

Red Line Extension

CMAP Transportation Committee

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Michigan & 116th Station Conceptual Rendering

Preferred Alignment Selected in 2018

- 5.3-mile extension from 95th Street Terminal to 130th Street
 - Four new stations: 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street
 - Bus facilities and Park & Ride at each station
 - New storage yard and maintenance facility at 120th Street
 - Elevated from 95th Street to 119th Street, then at-grade from 119th Street to 130th Street
 - Terminates adjacent to Altgeld Gardens
 - Will provide a 20-minute time savings by providing one-seat service, as opposed to the current bus-rail trip from 130th Street
- Total estimated project cost = \$2.3 billion
 - FTA's New Starts Program would likely fund up to 49% of project cost
 - The remaining costs would need to be funded through local and non-federal funds



Decades of Interest Dating Back to 1950's/60's

1958

- Included in CTA's 1958 Master Plan

1960's

- Richard J. Daley announced plans to build extension

2004

- Non-binding ballot referendum passes, initiated by Developing Communities Project

2006-
2009

- Alternatives Analysis

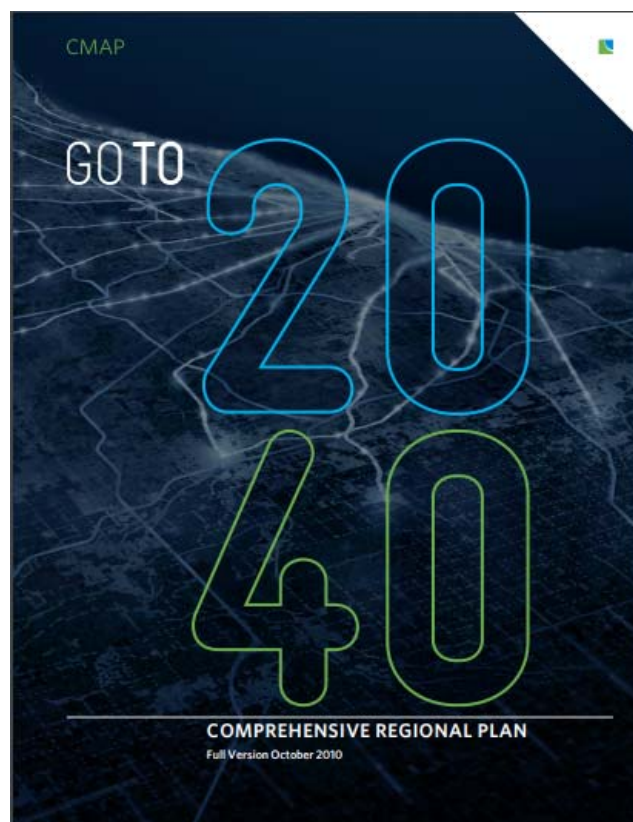
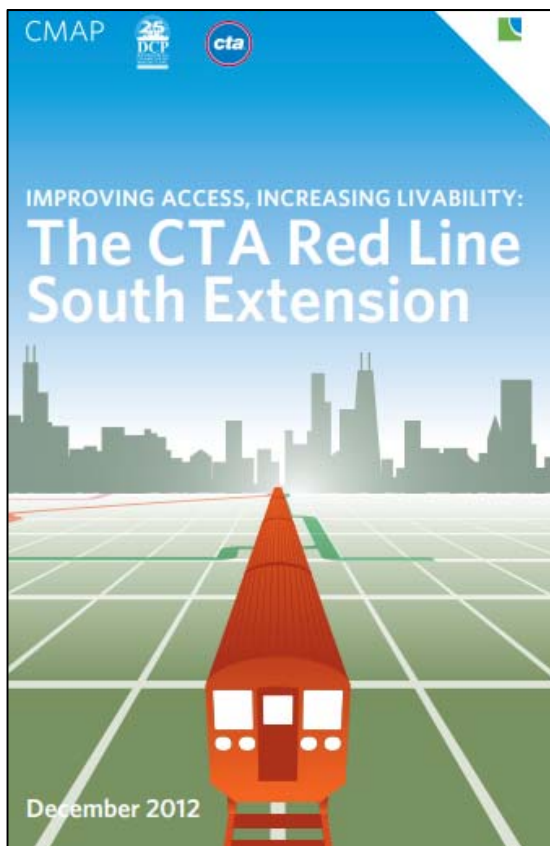
2009-
2011

- Environmental Scoping and Technical Work

2012-
2016

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Red Line South Extension Livability Report Major Capital Project in GO TO 2040 Regionally Significant in ONTO 2050





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



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.



Frequent rail service will reduce commute times.



Sustainable transportation by replacing automobile trips, reducing traffic congestion and enabling compact development.

- **20-minute time savings** to downtown
- Average commuter would **save 87 hours per year**
- **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

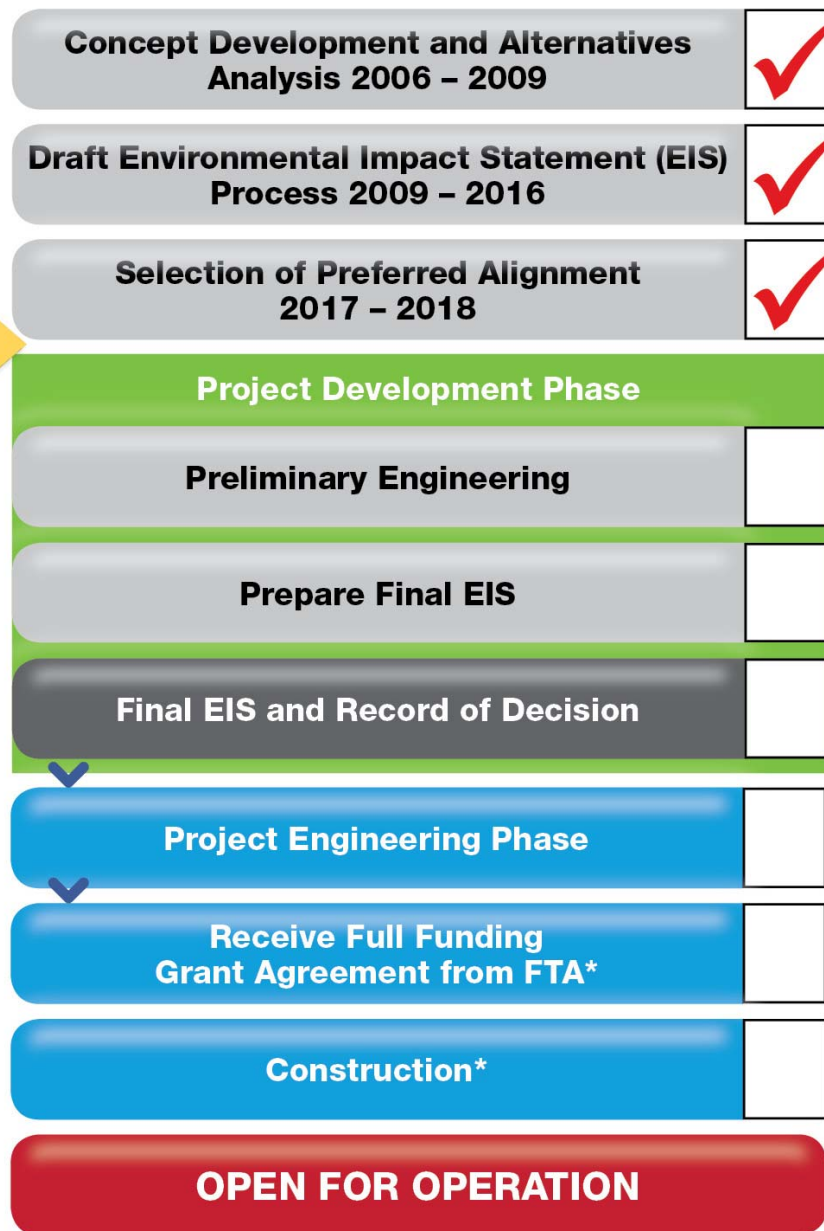


103rd Street Station Conceptual Rendering

- 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
- Recent investments position CTA to enter 2-year Project Development Phase:
 - RLE Program Manager hired in 2019
 - Preliminary Engineering/NEPA consultant awarded February 10, 2020
- **\$1.48 million** Federal Transit Administration grant to conduct a Transit-Supportive Development Comprehensive Plan, beginning in 2020



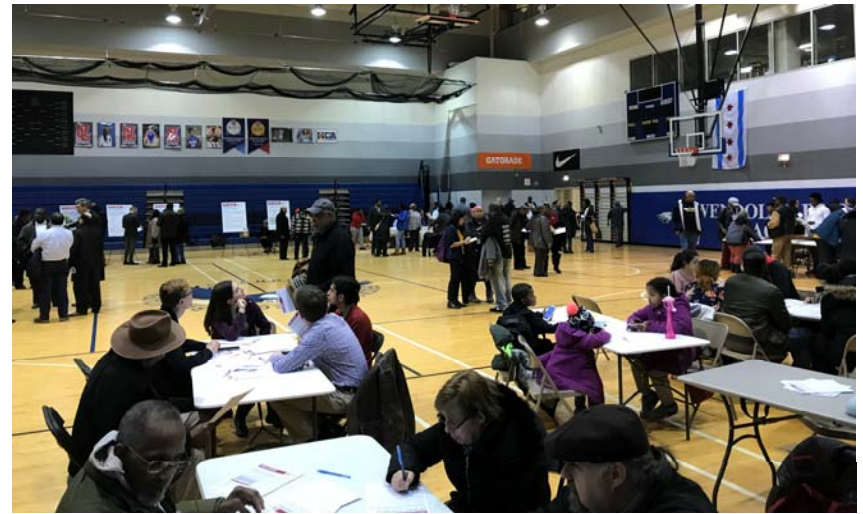
- **Cost estimated at \$2.3B**
 - CTA to seek \$1.1B in federal New Starts Capital Investment Grant (CIG) funds
 - Additional \$1.2B needed through non-CIG funds: state, local, other funds
- **FTA New Starts Capital Investment Grants**
 - Very competitive and funds are limited
 - FTA evaluates and rates projects on a set of project justification measures and local financial commitment criteria



Public Outreach

Past & Ongoing Outreach

- Public Community Meetings
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Property Owner Meetings
- Brief Aldermen in RLE Area
- Newsletters, E-blasts
- Benefit Sheets



Upcoming

- Transit-Supportive Development Plan Community Meetings
- Workforce Outreach

RED AHEAD Red Line Extension

Connectivity and Access

The Red Line Extension will provide connectivity and access to the entire city via the CTA network.

Benefits:

- Far South Side riders will gain quicker access to neighborhoods and opportunities stretching across the city.
- The Red Line operates 24 hours a day at frequent intervals. The Red Line Extension will enable transit-related workers from the Far South Side to more efficiently reach work and return home.
- The Red Line Extension will provide 20 minutes of free service to riders traveling from 130th Street station to the Loop.

Did you know...

- Over 70% of riders who board at the 69th/Can Ryer station today have destinations beyond the Loop or are transferring to other CTA lines to reach destinations throughout the city.
- Access to existing jobs within a one-hour commute of the proposed Red Line Extension station at 111th Street would increase by 56%.
- Many colleges and universities offer classes and job training programs at night. The Red Line Extension would improve transit access to these programs by nearly 45%.
- 10% of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) students in the Greater Calumet Region¹, which includes much of the Red Line Extension project area, travel 60 minutes or more to school each day, compared to just 7% of all CPS high school students.

*Chicago Public Schools 2016-17 Annual Regional Analysis

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Economic Opportunity

The Red Line Extension enhances economic opportunity through connections to jobs, educational opportunities, housing and other services, as well as economic development on the City's Far South Side.

Benefits:

- The Red Line Extension would foster economic development in the project area, as new stations could serve as catalysts for neighborhood revitalization and help reverse decades of disinvestment in local business districts.
- Increased transit access would attract customers and visitors from outside the community to local businesses, landmarks and cultural centers, bolstering community investment.
- CTA's contractors and partners will provide training and career opportunities in professional services and construction throughout the design and construction of the Red Line Extension. Participation requirements for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) will provide opportunities for minority and/or women-owned firms to work on the project.

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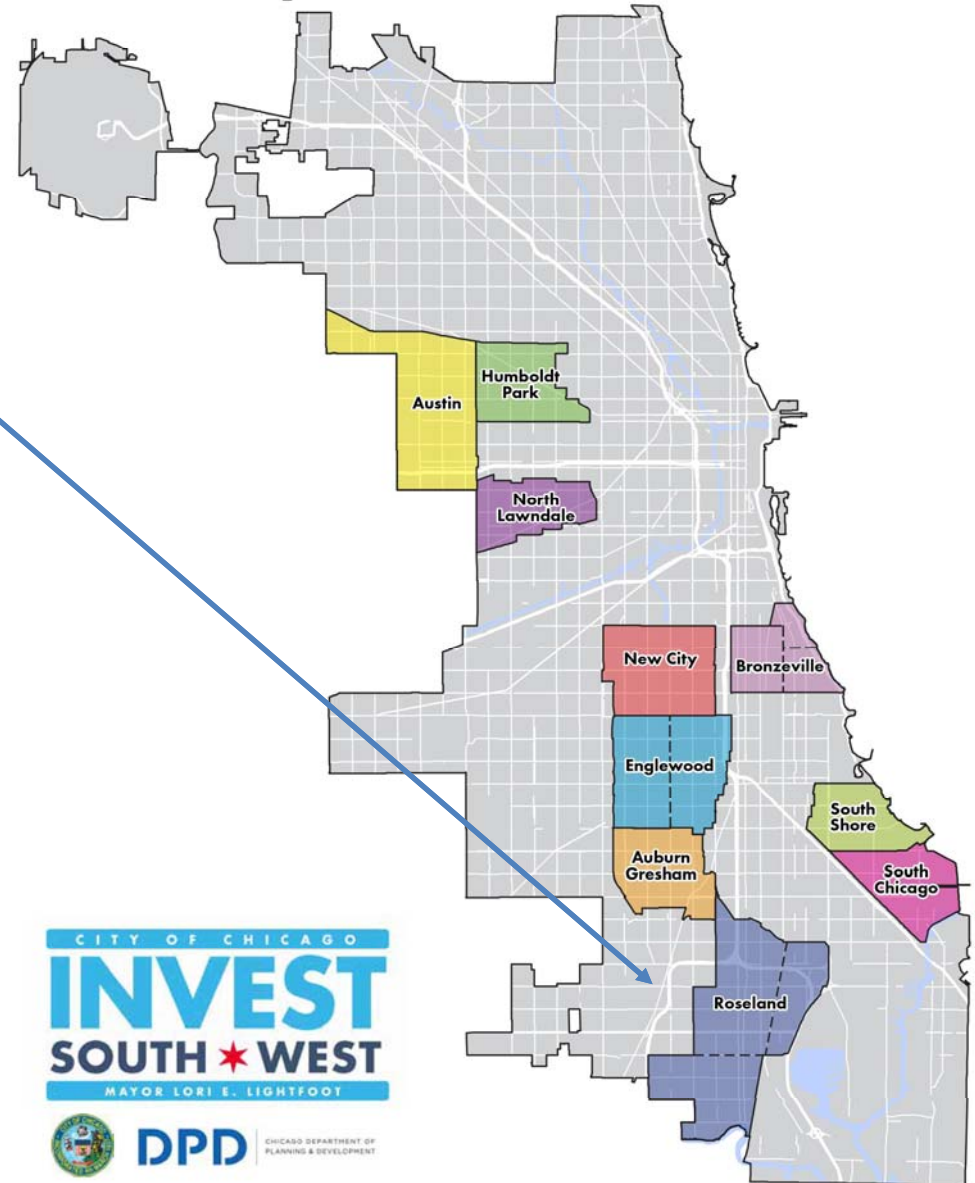
- People newly commuting to and from the new Red Line Extension Michigan Avenue station could spur economic development, making the station the southern anchor of a commercially vibrant Michigan Avenue Corridor.
- CTA received a \$1.48 billion grant through Federal Transportation Administration to prepare a Transit Supportive Development Comprehensive Plan in the Red Line Extension project area. The plan will help guide future development that meets community goals and enhances economic vitality, multimodal connectivity, the pedestrian environment, and preserves affordable housing.
- Accessible jobs within a one-hour commute of the proposed 111th Street station would increase by 56%.
- The unemployment rate in the Red Line Extension project area is 22%, compared to the city average of 10%. The Red Line Extension would help connect Far South Side residents to jobs throughout Chicago.

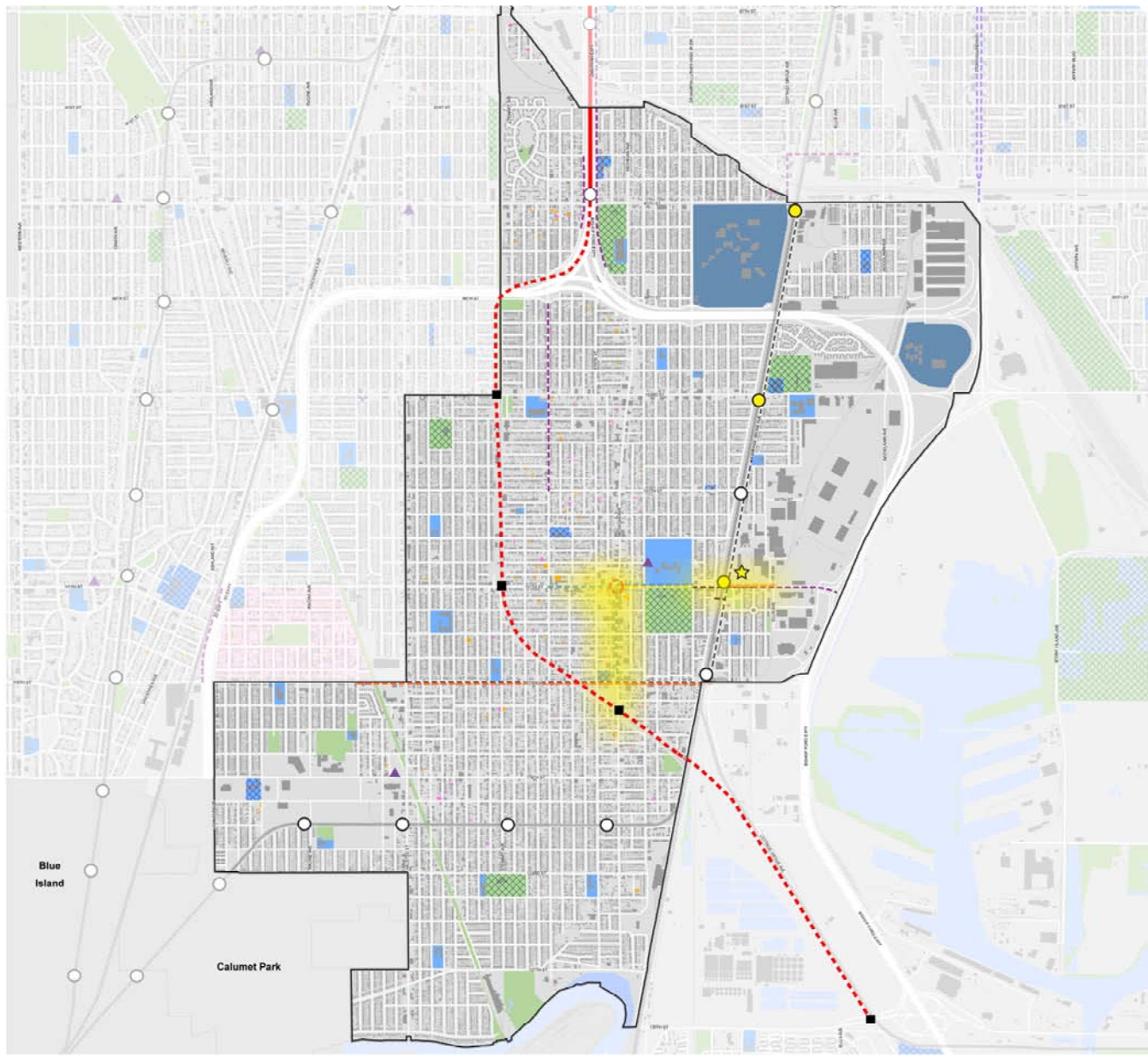
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- Roseland/Pullman neighborhoods
- Proposed Priority Corridor:
Michigan Avenue from 111th
Street to 115th Street (near RLE
Michigan Avenue station)












Community Areas





Pullman Roseland West Pullman

Map Legend

-  Area Boundary
-  Neighborhood Hub
-  Building Footprints
-  Schools
-  College Campus
-  Parks
-  Libraries
-  Non-passenger Rail Lines
-  Red Line & Station
-  Metra Line & Station
-  Divvy Stations

City Initiatives and Recent/Current Investments

-  Large Lots Sold to Residents (49 lots)
-  Large Lots to be Sold (25 lots)
-  Housing - Micro Market Recovery Program (MMRP)
-  Public School Investments
-  Park Investments
-  Street Resurfacing
-  Streetscape Improvements
-  Bike Lane Striping
-  Signal Improvements
-  Pullman National Monument (National Park Service and State of Illinois)
-  Telecommunications Install
-  Water Main Work
-  Sewer Main Work
-  Gas Main Work
-  CTA Red Line Extension
-  Metra Station Rebuilding



- 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)



QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK

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