations**
- **Gather input from the community**
  - *Elected officials and community residents*



- CTA Study on 55 year old Forest Park Branch:
  - Confirm existing conditions and ROW needs
  - Prepare infrastructure, service, and design recommendations
  - Evaluate funding options

### CTA Blue Line Vision Study Area

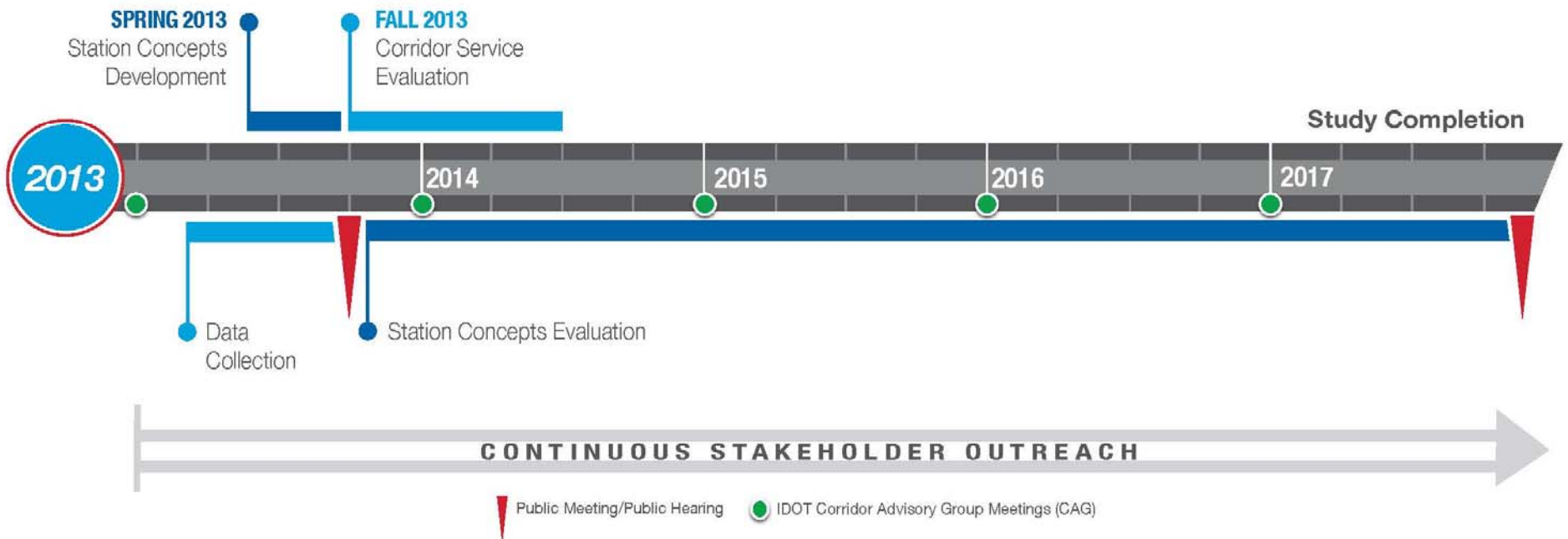




# Project Timeline



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# Community Outreach Efforts



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- **Public meetings (with IDOT)**
  - October 7 & 8, 2013 – 203 participants
  - *Upcoming Spring 2017*
- **IDOT I-290 Corridor Advisory Group Meetings**
  - 5 status updates throughout the project, including 2/2013, 7/2013, 9/2013, 7/2014, 8/2015
- **IDOT stakeholder briefings (Fall 2015)**
  - Broadview, Forest Park, Bellwood, Hillside, Cook County, Chicago Aldermen, CDOT

- **Chicago community outreach**

- *June / July 2016*
- Targeted outreach for feedback and increased participation
- Elected officials, peer agency representatives, local community groups, businesses and residents





## RECOMMENDATION: Modernization and Reconstruction for Branch

- ✓ **Rehabilitate infrastructure**, starting with track work  
(27.3% slow zones, ongoing maintenance to delay increases)
- ✓ Propose **wider station platforms and elevator access** for entire branch  
—*Utilize design opportunities to lessen weather/noise impacts on branch*
- ✓ Maintain existing layout for double entry stations; **continue to evaluate opportunities for single-entry stations (Western, Pulaski and Cicero)**
- ✓ Include **turn-back track west of IMD** to accommodate construction phasing and future service increase to IMD
- ✓ **Redesign Forest Park Terminal** within current parcel to modernize yard and shop, bus and pedestrian connections







# Recommendation: Improve existing design



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- ADA accessible
- Landscaping
- Pedestrian crossings/refuges
- Station entrance design and locations
- Reduced noise via station design
- Bike racks
- Lighting
- CTA maintenance & construction







# Recommendation: Continue to evaluate single-entry stations at Western, Pulaski, and Cicero



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Station *may include* dual head houses over main access (shown above), reopening an auxiliary access, and/or simply adding amenities to existing design





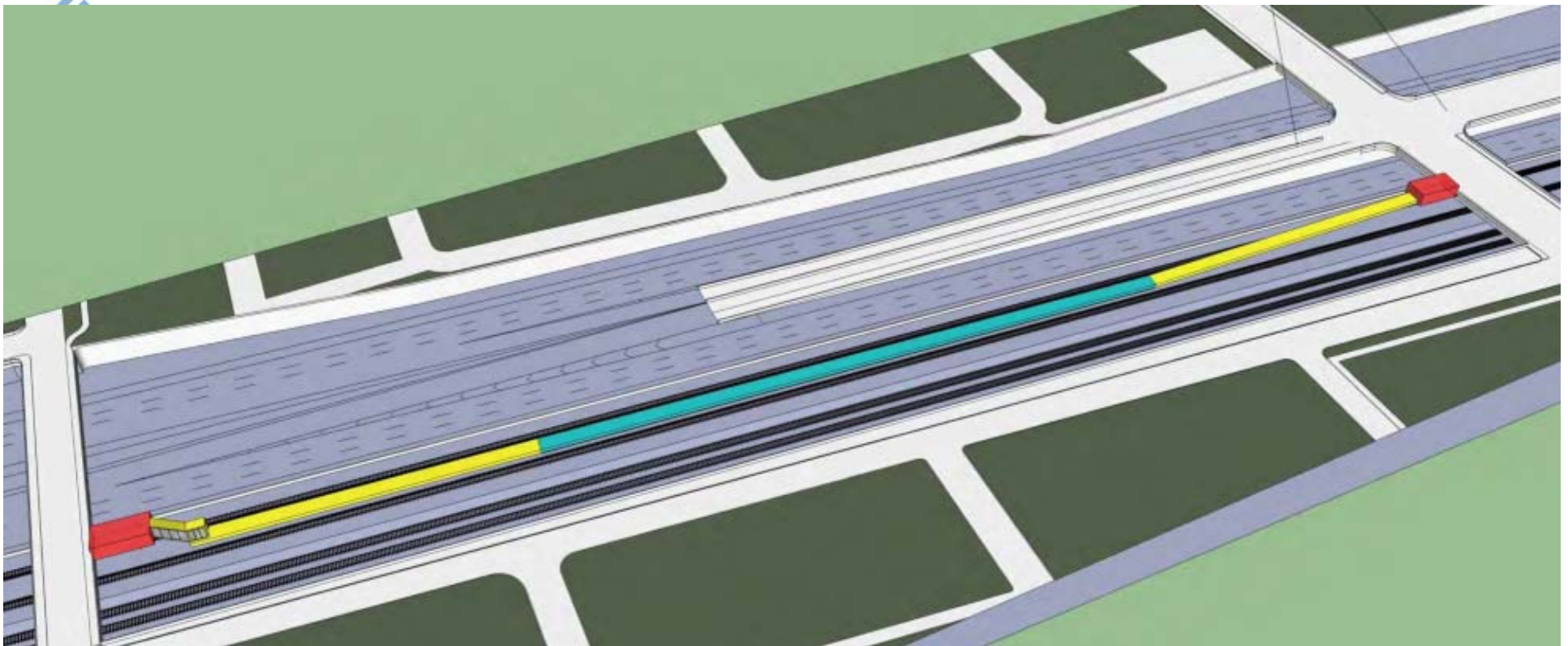


## *Recommendation: Continue to evaluate single-entry stations with auxiliary entrances*



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- Keeler Avenue (Pulaski station)
- Lavergne Avenue (Cicero station)







## Next Steps



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- Give us your feedback on the stations
  - *How do you access these stations?*
  - *How can we improve your customer experience?*
  - *Tell us which station improvement concept you prefer!*



- We will consider your input in the final station design concepts
- Our final recommendations will be presented at the Eisenhower/CTA Blue Line Vision Study public hearing in 2017





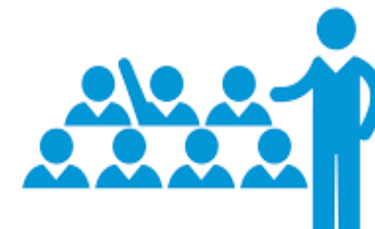


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*Thank You for attending!*

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