



CTA BLUE LINE FOREST PARK BRANCH Vision Study



Goals

The Forest Park Branch of the Blue Line is 55 years old and beyond its useful life. CTA has evaluated the existing conditions and infrastructure options, along with policy and funding options.

At this time, CTA is recommending complete modernization of the Forest Park Branch, which includes stations near you. CTA's goal is to:

- Improve the customer experience,
- Improve infrastructure, and
- Maintain existing entrance locations

Learn more about the Forest Park Branch Vision Study at www.transitchicago.com/blueweststudy

CTA Seeks Community Input

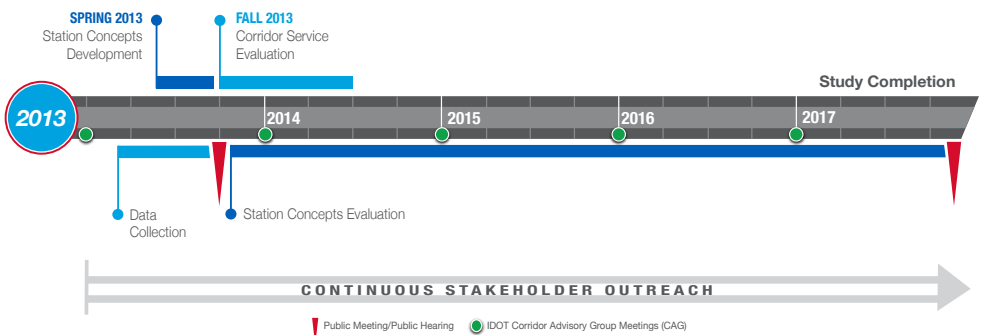
After three years of working closely with local community groups, businesses and residents as well as municipal and agency stakeholders, CTA is completing the Blue Line Forest Park Branch Vision Study in preparation for the I-290/CTA public hearing in 2017.

As we work on station designs and access, we are looking for input from residents and commuters who access the Forest Park Branch between UIC-Halsted and Austin to present preliminary station design concepts.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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

VISIT THE WEBSITE AND SUBMIT YOUR COMMENT:
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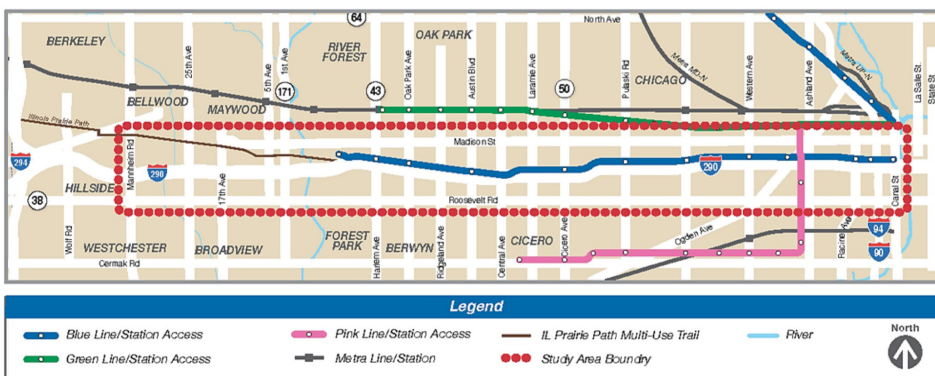
History of the Blue Line Vision Study

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) initiated the Blue Line Forest Park Branch Vision Study in 2013 to determine a long-term planning strategy for the Blue Line Forest Park Branch, in coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) through their adjacent I-290 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Study.



Through the project, CTA continues to assess transit enhancements, local access and mobility issues, policy options, and collaboration opportunities with IDOT. Improved station concepts include station access, redesign opportunities, and right-of-way (ROW) needs at specific stations along the corridor. The study has considered innovative solutions that enhance transit, while working with partner agencies to maximize mobility in this important regional corridor.

CTA Blue Line Vision Study Area



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Study Process

STEP ONE:

Data Collection and Existing Conditions Assessment

This stage of the project development process includes: assessing existing conditions and deficiencies within the study area corridor; reaching out to local stakeholders and other interested parties about the project; and hosting a public open house to identify study area issues/concerns.

STEP TWO:

Develop Conceptual Alternatives

This stage of the project consists of the development and analysis of project alternatives. The goal of this step is to identify a series of alternatives and potential solutions that are suitable to meet project and stakeholder goals that were identified in Step One.

STEP THREE:

Evaluate and Refine Alternatives

The process continues with the evaluation and refinement of corridor service alternatives.

