Construction Project Briefing



August 12, 2026

Todays Presentation

Mega Projects

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

All Stations Accessibility Program – (ASAP)

- State/Lake Improvement and Upgrade Project
- Lake Line Austin Station Project
- Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project

Customer Facing Investments

- South Main Line-43rd Station Improvements
- Western Brown Line Station Improvements
- State of Illinois Center Improvements
- Refresh & Renew
- Slow Zone

Project Title: RLE Project Overview

Justification of Need:	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.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	$5.75B
Construction Contract Value:	$3,014,942,286 Awarded (DBC, Adv Demo WOs, AUR WOs) $565,456,305 Pending Award
Earned to Date:	19% (of awarded contracts as of May 2026)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	2.3%
Percent Time Used:	28% (May 2026)
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 Managers	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:	$14,342,719 Contracted to Date
Earned to Date:	87% (As of May 2026)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	-1.8%
Percent Time Used:	81% (May 2026)
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
General Contractors:	Taza Construction, Foundation Mechanics, John Burns Construction and Kiewit Construction
Detailed Overview of Scope:	Perform environmental remediation and demolition of 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	Ongoing
	Complex Work Orders	Ongoing
Construction:	Advance Demolition:	
	OWO-1: 4 parcels	100% complete as of September 2025
	OWO-2: 2 parcels	100% complete as of September 2025
	OWO-3: 12 parcels	100% complete as of September 2025
	CWO-2: 33 parcels	100% complete as of November 2025
	CWO-3: 5 parcels	100% of base scope complete as of January 2026
	CWO-4: 6 parcels	100% of base scope complete as of January 2026
	CWO-5: 2 parcels	95% complete as of July 2026
	CWO-6: 3 parcels	In procurement
Closeout:	Closeout activities to start upon achieving 50% completion on work order.	Ongoing

Project Title: RLE - Advance Work



Underground Storage Tank Removal

Project Title: RLE – Advance Work



Advance Utility Relocation

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:	$2,996,542,541
Earned to Date:	19% (As of May 2026)
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	2%
Percent Time Used:	28% (May 2026)
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 95th Street to 130th Street Four new stations – 103rd Street, 111th Street, Michigan Avenue and 103rd Street

Project Title: RLE – Design Build Contract

Progress - Update

Phase	Description	Status
Design:	**Design Progress Meetings:** Civil, Structures, Track, Systems and Stations Task Force Meetings	Ongoing
	Design Activities Progress: Track: RLE Track Alignment and Trackwork Final Guideway Segment 3 Track Final Systems: 120th St. Soft LCP Layout Intermediate 110th Relay House and LCP Tower Final 110th LCP Booth Final 124th St Application Software Intermediate At-Grade Platform - 96th Relay House Intermediate Traction Power: Guideway Segment 6 Traction Power Final	Ongoing
Pre-construction:	**Procurement by Design-Builder:** Landscaping and erosion for Advanced Earthwork Scope Electrical scope for Advanced Earthwork Gantry shoring tower On-site monitoring, plan development & technical consulting services	Ongoing

Project Title: RLE – Design Build Contract

Progress - Update

Phase	Description	Status
Construction:	**Guideway:**	
	Foundations: 22 of 206 (11%) Shafts Drilled to Date 1 of 26 (4%) Grade Beams Poured to Date	Ongoing
	Columns: First Column Poured at Pier 155US	Ongoing
	Advanced Earthwork Activities: Prepared and Constructed Haul Roads Continued Topsoil Removal, Excavation, and Grubbing Underground Storage Tank Removals	Ongoing

Project Title: RLE – Design Build Contract



Site Preparation

Project Title: RLE - Design Build Contract



Pumping Concrete in Caisson

Project Title: RLE - Design Build Contract



Column Formwork

Project Title: RLE - Design Build Contract



Placing Concrete in Column

RLE Community Outreach







RLE outreach representatives engaged with residents and local community leaders during Ald. Beale's Annual 9th Ward Juneteenth Festival.

RLE Community Outreach





RLE outreach representatives, including RSP-JV and Walsh, engaged with residents during the Youth Peace Center's Summer Safety Kickoff. Youth Peace Center, located at 420 W. 111th Street, provides mentoring, workforce development, and violence prevention services to at-risk youth in the Roseland community.

RLE Community Outreach







RLE outreach representatives engaged with local residents/participants of the Abbott Park Senior Satellite Center.

RLE Highlighted Events/Programs

9th Ward Beale Juneteenth Celebration	June 18
Youth Peace Center of Roseland Community Fair	June 25
Abbott Park Senior Satellite Center tabling	June 30
RLE Workforce Connections @ RLE Community Office	July 7
RLE Mobile Office Hours, Woodson Library	July 15
RLE Mobile Office Hours, TCA health	July 23
We Keep You Rolling, Golden Gate Community Bike Ride	July 25
Pullman Wheelworks Apts Outreach Event, 901 E. 104th St.	July 29
RLE Inside Track Alert, digital digest	Weekly
RLE Project “Hotline” response	Ongoing

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 - $1,424,121,704 (through Change Order 10)
Earned to Date:	95.0%
Percent Change Orders to Construction Contract:	11.9%
Percent Time Used:	94.7%
DBE:	Design: Goal: 20% / Commitment: 20.64% Construction Goal: 20% / Commitment: 20% Contractor is on track to meet the DBE goal Workforce Goals: 10% WIOA / 15% Apprentice / 35% EDA
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.

Project Title: RPM Phase One – Design-Build Contract

Phase`	Description	Status
Administrative / Design:	▪ Continued submittal/revisions of required management plans	Ongoing
	▪ Continued Design Development in support of Signal Improvements	Ongoing
	▪ Red-Purple Bypass (RPB)	
	– Removals of decommissioned systems cabling from previous RPB phases	Completed
Construction:	– Stage 3 Punchlist Work	Ongoing
	– **Milestone 3 SC Punchlist Work**	**Ongoing**
	– Removal of decommissioned cabling near former Addison Interlocking	Completed
	▪ Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization (LBMM)	
	– Stage B Punchlist Work	Ongoing
	– **Milestone 3 SC Punchlist Work**	**Ongoing**
	– Bryn Mawr and Hollywood Aux Station	Ongoing
	– Punchlist Work	
	– Berwyn and Aux Station	Ongoing
	– Punchlist Work	
	– Argyle Station	Ongoing
	– Punchlist Work	
	– Lawrence Station	Ongoing
	– Punchlist Work	
	– Lot restoration and resurfacing	Ongoing
	– Landscaping	Completed
	– Project Closeout	Ongoing
	– Additional stray current troubleshooting throughout LBMM for structural elements, track, and signal equipment	Ongoing
	▪ Corridor Signal Improvements (CSI)	
	– Perform signal system punchlist activities in the RPB area including removal of decommissioned cable	Ongoing
	– Required signal system tests in the RPB and LBMM areas	Ongoing
	– Signal discrepancy resolution	Ongoing
	– CTC implementation and testing	Ongoing
	– Track Blocking implementation and testing	Ongoing
	▪ Under-L Activation	
	– Administrative Reviews	Ongoing
	– Pedestrian Trail Installation Ardmore to Hollywood	Ongoing
	– Basin adjustments Winona south	Ongoing
	– Light pole foundations and	Ongoing

Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization



Alley Curb Installation

Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization



Fence installation at Lawrence Lot

Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization



Hollywood Lot pavement

Project Title: All Stations Accessibility Program

Funded Program Progress

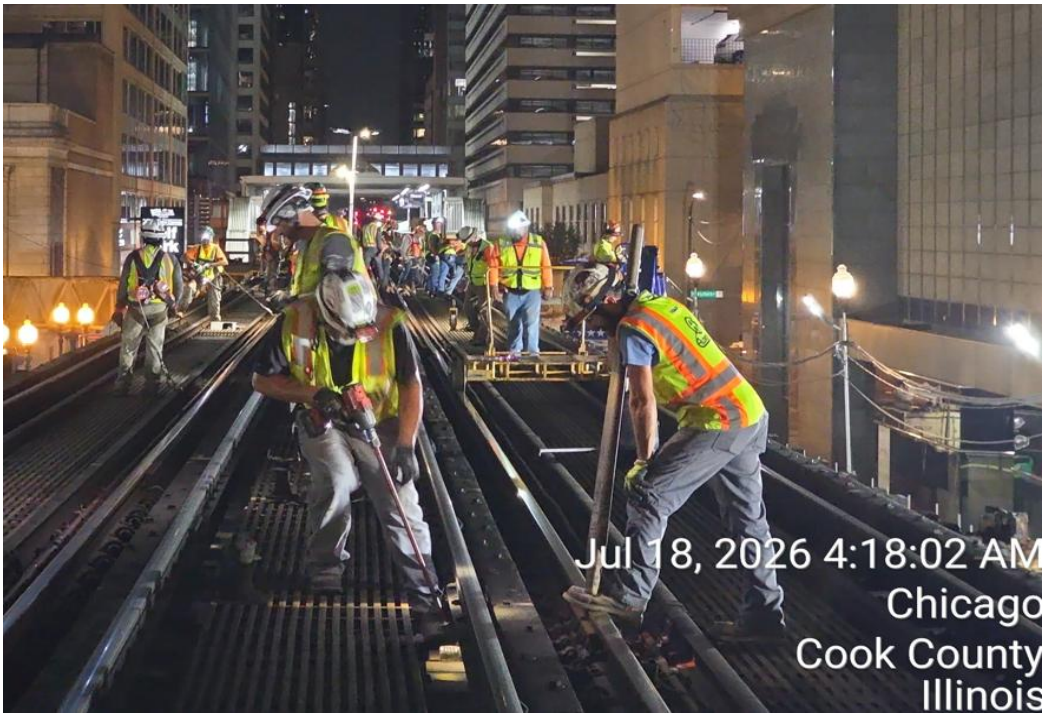
Phase	Description	Status
Construction	**Funded Station Projects**	
	Lawrence (Red Line)	Completed
	Argyle (Red Line)	Completed
	Berwyn (Red Line)	Completed
	Bryn Mawr (Red Line)	Completed
	Racine (Blue Line)	On-going
	Austin (Green Line)	On-going
	State/Lake (Loop)	**On-going**
Design	**Funded Design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

Project Title: CDOT- Loop Line- State and Lake Station Redesign

Construction Progress

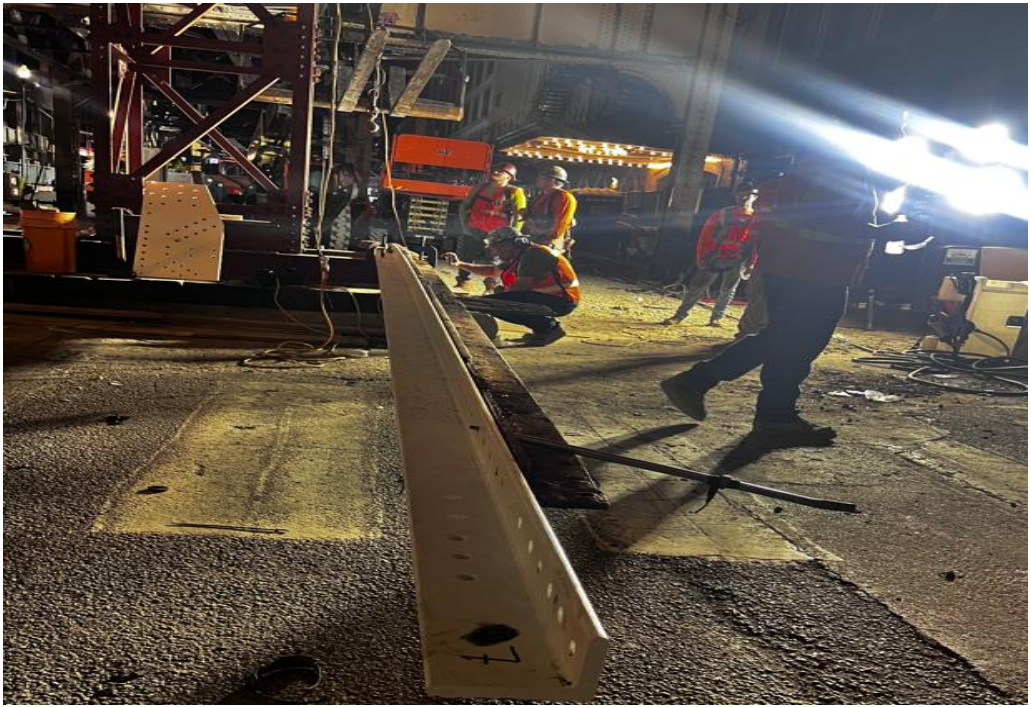
Phase	Description	Status
Construction	**State and Lake Elevated Station:**	
	• Demolition	Ongoing
	• Existing Steel Preparation	Ongoing
	• Track Structure and Bent Modifications	Ongoing
	• Station Foundation Work	Planned
	• New Platform and Structure Installation	Planned
	• Canopy and Transfer Bridge Installation	Planned
	• Stairway Installation	Planned
	• Elevator Installation	Planned
	• Mechanical. Electric and Plumbing Installation	Planned
	• Architectural Finish Installation	
	Lake Subway Station:	
	• Conduit and Fare array relocation	Ongoing
	• Subway Ceiling Demolition	Planned
	• Open excavation	Planned
	• Elevator installation - Lake Street mezzanine Level	Planned
	• Elevator Installation – Lake Street	Planned
	Roadway Work	
	• New median installation south of Lake Street	Planned
	• Street modifications	Planned

Project Title: CDOT- Loop Line- State and Lake Station Redesign

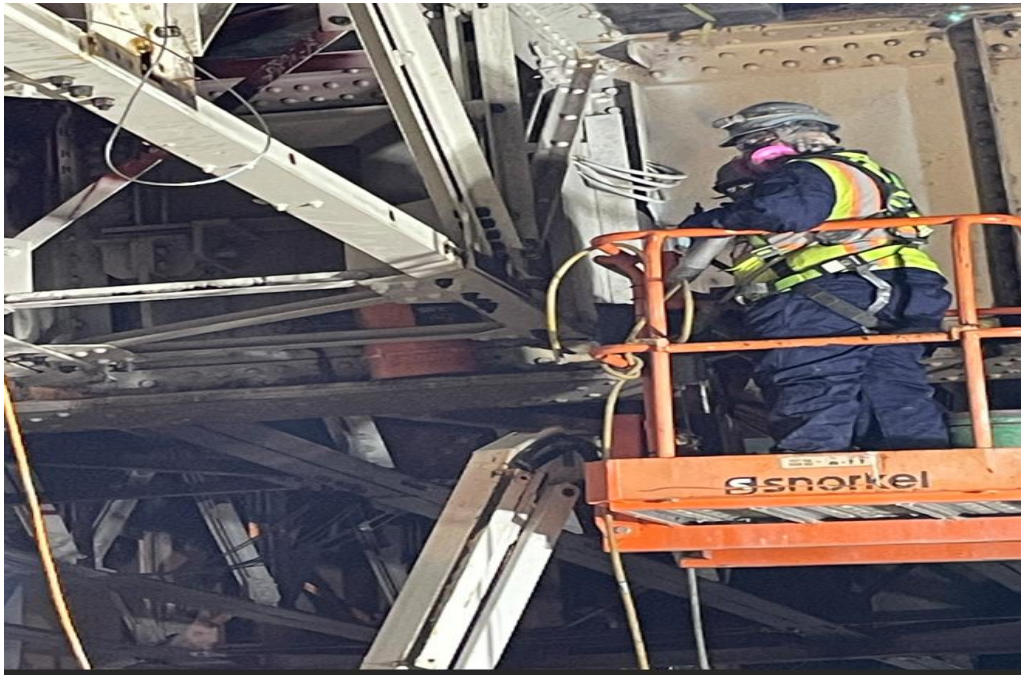


Trackwork to Accommodate Bent Replacement

Project Title: CDOT- Loop Line- State and Lake Station Redesign



Bottom Cord Stringer Replacement



Bolting and Painting of New Structural Steel

Project Title: CDOT- Loop Line- State and Lake Station Redesign



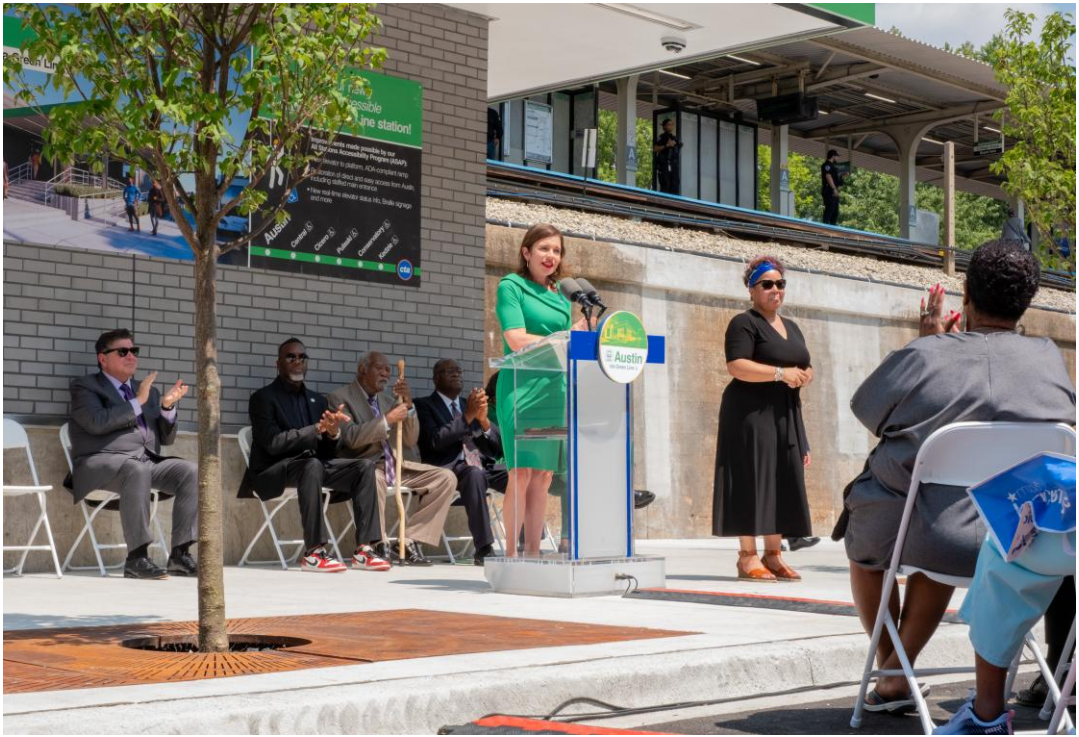
Track Tie Installation

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

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	**Canopy**	
	• Canopy demolition and restoration	Ongoing
	• Lights and communication systems	Ongoing
	Platform	
	• Decking Replacement	Completed
	• New Tactile tile installation	Ongoing
	• Temporary platform removal	Ongoing
	Elevator Tower	
	• Installation of new stainless-steel cladding	Ongoing
	• Elevator Ventilation	Completed
	Austin Stationhouse Interior	
	• Wall tile installation	Completed
	• Turnstile installation	Completed
	• Customer assistant kiosk	Ongoing
	• Interior electrical	Ongoing
	Sitework and Landscaping	
	• ADA Ramps and rails	Completed
	• Flower planting beds	Completed
	• Sidewalk and Traffic Controls	Completed

Delay Explanation:
N/A



Austin Station Opening Event



Austin Station Ribbon Cutting



Austin Station Entrance

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	**Racine Platform and Canopy (Loomis End):** • Canopy demolition and restoration • MEP and communication systems **Loomis Stationhouse Entrance**: • Demolition of existing stationhouse, ramp and columns • Rebuild New Structure & Shell • Bridge Level Interiors • Electrical and Mechanical Rooms • Electrical and Sanitary Underground Services **Loomis New ADA Ramp:** • Installation of new ADA ramp and columns • Installation of new ramp roofing system and MEP **Morgan Substation:** • Structure & shell • Bridge (1st) level and equipment (2nd) level interiors • Electrical and sanitary underground services • Traction power equipment delivery, installation, testing and commissioning **Hermitage Substation:** • Removal of existing traction power equipment • Traction power equipment delivery, installation, testing and commissioning	Complete Ongoing Complete Completed Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Complete Ongoing Complete Ongoing Ongoing Planned Complete Ongoing

Delay Explanation:

N/A

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Store Front and Historical Sign

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Stationhouse Exterior Plumbing

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



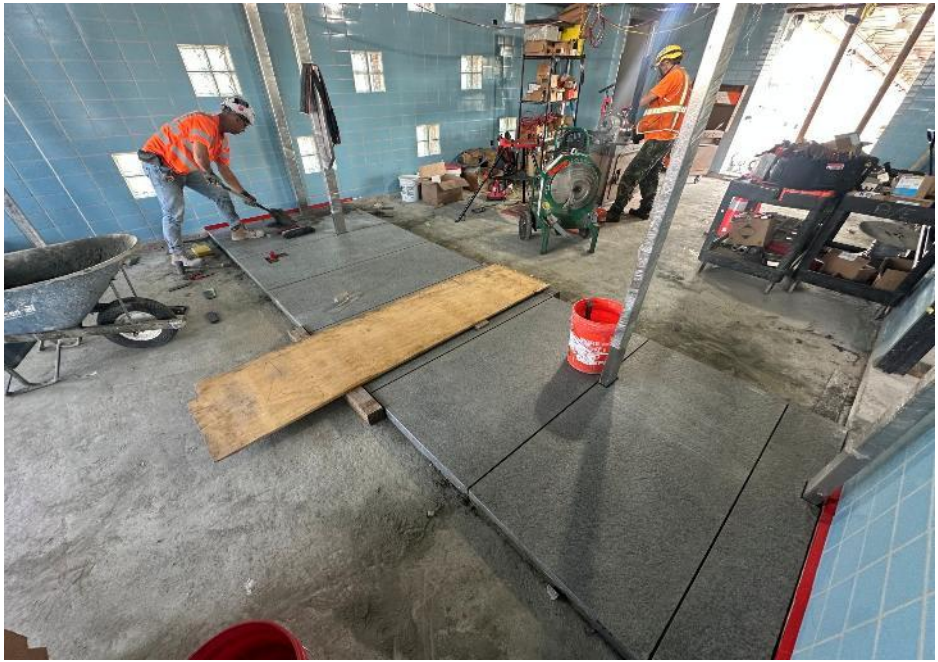
Loomis Stationhouse Electrical Room Structure

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Loomis Stationhouse Electrical Room Exterior

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



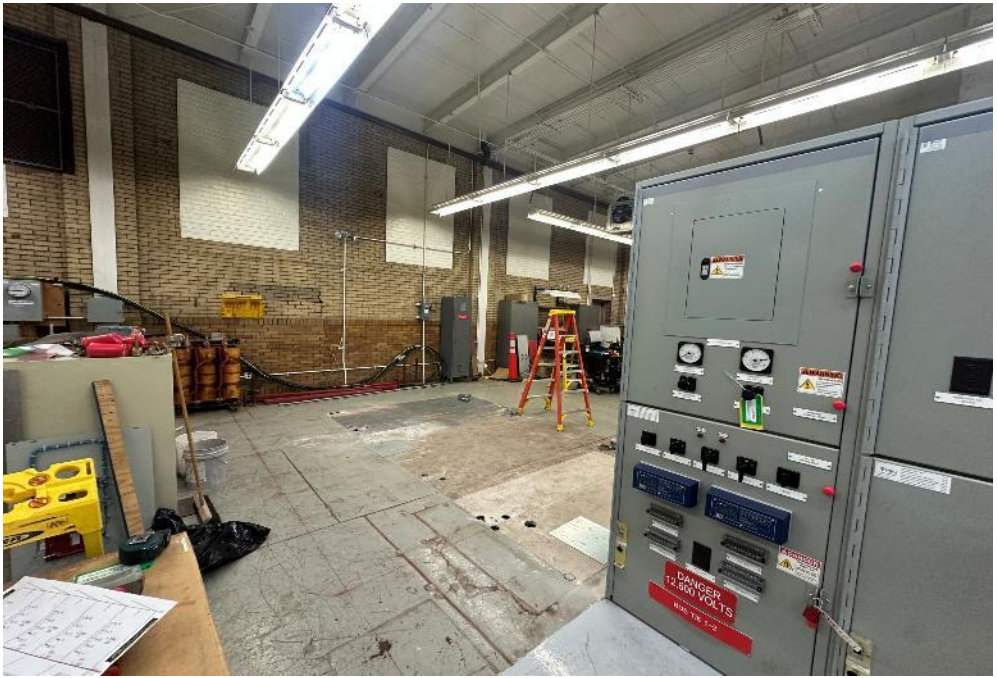
Loomis Stationhouse Interior – Fare Array Granite Flooring

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Morgan Substation Piles For ERS System at ComEd Pad

Project Title: Racine Station ADA & Traction Power Improvement Project



Hermitage Substation Rectifier Demolition and Floor Repair

Project Title: South Main Line – 43rd Station Improvements

Construction Progress

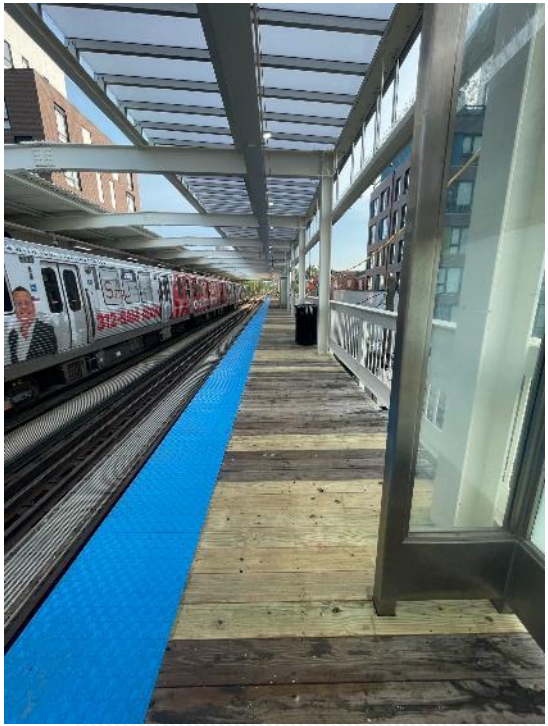
Phase	Description	Status
Construction		
	• Weekend Station Closure (Interior Demo)	Completed
	• Station House Roofing	Completed
	• Demo Inbound Exit Stair/ Pour Foundation	Completed
	• 28-Day IB Platform Ride-by	Completed
	• Repaint Elevated Track Structure	On-Going
	• 14-day Ride by for Outbound Platform	August
	• Weekend Station Closure	August

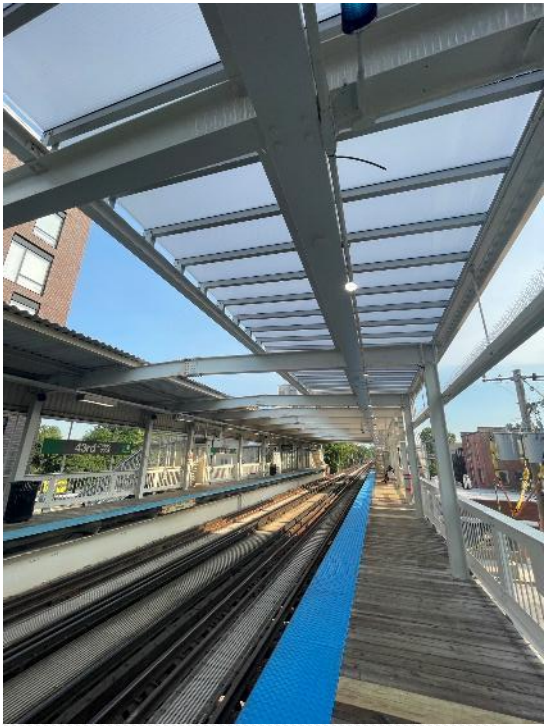
Project Title: South Main Line – 43rd Station Improvements



Main Stairs – New Galvanized Steel and Infill

Project Title: South Main Line – 43rd Station Improvements

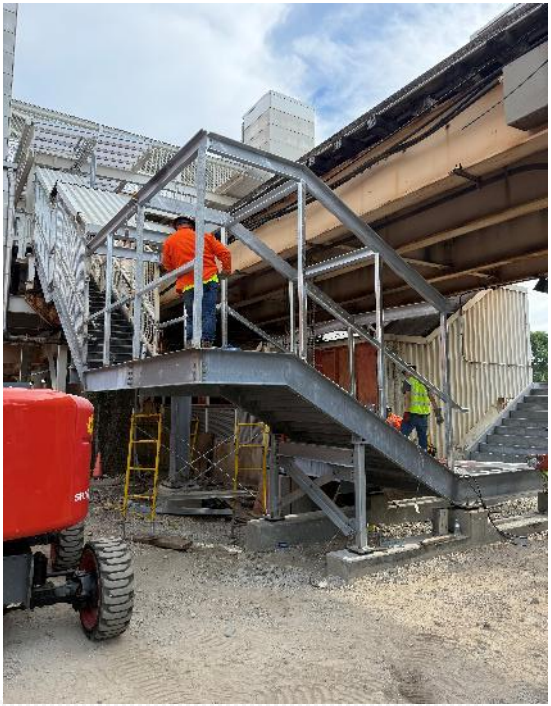




Inbound Canopy – New Polycarbonate Roof

Project Title: South Main Line – 43rd Station Improvements





Main Stairs – Installation of New Steel

Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	**Stage 2 Construction**	
	Station House Ceiling Replacement	Completed
	Lighting Replacement and Installation	Completed
	Bus Turnaround and Canopy	Completed
	Replace North Elevator	Late July
	Open East Fare Gates	Late July
	Upgrade Station Electric Service	Late July
	CA Kiosk	punch list

Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements





Bus Canopy– Roofing and Painting

Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements





South BTA – Completing Light Installation

Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



South Escalator/Stair - Painting

Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



Station House - MMA Floor Overlay

Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



Bus Turnaround – New Landscaping

Project Title: Western Brown Line Station Improvements



Dumpster Surround – Louvered Gate

Project Title: State of Illinois Center Improvements

Construction Progress

Phase	Description	Status
Construction	**New Entrance:** • Build out of New Entrance • Station Interiors • Station utilities	Ongoing – Expected Completion Fall 2026 Ongoing – Expected thru late 2027 Ongoing – Expected thru late 2027

Delay Explanation:
N/A

Project Title: State of Illinois Center Improvements





Building Exterior Looking at Northeast Entrance

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:	$725,180
Used last Month:	$139,067
Funding Source:	Various
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	January 2021 to December 31, 2026
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 Appearance 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.

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Department	Description	Status
Facility Maintenance	Rail Stations Full Program Scope 28 Stations (13 of 28 Completed)	
	• Damen-Milwaukee/Blue	Completed
	• Chicago/Red	Completed
	• California/Green	Completed
	• Forest Park/Blue	Completed
	• Kedzie/Brown	Completed
	• Montrose/Blue	Completed
	• Harlem-CN/Blue	Completed
	• Western/Pink	On-Going
	• Loyola/Red	On-Going
	• Pulaski/Green	Scheduled
	• Dempster-Skokie	Scheduled
	• South Boulevard/Purple	Scheduled
	Bus Turnaround Full Program (8 of 14 Completed)	
	• 112th & Torrence	Completed
	• Caldwell & Central	On-Going
	• 63rd & Narragansett	Completed
	• Irving Park & Kedvale	Completed
	• 115th & Springfield	Completed
	• North Ave & Clark	On-Going
	• Madison & Austin	Scheduled
	• Belmont & Octavia	Scheduled

Delay Explanation:

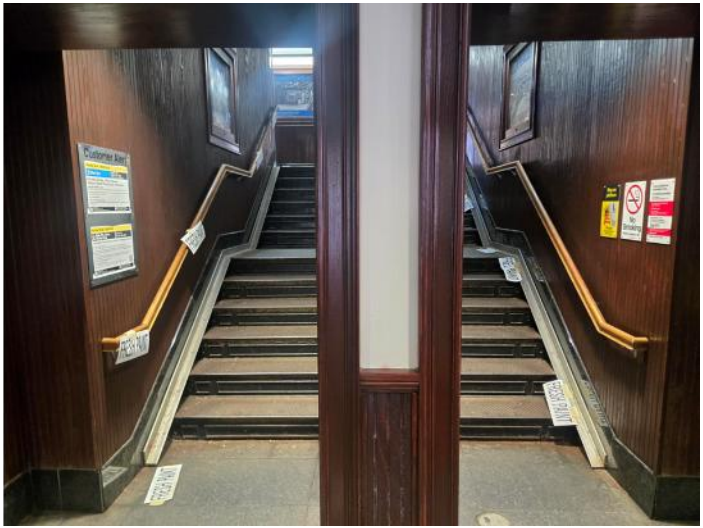
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Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Damen/Milwaukee Blue Line – Staircase Walls Refinished

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Damen/Milwaukee Blue Line – Staircase Walls Refinished

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before





After





Damen/Milwaukee Blue Line – Staircase Canopy Repairs

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Chicago Red Line – Entrance Repair

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Chicago Red Line – Staircase Trim Repair

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before

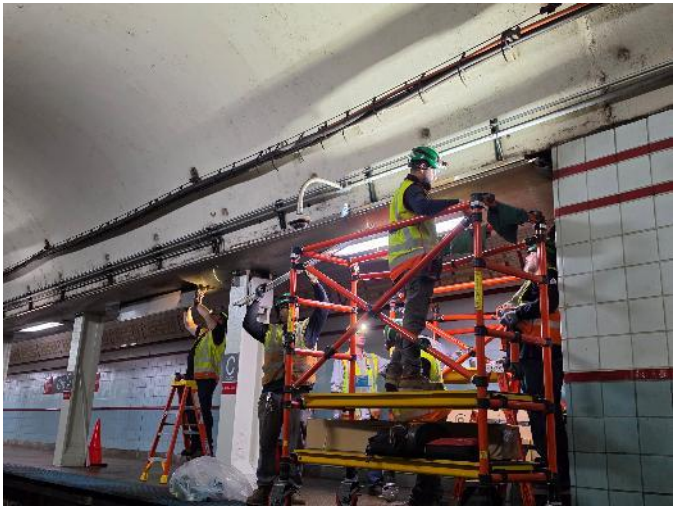


After



Chicago Red Line – Staircase Granite Repaired

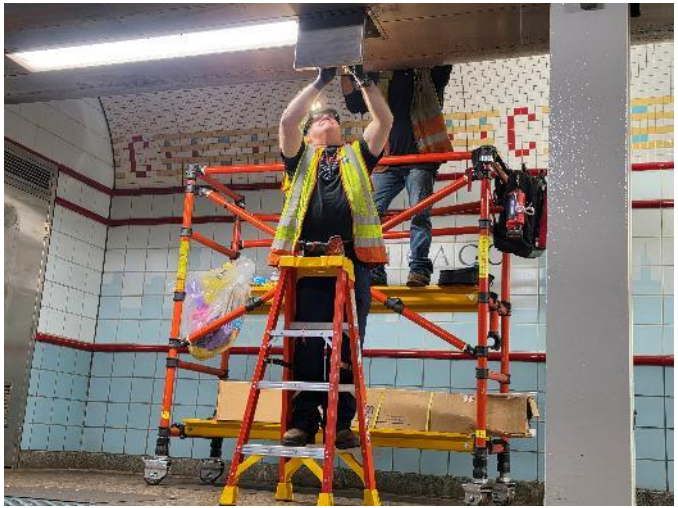
Project Title: Refresh & Renew





Chicago Red Line - Refreshing

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Chicago Red Line - Refreshing

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Before



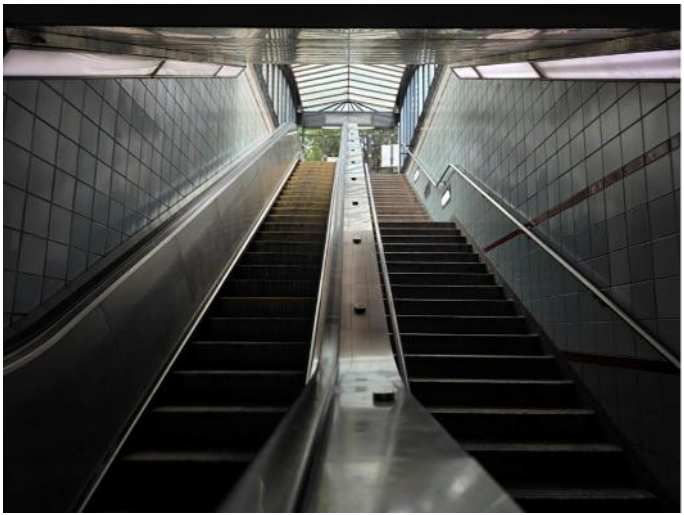
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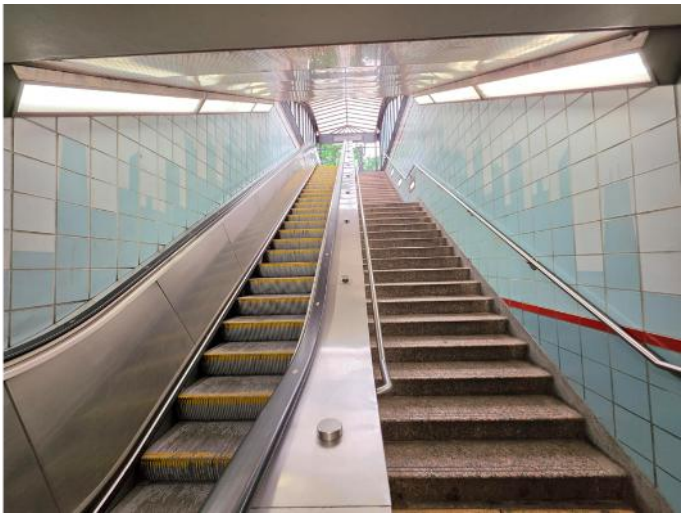
Chicago Red Line – Lighting Repairs

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Chicago Red Line – Lighting Repairs

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



California Green Line – Platform Benches Refinished

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



California Green Line – Staircases Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



California Green Line – Roto Gate Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



California Green Line – Bench Refinished

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Forest Park Blue Line – Terminal Canopy Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Forest Park Blue Line – Terminal Curbs & Canopy Repaired/Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



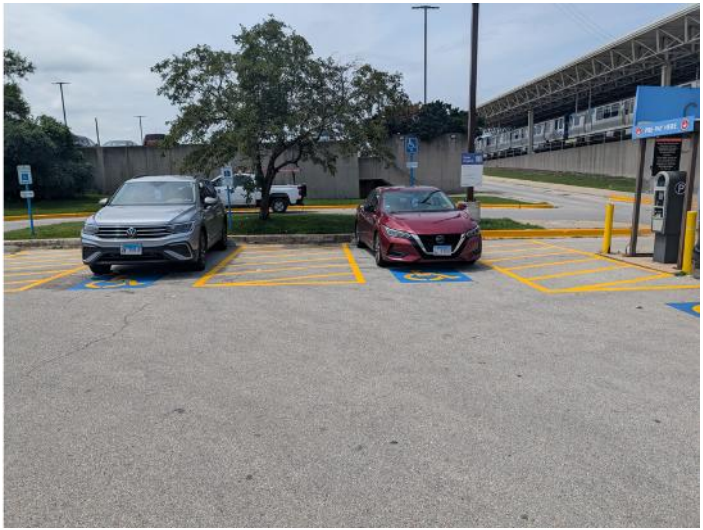
Forest Park Blue Line – Concrete Repaired

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

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Forest Park Blue Line – Terminal Parking Lot Restriped

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Forest Park Blue Line – Manhole Repaired

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



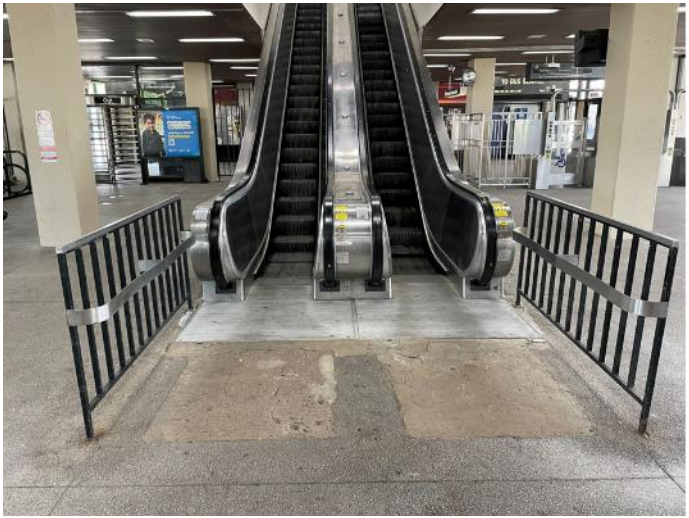
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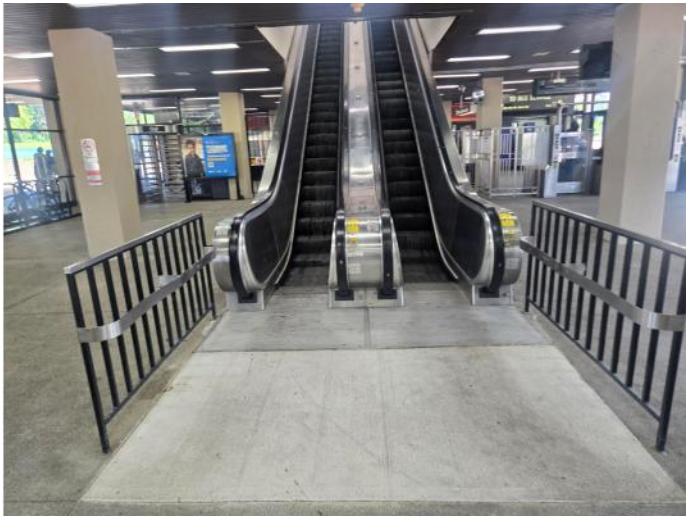
Forest Park Blue Line – Mezzanine Benches Refinished

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Forest Park Blue Line – Mezzanine Concrete Repairs

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Forest Park Blue Line – Platform Concrete Repairs

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Kedzie Brown Line – Station Housing & Walls Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew





Montrose Blue – Refreshing

Project Title: Refresh & Renew





Montrose Blue – Refreshing

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Montrose Blue – Canopy Repaired & Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



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Harlem Congress Blue – Staircase Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

Before



After



Harlem Congress Blue – Storage Area Refreshed

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

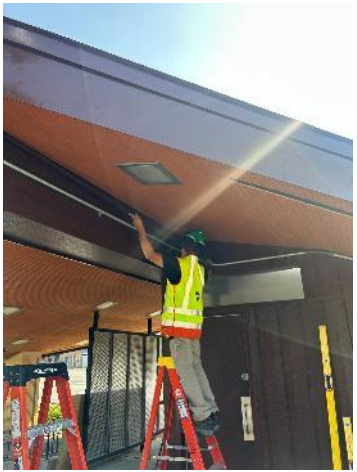
Before





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Central & Caldwell BTA – Canopy Repairs

Project Title: Refresh & Renew

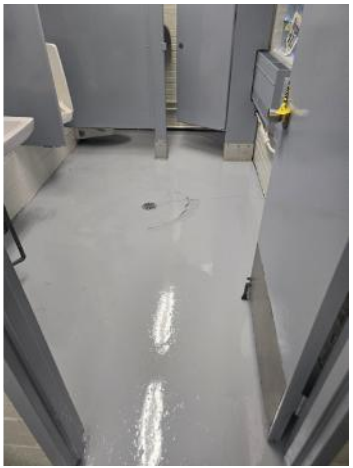
Before





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Irving Park & Kedvale BTA – Flooring Exopy

Project Title: Up To Speed Slow Zone Removal

Justification of Need:	The Up To Speed Slow Zone Removal Project is a CTA Track Maintenance implemented plan to tactically remove slow zones throughout the rail system. This project will improve track infrastructure and bring several locations back to normal speed. Customers will experience a faster and smoother ride due to the completion of these large scale, complex projects.
Priority of Project:	High
Total Project Budget:	$10,000,000
Expended to Date:	$3,220,000.00
Used last Month:	$543,000.00
Funding Source:	RTA Sales Tax
Estimated Start Date/Estimated Length of Project:	May 01, 2026, to December 31, 2026
Contractor	CTA Forces

For 2026, six locations will see track infrastructure improvements resulting in the removal of slow zones

- Red Line – State Street Subway – Tie renewal between north portal and Armitage abutment - 3,080 feet of slow zone
- Green Line – Jackson Park – Track Renewal between King Drive and Cottage Grove on the Southbound track – 2,160 feet of slow zone
- Blue Line – O'Hare – Replacing turnout steel and ties in Nagle and River Road Interlockings – 9,311 feet of slow zone
- Blue Line – O'Hare – Replacing running rail in Old Mannheim curve between Rosemont and O'Hare stations – 4,121 feet of slow zone
- Yellow Line – Rebuilding Crawford grade crossing – 7,100 feet of slow zone
- Brown Line – Ravenswood Loop - Replacing ties and running rail in Church Curve between Sedgwick and Chicago stations – 2,694 feet of slow zone

Note: expenditures to date also include material procurement for four of the six projects

Project Title: **Up To Speed** Slow Zone Removal

Department	Description	Status
Track Maintenance	Slow Zone Removal • Red Line – State Street Subway – North portal to Armitage abutment • Green Line – Jackson Park – King Drive to Cottage Grove Southbound track • Blue Line – O'Hare – Nagle and River Road Interlockings • Blue Line – O'Hare – Old Mannheim Curve • Yellow Line – Crawford Grade Crossing • Brown Line – Ravenswood Loop – Church Curve	Complete 50% Complete September 2026 September 2026 Fall 2026 Fall 2026 Fall 2026

Delay Explanation:

N/A

Project Title: **Up To Speed** Slow Zone Removal

Jackson Park Branch – Southbound Track Replacement





Replacing ~1,800 feet of existing 50-year-old track between King Drive & Cottage Grove stations

Project Title: **Up To Speed** Slow Zone Removal

Jackson Park Branch – Southbound Track Replacement





New 40’ pre-built track panels being unloaded and installed

Project Title: **Up To Speed** Slow Zone Removal

Jackson Park Branch – Southbound Track Replacement





960/1,800 feet of new track was installed in the first weekend line cut

Project Title: **Up To Speed** Slow Zone Removal

Jackson Park Branch – Southbound Track Replacement

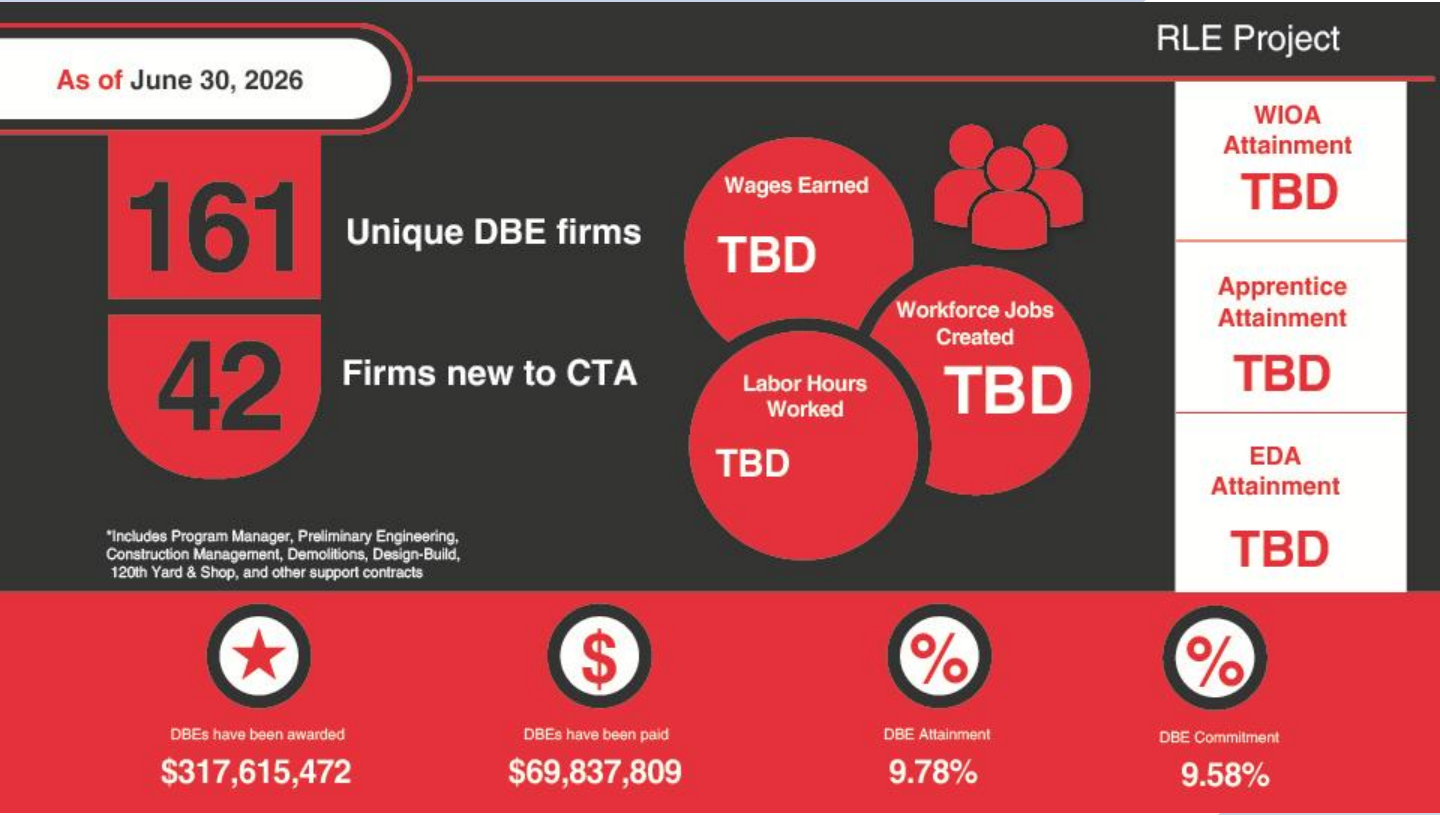


Old Track

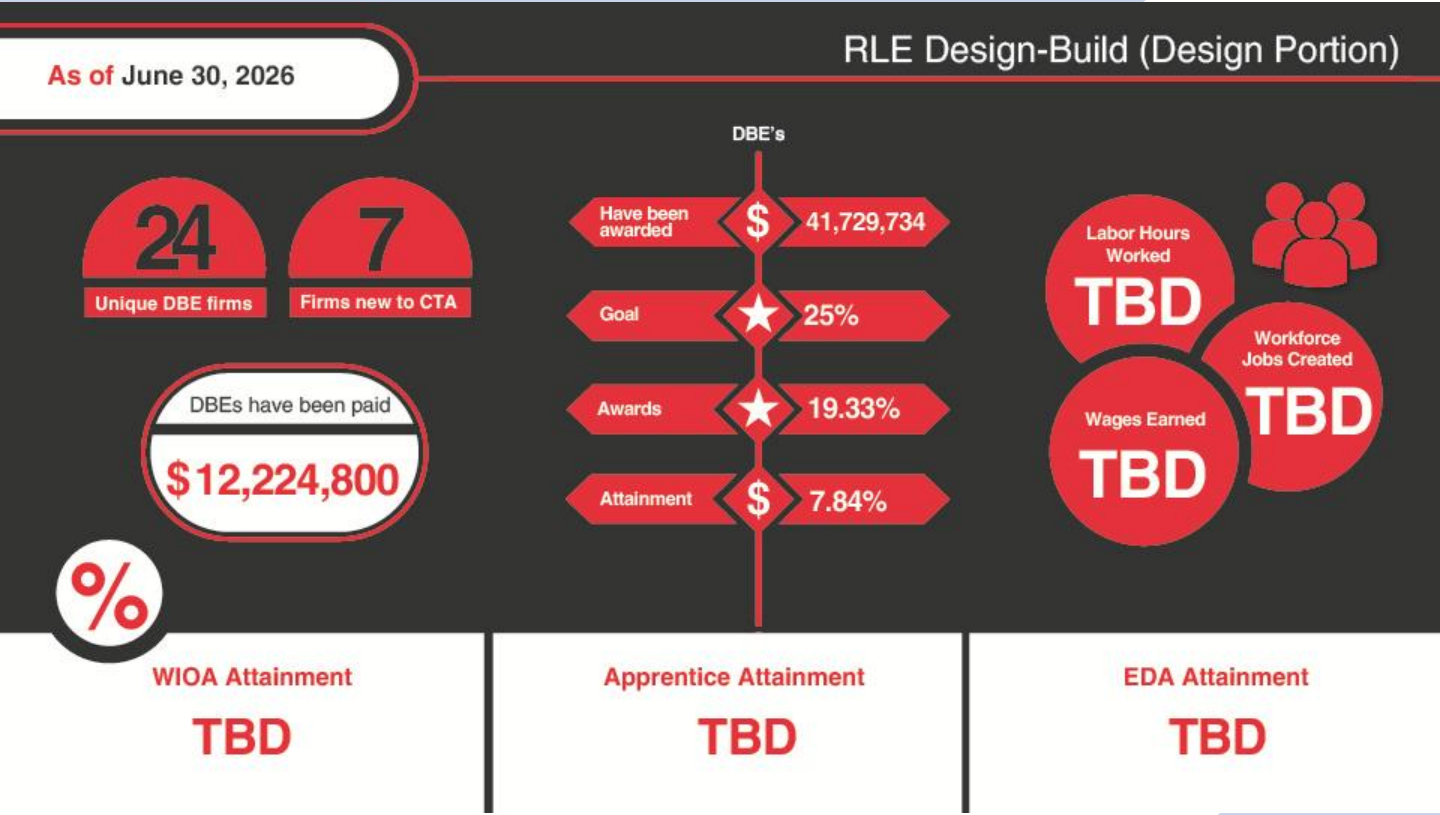


Old Track Meets New

RLE Program Through June 30, 2026



RLE Design-Build (Design) Through June 30, 2026



Workforce Connections at the RLE Community Office

Date: July 7, 2026



50 Attendees





Each month a member of CTA Diversity Programs' Workforce Initiative team will be available at the RLE Community Office to provide resources for community members interested in employment in the construction trades. Community members will discover career opportunities on major CTA projects, learn about pre-apprentice training programs, and explore open roles specifically on the Red Line Extension Project.

July 2026 Outreach Events

Workforce Connections	July 7, 2026	2026 | 16th Ward Vendor Fair - Exhibitor	July 21, 2026
Unidos in Construction (UNIDOS) 2nd Anniversary	July 16, 2026	Annual African American Contractors (AACA) 22nd Annual Contractor's Day	July 25, 2026
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) - Summer Networking Event	July 16, 2026		