



Construction Project Briefing



December 10, 2025



Today's Presentation

Mega Projects

- Red Line Extension Project – (RLE)
- Red and Purple Modernization Project – (RPM)

Service Reliability & State of Good Repair

- Traction Power Upgrades - Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations
- O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction

All Stations Accessibility Program – (ASAP)

- Lake Line Austin Station Project
- Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project

Customer Facing Investments

- Western Brown Line Station Improvements
- Tower 18 Track Improvements
- Refresh & Renew



Project Title: RLE Project Overview

Chicago's most-traveled rail line with millions of rides each year, the Red Line carries over 30% of the CTA's rail customers and is one of a handful of U.S. transit lines that run 24/7. Extending the Red Line to 130th Street provides a long-awaited and much needed connection to jobs, education, and commerce, while also serving as a catalyst for economic development.

Justification of Need:

Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$5.75B
Construction Contract Value:	\$2,945,017,126 Awarded (DBC, Adv Demo WOs, AUR WOs) \$635,349,809 Pending Award
Earned to Date:	12% (of awarded contracts)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0%
Percent Time Used:	16% (September 2025)
Funding Source:	FTA New Starts, CTA Bonds, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Rebuild IL, Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	2025 - 2030
Designer of Record:	TY Lin
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	Mainline / Yard & Shop Construction Manager – REDefine Southside Partners (RSP) Advance Work Construction Manager – SQN Associates, LLC



Project Title: RLE – Program Overview

Impact on Customers:	RLE provides a new, more direct connection to the Red Line – up to 30 minutes time savings to riders traveling from the future 130th Street station to the Loop and will facilitate easier access to multiple CTA rail lines and bus routes.
Benefit to System:	RLE is an investment that will result in strength and vitality for communities in the RLE area, benefits that will extend to the entire city.
Benefit to Community:	RLE will help Far South Side residents reliably access jobs and opportunities outside their neighborhoods, which includes jobs within communities along the RLE footprint and throughout the region.
Impact on Accessibility:	N/A
Customer Communication Need:	Construction Activity Notices

Comparable Projects:

RPM Phase One



Project Title: RLE – Advance Demolition

Justification of Need:	Demolition Work Orders: Two Complex and Two Ordinary Work Order Contractors bidding to perform building demolition and environmental remediation at 85 parcels to facilitate future RLE Construction.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	Additional support costs as part of RLE \$5.75B project budget
Construction Contract Value:	\$14,591,570 Contracted to Date
Earned to Date:	36% (As of September 2025)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0%
Percent Time Used:	47% (September 2025)
DBE:	All Work Orders to date have met or exceeded the DBE goal (30%)
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	NTP: 10/02/2024 Planned Substantial Completion: 09/12/2026
Designer of Record:	Epstein, Altus Works
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	Taza Construction, Foundation Mechanics, John Burns Construction and Kiewit Construction
Detailed Overview of Scope:	Demolish properties needed for RLE ahead of structure and station construction.



Project Title: RLE – Advance Demolition

Impact on Customers:	Periodic flagging activities while poles are being set/removed. Bus reroutes for street closures
Benefit to System:	Provides access to construct the Red Line Extension.
Benefit to Community:	Reduces risk and duration for the RLE Project.
Impact on Accessibility:	None
Customer Communication Need:	Construction Activity Notices will be provided to inform businesses and residents regarding temporary construction impacts (noise, dust, street/alley closures) throughout the advance work.

Comparable Projects:

RPM advance demolition contracts



Project Title: RLE – Advance Demolition

Progress - Update

Phase	Description	Status
Design:	Advance Demolition Packages: Ordinary Work Orders Complex Work Orders	Ongoing Ongoing
Construction:	Advance Demolition: OWO-1: 4 parcels OWO-2: 2 parcels OWO-3: 12 parcels CWO-2: 33 parcels CWO-3: 5 parcels CWO-4: 6 parcels CWO-5: 2 parcels	100% complete as of September 2025 100% complete as of September 2025 100% complete as of September 2025 95% complete as of October 2025 95% complete as of October 2025 25% complete as of October 2025 25% complete as of October 2025
Closeout:	Closeout activities to start upon achieving 50% completion on work order.	Ongoing



Project Title: RLE – Advance Demolition



**Demolition
Ongoing**



Project Title: RLE – Advance Demolition



**Water & Sewer
Disconnect**



Project Title: RLE – Design Build Contract

Justification of Need:	Walsh-VINCI Transit Community Partners will design and build the 5.5-mile extension of the Red Line from 95th Street to 130th Street, including four new fully-accessible stations. RLE marks one of the largest investments on the Far South Side in decades and is a critical investment for CTA to expand its rapid transit network.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$5.75B
Construction Contract Value:	\$2,926,510,885
Earned to Date:	12% (As of September 2025)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0%
Percent Time Used:	16% (September 2025)
DBE:	Design Goal 25% Construction Goal 22%
Funding Sources:	FTA New Starts, CTA Bonds, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Rebuild, IL, Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ 1), Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	LNTP:10/15/24, NTP 1/13/25 / Construction Start Date: Spring 2026 / Est. Completion 2030
Designer of Record:	Walsh Vinci Transit Community Partners (WVTCP) / Systra-EXP JV
Construction Manager	REDefine Southside Partners (RSP)
Detailed Overview of Scope:	5.5 miles of new track extending the Red Line from 95 th Street to 130 th Street Four new stations – 103 rd Street, 111 th Street, Michigan Avenue and 103 rd Street

Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Design:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Progress Meetings • Intermediate Designs for Stations • Final Design of Segment 4 Guideway Substructure • Adjacent Contracts Interface Coordination • Final Design of Tree Removals • Utility, Railroad and Third-Party Coordination 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Pre-construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Construction Progress Meetings • Geotechnical Investigations and Field Survey 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>



Project Title: RLE – Design Build Contract



**Grading
Operations
for Project
Office Trailers**



Project Title: RLE - Design Build Contract



Groundwater Data Collection



RLE Community Outreach



Revolution Workshop Job Shadow





RLE Community Outreach



RLE Project Advisory Council Meeting





RLE Highlighted Events

9 th Ward Fall Resource Fair	Oct 16
CTA Workforce Fall Pre-Apprentice Fair	Oct 22
Revolution Workshop Job Shadow	Oct 24
Chicago Builds Expo	Oct 29-30
Fifth District Halloween Celebration	Oct 31
CTA Workforce Q4 Event	Nov 5
RLE Project Advisory Council Meeting	Nov 7
Fifth District Faith Based Subcommittee Meeting	Nov 13
CTA Diversity Q4 Event	Nov 19
RLE Inside Track Alert, activity digital digest	Weekly
RLE Project "Hotline" response	Ongoing



Project Title: RLE – Community Office



**Parking Lot
Completed**



Project Title: RPM Phase One – Design-Build Contract

Justification of Need:	The RPM Phase One Project is greatly needed in order to expand capacity on CTA's most utilized rail line and to replace aging infrastructure.	
Priority of Project:	High	
Total Project Budget:	\$ 2.1 Billion (excludes Transit TIF interest payments)	
Construction Contract Value:	Original - \$1,272,275,929 Current - \$1,421,783,997 (through Change Order 9)	
Earned to Date:	93.87%	
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	11.8%	
Percent Time Used:	86.30%	
DBE:	Design: Goal: 20% / Commitment: 20.64% Construction Goal: 20% / Commitment: 20% Workforce Goals: 10% WIOA / 15% Apprentice / 35% EDA	Contractor is on track to meet the DBE goal
Funding Source:	CTA Financing, FTA Core Capacity Grant, CMAQ, TIFs	
NTP / Construction Start / Estimated Completion:	February 8, 2019 / October 2019 / December 2026	
Design-Build Contractor:	Walsh-Fluor Design-Build Team	
Owners Representative:	Elevated Solutions Partners	

Detailed Overview of Scope: RPM Phase One consists of the following elements that will allow CTA to expand service along the Red and Purple lines:

- Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization (LBMM) – complete reconstruction and addition of ADA accessibility at four Red Line stations (Lawrence, Argyle, Berwyn, and Bryn Mawr) and reconstruction of 6 miles of track, structures, and viaducts from Leland Ave. to Ardmore Ave.
- Red-Purple Bypass (RPB) - Construction of a grade-separated bypass for the Brown Line at Clark Junction, just north of Belmont Ave. Includes realignment and reconstruction of 1.4 miles of mainline tracks and structure between Belmont station and south of Cornelia Ave.
- Corridor Signal Improvements (CSI) – Installation of new higher-capacity signal system on 23 miles of track between Belmont and Howard stations.



Red-Purple Bypass



**Addison Audio
House Apron
Concrete Pour**



Red-Purple Bypass



**Clark Substation
Wall Painting**



Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization



Winona-Argyle Aerial Drainage Installation



Project Title: RPM Phase One – Design-Build Contract

Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization



Winona Pocket Track Completion



Project Title: RPM Phase One – Design-Build Contract

Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization



Jewel Lot Restoration



Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization



Bryn Mawr - Catalpa Catch Basin Installation



Project Title: RPM Phase One – Design-Build Contract

Community Outreach	Major Activities	Timing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly Red-Purple Bypass Project updates for 44th ward• Lawrence to Bryn Mawr project updates for 46th, 48th wards• Meeting with Acting Pres. Leerhsen and 46th Ward Alderwoman Angela Clay• Uptown United/Uptown Chamber of Commerce walk-thru of future Under-L Activation area	<p>Weekly</p> <p>Bi-weekly</p> <p>Oct. 21</p> <p>Oct. 22</p>

CTA walked with Uptown Chamber officials through areas under the L that will be developed into community spaces.



Project Title: Traction Power Upgrades – Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations

The CTA has identified additional traction power demands based on results from the Blue Line Load Flow study and determined that three (3) areas along the blue line O'Hare branch and Dearborn subway may experience problems with running the new fleet at the service levels proposed. To continue providing a reliable and safe service, it is necessary to build two (2) new traction power substations, one at Barry and the other at Damen with all their infrastructure support along with installing a new Tie Breaker house in the Dearborn subway. Also, the project includes the replacement of all traction power equipment at the Haymarket substation.

Justification of Need:

Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$122.8 Million
Construction Contract Value:	\$67.2 Million
Earned to Date:	99.3% (As of September)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	16.7%
Percent Time Used:	100% (As of September 2025)
DBE:	Goal: 25% Commitment: 25.3% Workforce Goals: 10% Career Opportunity/ 8% Apprentice/ 25% EDA Contract is on track to meet the DBE goal
Funding Source:	CTA Bonds / Rebuild Illinois
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	NTP: October 20, 2021, Contract Substantial Completion March 31, 2025/Estimated Substantial Completion December 1, 2025
Designer of Record:	TYLin
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	WSP / John Burns Construction



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Justification of Need:

Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$122.8 Million
Construction Contract Value:	\$67.2 Million
Earned to Date:	99.4% (As of October)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	16.7%
Percent Time Used:	100% (As of October 2025)
DBE:	Goal: 25% Commitment: 25.3% Workforce Goals: 10% Career Opportunity/ 8% Apprentice/ 25% EDA Contract is on track to meet the DBE goal
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Project Title: Traction Power Upgrades – Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations

Impact on Customers:	Minor service disruptions during track access occurrences.
Benefit to System:	The new Traction Power Substation will increase service reliability to the Blue Line.
Benefit to Community:	New buildings will enhance and will blend with the surrounding community and will benefit transit riders in the Blue Line with a safer and more reliable service.
Impact on Accessibility:	N/A
Customer Communication Need:	Construction Activity Notices.

Comparable Projects:

East Lake, Milwaukee & Illinois (ELMI) and Broadway substations



Project Title: Traction Power Upgrades – Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Haymarket Substation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Punchlist work	Ongoing
Canal Tie-House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission Tie-House• Interior Tie-House Build-Out• Cable connections to Tie-House• Punchlist work	Complete Complete Complete Ongoing
Damen Substation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build building interior, flooring, rooms and finishes• Damen Exterior and Plaza installation	Complete Ongoing
Barry Substation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installing substation Traction Power Equipment.• Build exterior walls and roof.• Build building interior, flooring, rooms and finishes• Testing and Commissioning of Traction Power Equipment	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Belmont Crossover	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Punchlist work.	Ongoing



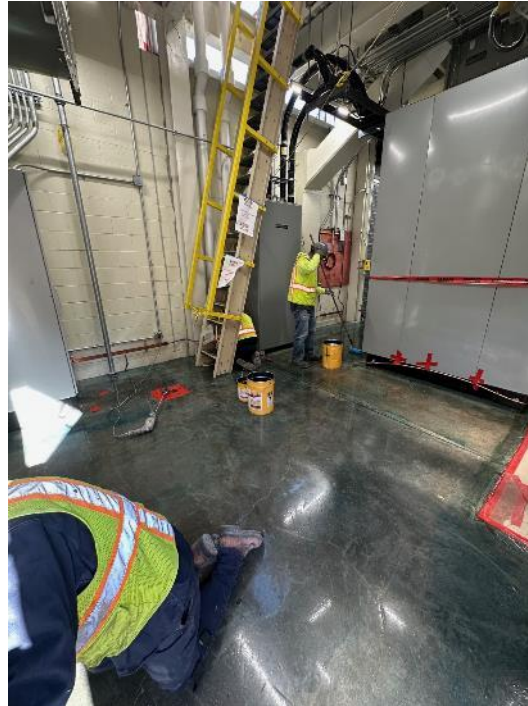
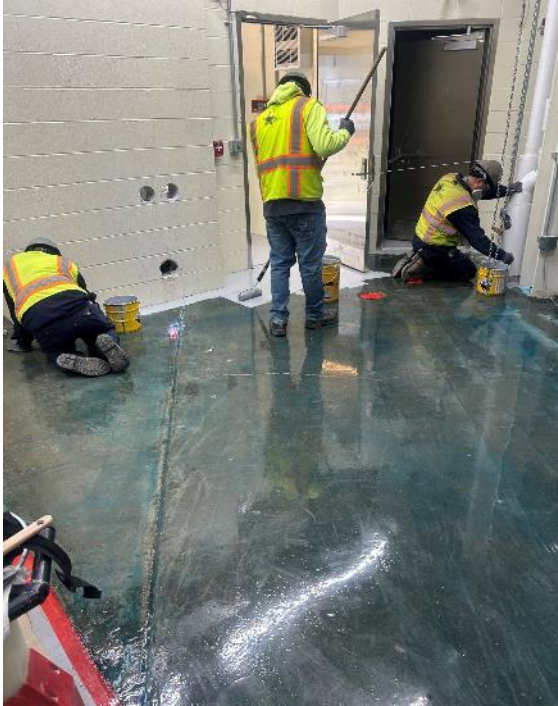
Project Title: Traction Power Upgrades – Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations



Barry Curtain Wall Installation



Project Title: Traction Power Upgrades – Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations



Barry Floor Coating Installation



Project Title: Traction Power Upgrades – Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations



Fencing Installation at Damen



Project Title: Traction Power Upgrades – Canal Tie House, Barry and Damen Substations



Fencing Installation at Damen



Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction

Justification of Need:

The condition of the Harlem Station bus bridge was initially identified as an infrastructure need in 2013. At that time, CTA noted significant deterioration to the concrete deck, concrete piers, and structural steel support elements due to salt corrosion and water infiltration. More recently, critical defects caused by concrete deck expansion joint failure have been identified in the south pier. The bridge needs to be replaced before it becomes a safety hazard and has to be taken out of service.

Priority of Project:	Medium
Total Project Budget:	\$40.0 M
Construction Contract Value:	\$20.4 M
Earned to Date:	\$15.0 M
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0
Percent Time Used:	122%*
DBE:	DBE goal: 25%. DBE Firms: MW Powell, Highway Safety Corp., Argo Construction LLC, Vision Painting, Alpine Demolition, W.E.B. Production & Fabricating, AC Iron LLC, S & J Construction, Livewire Electrical Systems.
Funding Sources:	Rebuild Illinois, Federal 2020, Federal 2016, Surface Transportation Program (CMAP)s
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	GC NTP: September 5, 2023. Substantial Completion: March 8, 2025 (NTP + 550 days)
Designer of Record:	HNTB
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	CM: TranSystems/TY Lin JV. GC: John Burns Construction Company.

*Additional time will be provided through change order.



Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction

Impact on Customers:	Minor changes in bus service and Park & Ride access for those who use the Harlem Blue Line Station on the O'Hare Branch. Rail service will not be impacted.
Benefit to System:	New bridge superstructure and interface between bridge and station, new concrete approaches, bridge deck, ADA-compliant curbs and sidewalks, new canopy on bridge. New bus operator bathroom facility, painting, improved drainage.
Benefit to Community:	Replacement of the bridge before it becomes unsafe will help ensure continuity of service on bus routes out of the O'Hare Line Harlem Station.
Impact on Accessibility:	New ADA-compliant curbs and sidewalks for improved accessibility.
Customer Communication Need:	Construction Activity Notices, coordination with Alderman, press releases.

Comparable Projects:

Montrose Bridge Replacement (IDOT).



Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Improvements

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	• Install Canopy Roof Recking	Completed
	• Install New water tap at Higgins	Completed
	• Bridge Abutment Repairs	Completed
	• North and South Bridge Approaches	On-going
	• Bus Canopy Comm and Electric	On-going
	• Bus Bathroom	On-going
	• Install Bus Shelters	Late Fall 2025
	• Concrete/Asphalt Paving	Late Fall 2025
	• Directional Bore for Water	Q1 2026
	• Reopen Bridge	Q1 2026



Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction



Pulling Wire Under Bus Bridge



Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction



Freshly Painted Bridge Columns



Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction



Performing Density Tests on Trench Backfill



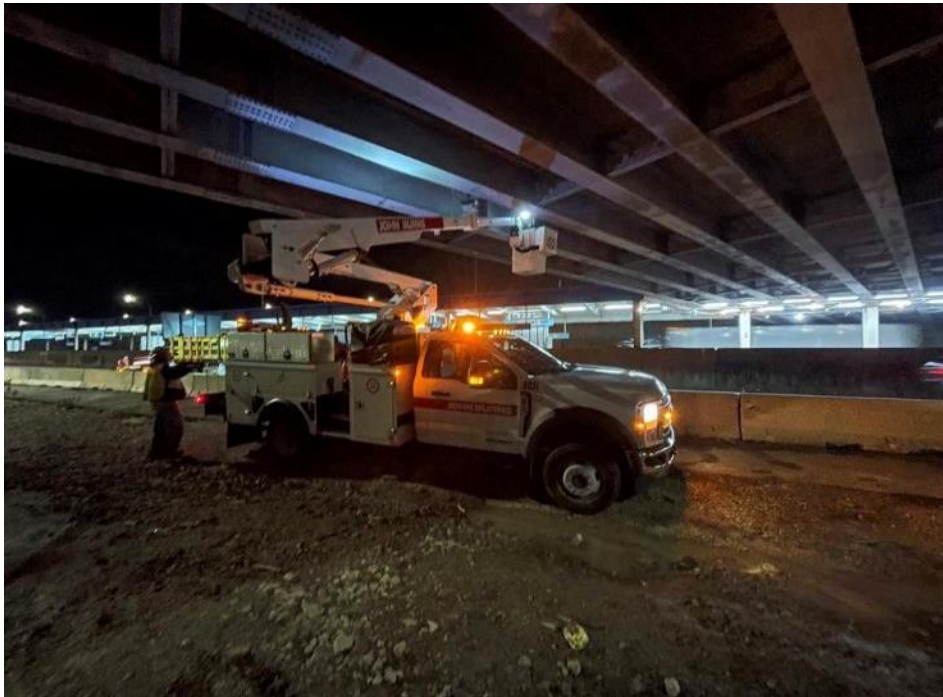
Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction



Installing Corrugated Decking at Canopy



Project Title: O'Hare Line – Harlem Station Bus Bridge Reconstruction



Installing Bridge Lighting on I-90



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program

The CTA is committed to making its system completely accessible to people with disabilities in the next 20 years by becoming the first legacy transit system to make all of its train stations accessible.

Justification of Need:

Priority of Project:	High
Total Program Budget:	\$4.9 Billion
Total Funded Value:	\$740.8 Million
Under Contract:	% (As of November 2024)
Total Number of Stations Currently Accessible	104 (71%)
Total Number of Stations Currently Programmed for Upgrades	14 (81%)
Total Number of Elevators Programmed for Rehab	16 of 173
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	Phase 1: 2023-2027, Phase 2 (Funded): 2026-2028



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program

Funded Program Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	Funded Station Projects	
	Lawrence (Red Line)	Completed
	Argyle (Red Line)	Completed
	Berwyn (Red Line)	Completed
	Bryn Mawr (Red Line)	Completed
	Racine (Blue Line)	On-going
	Austin (Green Line)	On-going
	State/Lake (Loop)	Beginning
Design	Funded Design Projects	
	California (Blue Line)	Complete
	Montrose (Blue Line)	On-going
	16 Elevator Rehabs	On-going
	Belmont (Blue Line)	Beginning
	Irving Park (Blue Line)	Beginning
	Pulaski (Blue Line)	Planning/Environmental
	Oak Park (Green Line)	Planning/Environmental
	Ridgeland (Green Line)	Planning/Environmental



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program – Lake Line Austin Station

Justification of Need:	As part of our ongoing efforts to make the CTA system fully accessible to people with disabilities, improvements to the Lake Line Austin Station are essential. These upgrades will ensure the station complies with current provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project will also enhance the state of good repair of the station house building envelope and provide an alternate means of egress for the existing Austin Station.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$25.5 M
Construction Contract Value:	\$15.6 M
Earned to Date:	\$8.01 M
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	2%
Percent Time Used:	91% based on projected Substantial Completion February 2, 2026
DBE:	DBE goal: 30%. DBE Firms: Highway Safety Corporation, Metropolitan Steel, Anderson Shah Roofing, Pinto Construction Group, Smith Painting Services, Wolf Electrical, Phoenix Business Solutions, Araiza Corporation, and Chicago Area Plumbing and Mechanical.
Funding Sources:	Rebuild Illinois and Federal 2021
Actual Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	GC NTP: December 29, 2023; Projected Substantial Completion: February 2, 2026 (NTP + 768 days)
Designer of Record:	Epstein
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	CM: SQN. GC: John Burns Construction.



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program – Lake Line Austin Station

Impact on Customers:	There will be impact to CTA customers and surrounding community related to pedestrian and vehicular detours for utility replacements along Corcoran also CTA customers will be redirected to use temporary station entrance at Mason Ave. Platform closures and back rides will be necessary throughout construction.
Benefit to System:	System benefits include new elevator and elevator machine room, state of good repair improvements to the station house building envelope, new electrical room, new communications room, new janitor closet, new customer assistant kiosk and ADA compliant customer assistant restroom.
Benefit to Community:	Some Community benefits are the overall aesthetics of the Austin station will be improved. Increased station accessibility with the new elevator and associated ramps and sidewalk. Improved safety by reopening of the Auxiliary exit at Mason Ave. There will also be improvements to the streetscape.
Impact on Accessibility:	New ADA-compliant elevator, Auxiliary exit and sidewalks for improved accessibility.
Customer Communication Need:	Construction Activity Notices, GCR Coordination with City of Chicago Alderman, The Village of Oak Park and Website / Press releases.

Comparable Projects:
Lake Line – Oak Park and Ridgeland Stations



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program – Lake Line Austin Station

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	• Earth Retention System (ERS) installation	Completed
	• Elevator Pilecap and Mat Foundation installation	Completed
	• Communications/Electrical Room underslab utilities and floor slab installation	Completed
	• Communications/Electrical Room steel framing and roof deck installation	Completed
	• Austin / Corcoran traffic signal improvements	Ongoing
	• Communications/Electrical Room Masonry wall installation	In Progress
	• Communications/Electrical Room Masonry wall CT Cabinet installation	In Progress
	• Platform Level lighting installation	In Progress



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program – Lake Line Austin Station



Elevator and Mat Foundation Re-Bar and Framing installation



Communications/Electrical Room steel framing and roof deck installation



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program – Lake Line Austin Station



Communications/Electrical Room Housekeeping Pad and Underslab Utilities Installation



Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program – Lake Line Austin Station



Communications/Electrical Room Masonry wall installation



Communications/Electrical Room CT Cabinet installation



Continued Platform Level lighting installation



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project

Justification of Need:

The existing Racine station is not accessible, and the ADA Improvements will add an elevator, and provide an ADA compliant ramp with adequate clearances for wheelchairs and mobility devices. In addition, to accommodate growth in ridership and maintain reliable service, the CTA procured newer generations of rail car fleets, which required traction power improvements consisting of constructing a new Morgan substation as well as upgrading existing traction power equipment within the Hermitage substation to meet higher power demands on the Forest Park branch of the Blueline.

Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$106,217,468
Construction Contract Value:	\$75,400,000
Earned to Date:	79% (through October 2025)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	11%
Percent Time Used:	93% (through October 2025)
DBE:	Goal: 25% Commitment: 25% Workforce Goals: 10% Career Opportunity, 15% Apprentice, 25% EDA The contract is on track to meet the DBE goal
Funding Source:	IDOT - Rebuild Illinois
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	NTP: 5/12/2023, Project Duration: 965 days (NTP through Substantial Completion)
Designer of Record:	HNTB
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	Congress Corridor Partners, a JV between (WSP/Ardmore) / F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project

Impact on Customers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minor service disruptions during 54hr weekend TAOs.• No rail service between IMD and UIC-Halsted stations during weekend linecuts.• The Racine station will be OOS during the weekend linecuts.• No access to Racine stationhouse from Racine street until completely rebuild, the Loomis stationhouse will remain in service during this time.• Local bus shuttles will be provided during weekend linecuts.
Benefit to System:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project will make the Racine station fully accessible.• The project will add more power to boost reliability and meet service demands.• The project will reduce the Racine station and Hermitage substation maintenance needs.
Benefit to Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When completed, the project is expected to accommodate all the accessibility needs for riders traveling through the Racine station utilizing various mobility devices.
Impact on Accessibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• YES
Customer Communication Need:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCR outreach with surrounding stakeholders.• Construction activity notices will be distributed as needed.• Advanced service disruption signs and posters will be installed as needed.

Comparable Projects:

The Illinois Medical District (IMD) Station Improvements



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	<p>Racine Stationhouse Entrance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure & shell • Main stairs and elevator • Bridge level interiors • Electrical and mechanical rooms • Electrical and sanitary underground services <p>Racine Platform New Concourse Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure & shell • MEP and communication systems <p>Racine Platform and Canopy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canopy demolition and restoration • MEP and communication systems <p>Loomis Stationhouse Entrance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of existing stationhouse, ramp and columns • Rebuild New Structure & Shell • Bridge Level Interiors • Electrical and Mechanical Rooms • Electrical and Sanitary Underground Services <p>Loomis New ADA Ramp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of new ADA ramp and columns • Installation of new ramp roofing system and MEP <p>Morgan Substation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure & shell • Bridge (1st) level and equipment (2nd) level interiors • Electrical and sanitary underground services • Traction power equipment delivery, installation, testing and commissioning <p>Hermitage Substation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of existing traction power equipment • Traction power equipment delivery, installation, testing and commissioning 	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Started</p> <p>Planned</p> <p>Planned</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Started</p> <p>Planned</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Planned</p> <p>Planned</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Delay Explanation:

N/A



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Stationhouse Demolition



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Ramp Demolition and Removal



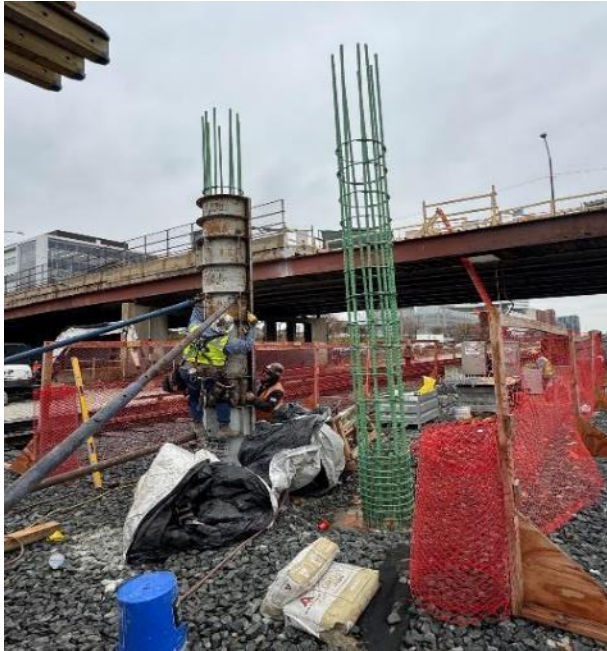
Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Bridge Sidewalk Removal for ADA Entry



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Stationhouse Columns Rebars and Forms



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



The Loomis End - Platform Purlins Installation



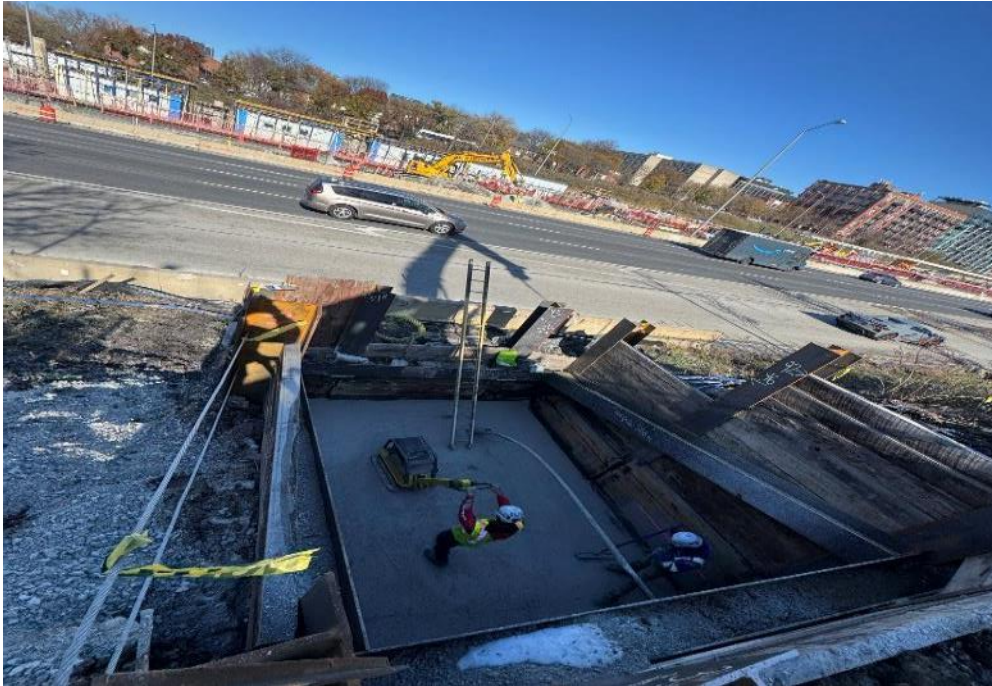
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Racine Platform Windbreak and Infrared Heaters



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Compacting The Loomis Sanitary Receiving Pit



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Electrical Sending Pit and Tie-in



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



The HPCP at Morgan Substation Main Entrance



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



The HPCP at Morgan Substation South Wall



Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Concrete Suspended Ductbank at Morgan Substation



Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements

Improvements to Ravenswood Western Station are necessary to bring the station into compliance with current provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), adapt to redeveloped adjacent storefronts, improve security, and extend the useful life of the station through replacement of deteriorated site, building, and platform components. This project is being delivered by a progressive design build delivery method, which is advantageous for both schedule and the design to budget requirement.

Justification of Need:

Priority of Project:	Medium
Total Project Budget:	\$30.0 M
Construction Contract Value:	\$19.0 M
Earned to Date:	\$11.8 M
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	0
Percent Time Used:	93%*
DBE:	DBE goal: 30%. DBE Firms: American Survey & Engineering, PC, Facet Engineering, GSG Consultants. Inc., Quigg Engineering.
Funding Sources:	Chicago Tax Increment Funding, Federal 2022, Federal 2023, CTA bonds
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	GC NTP1: May 11, 2023; NTP2: August 6, 2024; Substantial Completion: January 13, 2026 (NTP2 + 525 days)
Designer of Record:	CDM Smith
Construction Manager/General Contractor:	CM: AECOM. GC: FH Paschen.

*Expecting an extension in contract time (March 2026)



Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements

Impact on Customers:	CTA customers may be redirected to use alternate station entrance. Platform closures and back rides will be necessary. The work will also require some temporary bus reroutes and lane closures on Western and Lincoln.
Benefit to System:	State of good repair improvements to the building envelope, platform, platform guardrails and canopy, and interior finishes. New customer assistant booth, reconstructed operator bathroom facility.
Benefit to Community:	Increased station accessibility, improved safety through renovated sidewalks, walkway pavements, lighting, cameras, and signage. Overall improved appearance as a result of painting.
Impact on Accessibility:	New ADA-compliant curbs, bus turnaround islands, replacement of elevator cabs and sidewalks for improved accessibility.
Customer Communication Need:	Construction Activity Notices, coordination with Alderman, press releases.

Comparable Projects:

Quincy Loop Station Upgrade



Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	Stage 2 Construction	
	Demo/Install New Masonry (above 1 st floor)	Completed
	Resurface Station Floor (west half)	Completed
	Pour Foundations and Columns at Bus Canopy	Completed
	Reconstruct Bus Driver Washroom	On-going
	Reconstruct Masonry Exterior Walls	On-going
	Replace North Elevator	January '26
	Replace South Elevator	October thru December
	Glazing/Storefront Replacement (ground floor)	December thru February
	Station House Ceiling Replacement	Q1 2026
Upgrade Station Electric Service	Q2 2026	
Lighting Replacement and Installation	Jan to March 2026	



Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



Demolition of North Wall Masonry



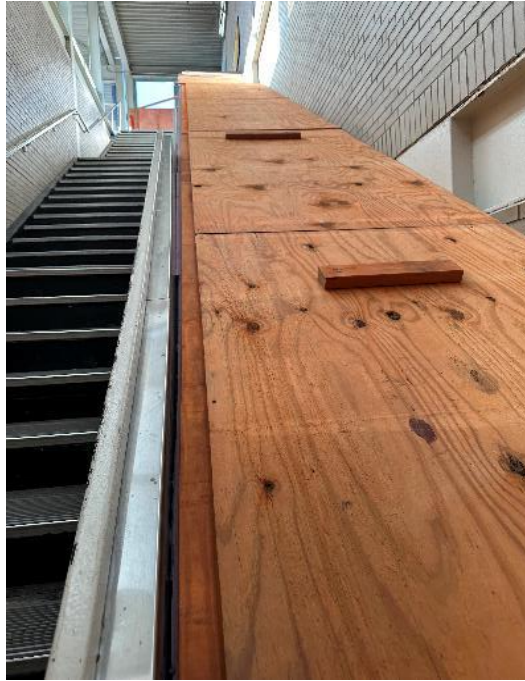
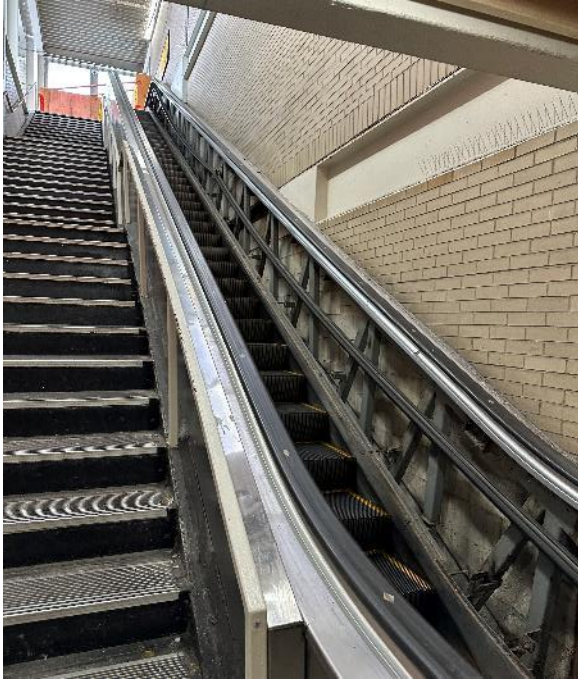
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North Wall Structural Steel and CMU



Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



Protecting Escalator before Wall Demolition



Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



Excavation for New Sewer Pipe



Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



Pouring Floor for Bus Washroom



Project Title: Tower 18 Track Improvements

Justification of Need:

Tower 18 Interlocking Track Improvements .

Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	\$1,000,000
Expended to Date:	\$800,000
Used last Month:	NA
Funding Source:	Various
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	October 25 th through October 27 th (54-hour Loop Shut Down)
Contractor	CTA Infrastructure Maintenance

Detailed Scope of work which includes:

- Replacement of 2 (two) southern track castings (Inner) at Tower 18
- Replacement of stock rails/switch points and frog at LaSalle
- Replacement of 3rd (third) rail between Wacker and Tower 18
- Replacement of 3 (three) switch machines at Tower 18 for the 105, 121, and 123 switches
- Replacement of ties on the NBT approaching Wells St. bridge
- Running 500 cable in Tower 18
- Gutter removal and cleaning at the Adams & Wabash station platform
- Stair tread repairs and structural work at Adams & Wabash station pedestrian bridge
- Pigeon netting removal over the ROW and adding of pigeon spikes over the platform pedestrian bridge @ Clark & Lake
- Contractor piggyback- Removal of ceiling inside the formerly known SOIC upper mezzanine area



Project Title: Tower 18 Track Improvements

Impact on Customers:	Due to the 54 Hour line cut and reroute, all Loop elevated trains will not be running on the weekend of Oct 25 th through Oct 27 th . CTA customers may use the free bus shuttle service or utilize transfers to the Red & Blue line stations that are running normal weekend service into the Loop.
Benefit to System:	Repair improvements to the track infrastructure, building envelope, platforms, and canopy, and interior finishes.
Benefit to Community:	Weekend shutdown will limit the number of track access occurrences needed to complete an array of various tasks to lessen the impact on customers and the community.
Impact on Accessibility:	No impact other than shuttle services may prolong the commute into the Loop.
Customer Communication Need:	Coordination with Alderman & press releases.

Comparable Projects:

2012 Tower 18 Track Improvements



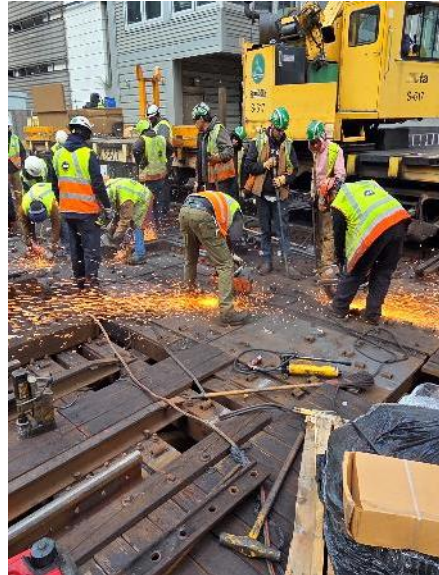
Project Title: Tower 18 Track Improvements



203 N. LaSalle – Project briefing of rail service & Power & Way bulletins



Project Title: Tower 18 Track Improvements



Cutting out the old quadrant castings at Tower 18.



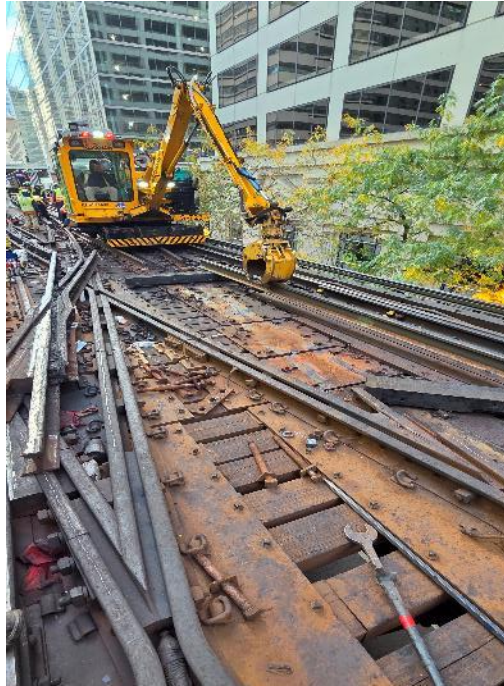
Project Title: Tower 18 Track Project Improvements



Complete removal of the old castings at Tower 18.



Project Title: Tower 18 Track Project Improvements



Removal of the frog and addition of a straight rail at LaSalle Crossover



Project Title: Tower 18 Track Project Improvements



- **Acting President Leerhsen Inspecting the Work**



Project Title: Tower 18 Track Project Improvements



The Track casting crew at Tower 18, castings installed



Project Title: Refreshed & Renewed

Justification of Need:

The Refreshed & Renewed Program is a CTA Facilities Maintenance implemented plan to promote safety, security and longevity to all CTA Facilities including, but not limited to: Rail Stations and Platforms, Bus Garages and Rail Shops across the system. The Refreshed & Renewed Program performs major improvement work at these transit operations facilities for both the customer and the internal needs of the Authority.

Priority of Project:	Medium
Total Project Budget:	\$6,500,000
Expended to Date:	\$1,990,115
Used last Month:	\$189,245
Funding Source:	Various
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	January 2021 to December 31, 2025
Contractor	CTA Forces

28 Rail Stations and 14 Bus-turn-arounds will receive lighting upgrades, painting and deep cleaning as part of this program for the current year.

28 Stations and 14 Bus-turn-arounds will have a detailed Scope of work which includes:

- Maintaining Cleanliness throughout public, as well as back-of-house areas
- Ensuring stations are graffiti free;
- Re-painting painted surfaces;
- Maintaining pathways of ingress and egress are clear of obstruction;
- LED lighting conversions and component;
- Removing obstructions from windows and store front systems that may impede natural light and safe viewing points.
- Address and repair any unsafe defects such as spalling concrete and rotted wooden platforms;
- Replacing outdated and damaged signage;
- Maintaining a warm/cool working environment.

Before

After



Kedzie Orange Line – Curb Repair & Ramp Installation



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



95th Red Line – Mezzanine Leak & Ceiling Repair

Before



After



Grand Blue Line – Washroom Floor Upgrade



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



**Grand Blue Line – Escalator Stairs & Housing
Repair/Cleaning**



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Grand Blue Line – Escalator Ceiling & Wall Repairs



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Jarvis Red Line – LED Lighting Upgrades



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Jarvis Red Line – Staircase & Lighting Repairs



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Jarvis Red Line – Windbreaker/Staircase Housing Sealing & Leak Repair



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



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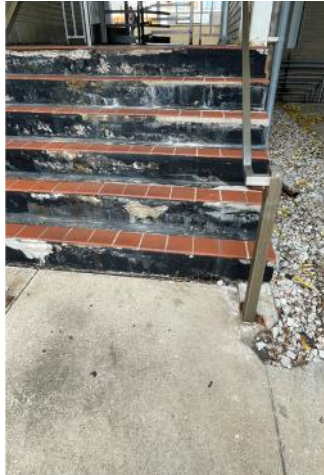


Kimball Brown Line – ADA Ramp

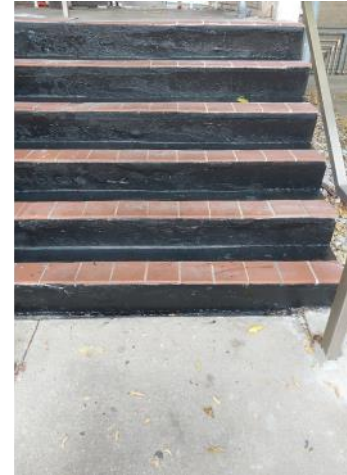


Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Kimball Brown Line – Staircase Repair

Before



After



Kimball Brown Line – Art Installation



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Kimball Brown Line – Platform Canopy Repairs



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Devon & Kedzie BTA – Curb Repair



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Devon & Kedzie BTA – Canopy Repair



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before

After



36th & Kedzie BTA – Concrete Repair



Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



36th & Kedzie BTA – Curb Repair



Highlighted Events

Q4 Workforce Outreach Event

Date: November 5, 2025



50

Attendees

Over 50 attendees learned how to enter the trade and how to pursue work on CTA construction projects.





Highlighted Events

CTA Small Business Educational Series for Professional Services

Date: November 4, 2025



18

Attendees

18 small businesses in professional services industries completed a 6-week training series on how to conduct business with the CTA. Training topics included networking, pursuing procurement opportunities and certification.





Highlighted Events

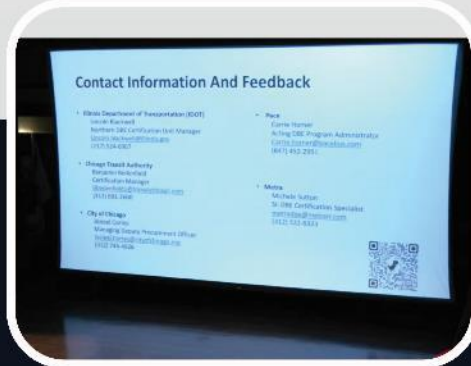
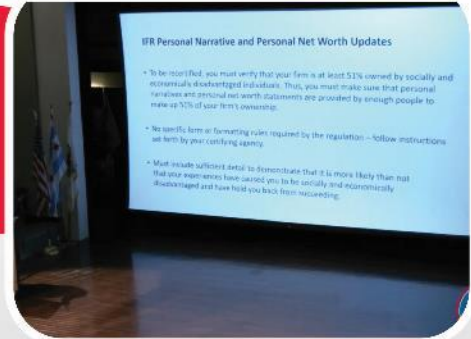
Illinois Unified Certification Program Town Hall

Date: November 10, 2025



Attendees

The CTA, in collaboration with sister agencies, Pace, Metra, Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Chicago provided news of the Federal government's Interim Final Rule determining that DBEs (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises) may no longer be certified on the assumption of disadvantage based upon race or gender. Over 400 small businesses in attendance in-person and online were informed of the need to submit personal narratives and personal net worth statements for re-evaluation of DBE status.





November 2025 Outreach Events

CTA Small Business Educational Series for Professional Services	November 4, 2025	Certification Document Assistance- Diversity Programs	November 18, 2025
Q4 Workforce Outreach Event	November 5, 2025	Workforce Initiatives Introduction	November 18, 2025
Illinois Unified Certification Program (ILUCP) Town Hall	November 10, 2025	Diversity Q4 Outreach Event	November 19, 2025
CTA Driving Small Business the Distance: Market Reserch	November 12, 2025	African American Contractors Association (AACA) Business	November 20, 2025
Clark Construction's Strategic Partnership program (SPP)	November 12, 2025	Construction Talks	November 24, 2025