

# Red Line Extension

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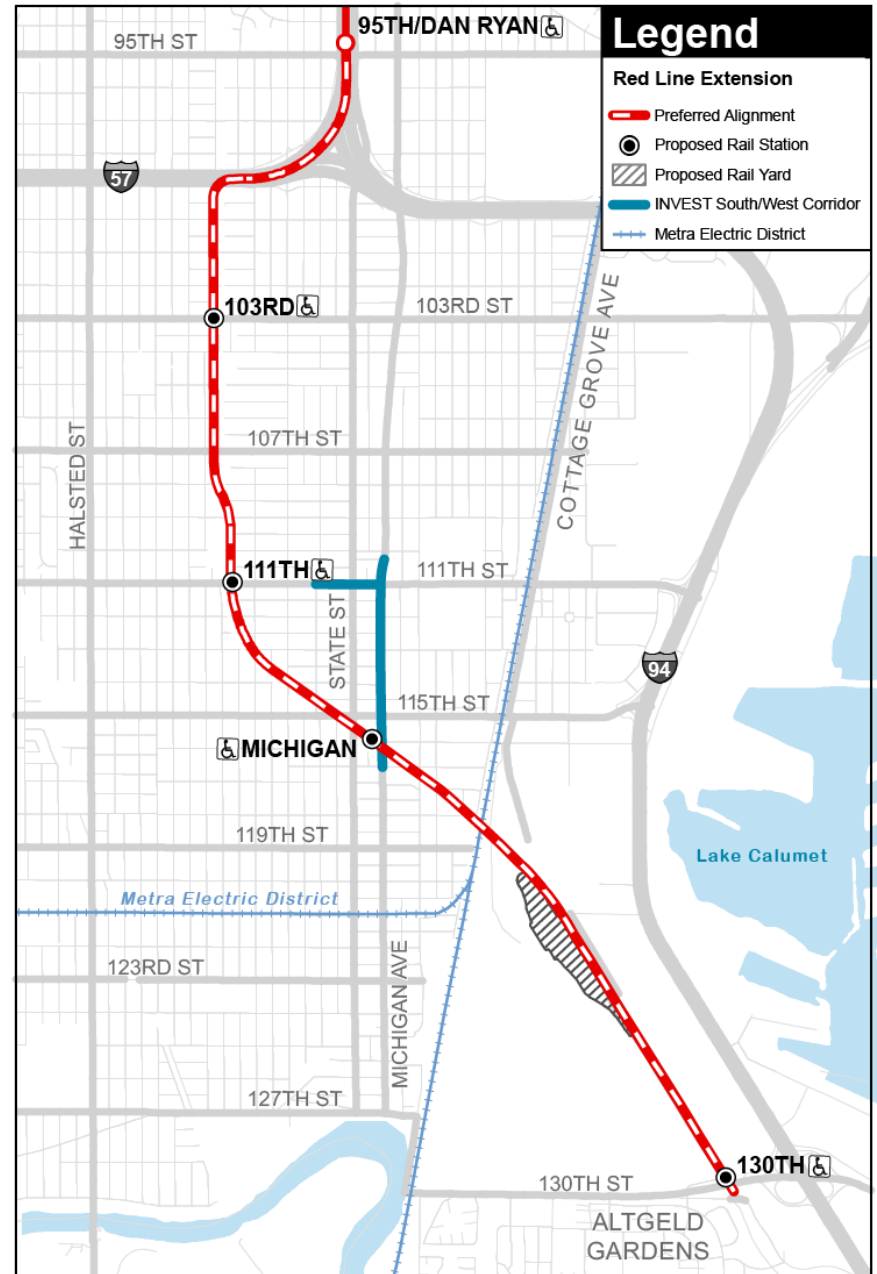


Michigan & 116th Station Conceptual Rendering

# Project Overview

## Red Line Extension

- 5.6-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 connections 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
- Total cost \$2.3B - New Starts could fund just under half



# 130th Street Station Update

- RLE's 2016 Draft EIS proposed the 130th Street station location north of 130th Street as the best viable option
- In 2017, Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) demolished Blocks 11, 12, and 13 of the Altgeld Gardens development, creating a new opportunity to relocate the station south of 130th Street to the demolished blocks
- CTA is pursuing the south station location as a part of the project's NEPA process



# Transit-Supportive Development Plan

- TSD Comprehensive Plan supported by \$1.48M FTA grant
- Process will include robust stakeholder and public outreach in partnership with Department of Planning and Development
- Project began in August 2020; fall outreach is anticipated
- Study will identify options to:
  - Encourage economic development along the RLE corridor
  - Engage private sector investment
  - Identify infrastructure needs
  - Foster multimodal connectivity and bike/pedestrian access
  - Ensure continued affordability



*Conceptual renderings of 103<sup>rd</sup> Street Station*

# Public Outreach

## Recent Outreach

- Newsletter (summer 2020)
- 130th Street Station stakeholder meetings
- RLE video August 2020
- RLE Project Advisory Council meeting
- RLE Facebook Page August 2020
- E-blasts with project updates

## Upcoming

- TSD Plan Open House December 2020
- NEPA outreach in fall 2021
- Youth Engagement
- Workforce Outreach





### 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.

**Did you know...**

- 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 111<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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 neighborhood 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 time savings to riders traveling from 130<sup>th</sup> Street station to the Loop.

**Did you know...**

- Over 70% of riders who board at the 69<sup>th</sup> Dan Ryan 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 111<sup>th</sup> 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%.
- 11% of Chicago Public Schools (CPS) students in the Greater Calumet Region\*, 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 2018-19 Annual Regional Analysis

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# QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

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