

# The Red Line Extension Project

Advance Construction Work 2024  
Public Meeting

June 18, 2024





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# Red Line Extension Project Overview

- 5.6-mile Red Line Extension from the 95th Street Terminal to 130th Street
- Four new stations at 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue, and 130th Street
- Parking and bus connections at each new station
- New train storage yard and maintenance facility at 120th Street



# Connecting 95th/Dan Ryan to 130th Street:

## Why is the Red Line Extension Project Needed?



Improving the  
Transit Experience



New Opportunities  
for Chicagoans



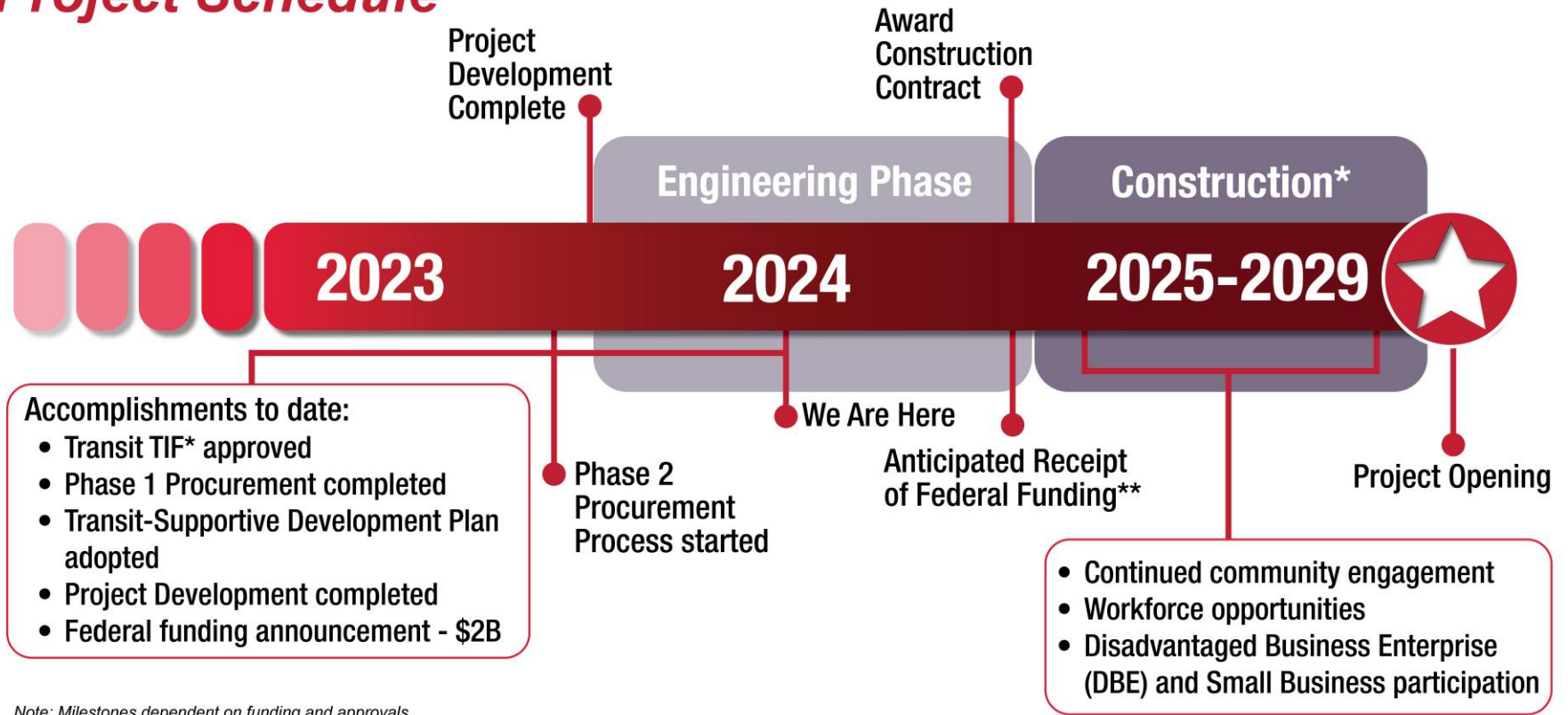
A Better System  
for Everyone



Connecting People  
and Investing in  
Neighborhoods



# Project Schedule



*Note: Milestones dependent on funding and approvals.  
 Transit Tax Increment Financing (TIF)  
 \*Exact dates subject to further refinement as project advances.*

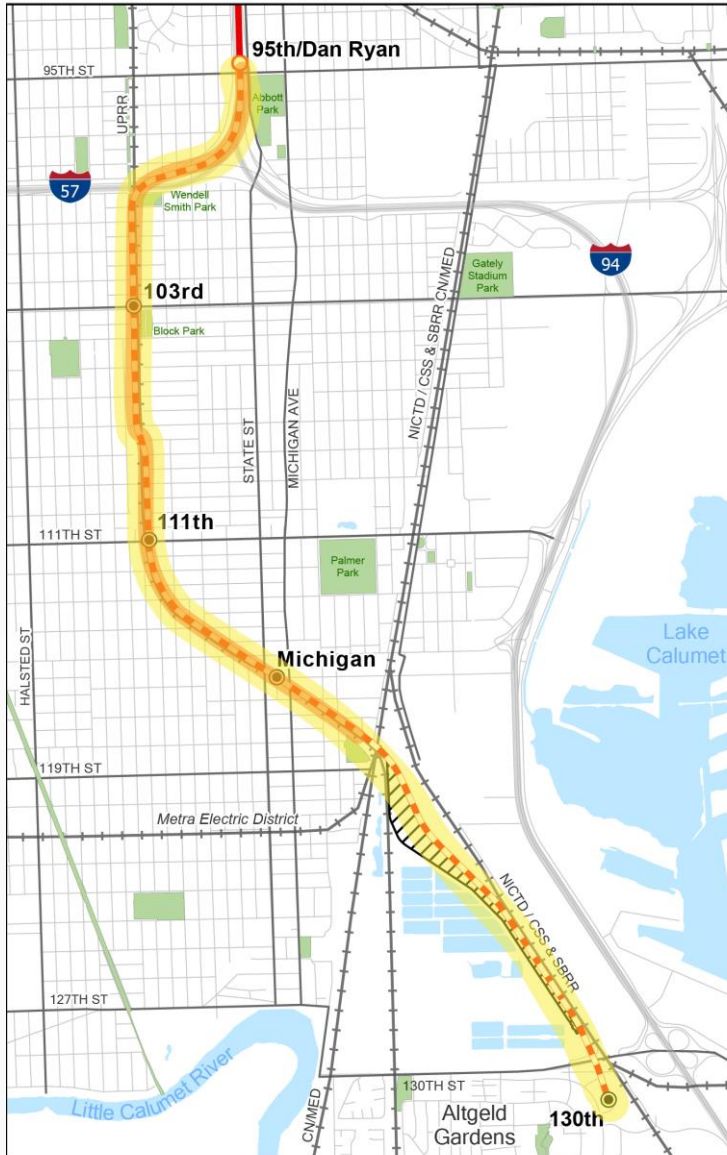
# Starting Advance Construction Work for RLE

To build the 5.6-mile Red Line Extension from 95th Street to 130th Street, we need to:

- Demolish properties where tracks will be built
- Relocate utility poles and equipment to make way for the new tracks and four new stations

CTA is committed to providing information to residents and local businesses about what to expect, when to expect it and what we will do to minimize those impacts.





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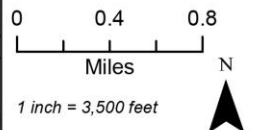


**Legend**

- Future Rail Station
- Existing CTA Station
- - - Alignment
- ▨ Future Rail Yard
- +—+— Railroad
- Existing CTA Red Line
- Parks / Open Spaces
- Water Bodies
- Demolition Area
- Advance Utility Relocation

All proposed stations are fully accessible and include Park & Ride facilities

**Scale**



NICTD/CSS & SBRR = Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District/Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad, CN/MED = Canadian National/Metra Electric District, UPRR = Union Pacific Railroad

# Demolition and utility relocation: Work area



# Property demolition



Property demolition for the Red and Purple Modernization (Phase One) Project north of Belmont, 2018

## *What needs to be done?*

- In preparation for the construction of the RLE project, CTA will begin demolishing properties acquired for the project and preparing land for future construction work
- This work is expected to begin fall of this year, and it will last through 2025
- This work will occur south of 95th Street to north of 119th.





# Demolition Equipment



Skid steer with breaker attachment

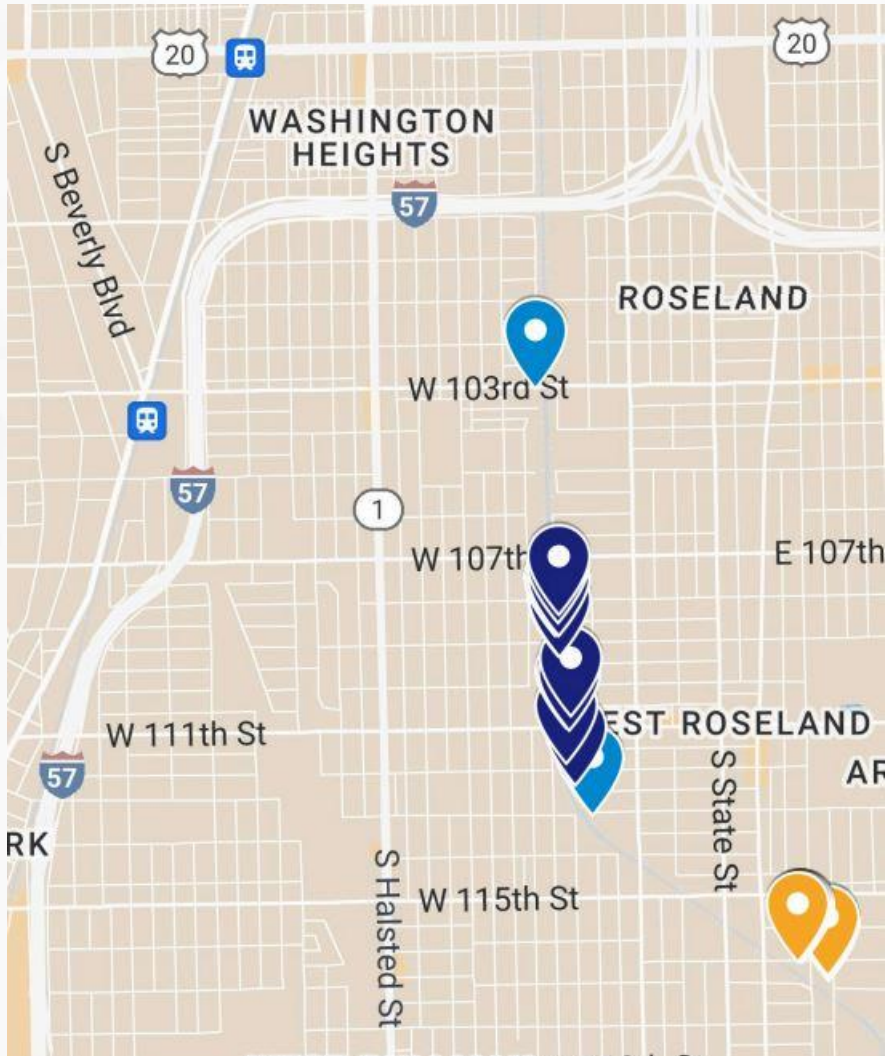


Debris truck



Excavator

# Demolition work: Timing



- First groups of properties acquired for the project to be demolished include:
  - From 103rd St to 113th St north to south and between Wentworth Ave and Normal Ave east to west.
  - From 107th St to 117th St north to south and between Prairie Ave to the UP-Railroad tracks (S. Eggleston Ave) east to west.
- Demolition work is expected this fall with other parcel demolitions to follow
- Properties to be demolished have already been acquired by CTA for the project and are vacant and boarded up
- Community will be notified in advance of demolition work

# Advance utility relocation work

## *What needs to be done?*

- Digging new underground trenches and relocating power and communication lines
- Installing shorter utility poles to provide service to adjacent properties; and relocating power transformers on poles to underground
- Work will begin fall 2024 through 2025
- Work will occur from 95<sup>th</sup> Street to north of 130<sup>th</sup> Street



Removal of a utility pole near Bryn Mawr as part of the RPM Phase One Project, 2019

# Utility relocation equipment



Light pole digging/setting truck



Bucket trucks



Fiber-optic van



Excavator and backhoe combo



Excavator with breaker



# Utility relocation work

## Timeline of work

- CTA, contractors and utility companies (electric, gas, water, cable/Internet) continue to develop work plans and schedule this work
- We expect the work to begin in fall 2024 through 2025
- Community will be notified in advance of utility work as it affects local streets, alleys, etc.



# Advance work: Community impacts

Impacts may include:

- Noise – running air compressors, excavators, generators, general construction noise
- Concrete dust/digging
- Temporary street, alley closures
- Temporary sidewalk closures



Relocation of utilities underground near Argyle, 2019

# Construction mitigations for the community

CTA will implement the following mitigations to reduce impacts to the community:

- **Demolition.** Contractors will use water and other dust control measures. There will also be screen fencing. Multiple adjacent properties will be demolished together to reduce frequency of closures of streets and alleys.
- **Utility relocation.** Contractors intend to complete utility work for multiple utilities in one location to reduce number of street and alley closures.



How will I know when work starts near me?

CTA will notify the community of upcoming construction activities via Construction Activity Notices (CANs) in print, online and via project subscriber eBlasts.

**RED AHEAD**



## Construction Activity Notice

We are continuing construction on the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One project to rebuild 100 year old rail infrastructure and improve transit service. Work will be performed that will affect your community and create inconveniences. We are committed to doing our best to minimize the impact of our work and will continue to keep you updated throughout the project.

### EXTENDED ALLEY CLOSURE

**Dates:** Wednesday, May 29 to Saturday, July 13, 2024

**Location:** The alley east of 5625 – 5637 N. Broadway

**Work Hours:** 7am to 7pm; continuous 24/7 alley closure  
*(Prep work will begin at least 1/2 hour prior to start of shift)*

**Work Activity:** Track Structure Segment Delivery

**Local Impact:**

- Crews will block access to the alley behind 5625 – 5637 N. Broadway until the work activity is complete.
- Access to the alley behind 1124 – 1144 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue & 5605 – 5609 N. Broadway will be maintained at all times.
- There will be noise while work is being performed. Noise will include:
  - General construction noise
  - Noise from crane lifts and setting
  - Beeping from backup alarms on construction vehicles and equipment

*If you have any questions or concerns about the RPM Project, please contact:*  
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or leave a message for callback:  
1-331-303-2499

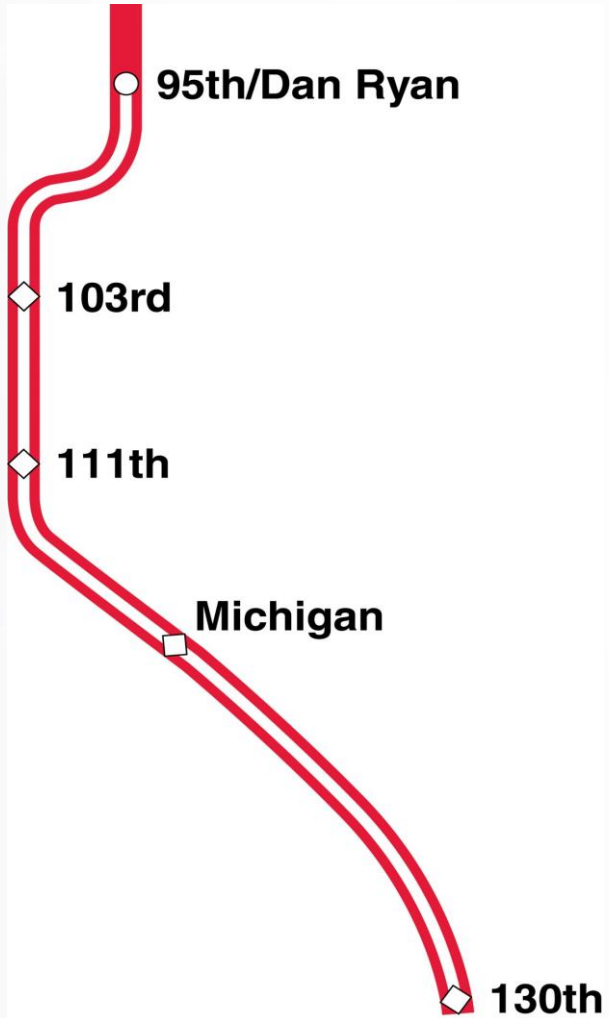
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