

# #53 Pulaski and #93 California/Dodge

*Continuously Evolving, Investing in Service*

June 2025

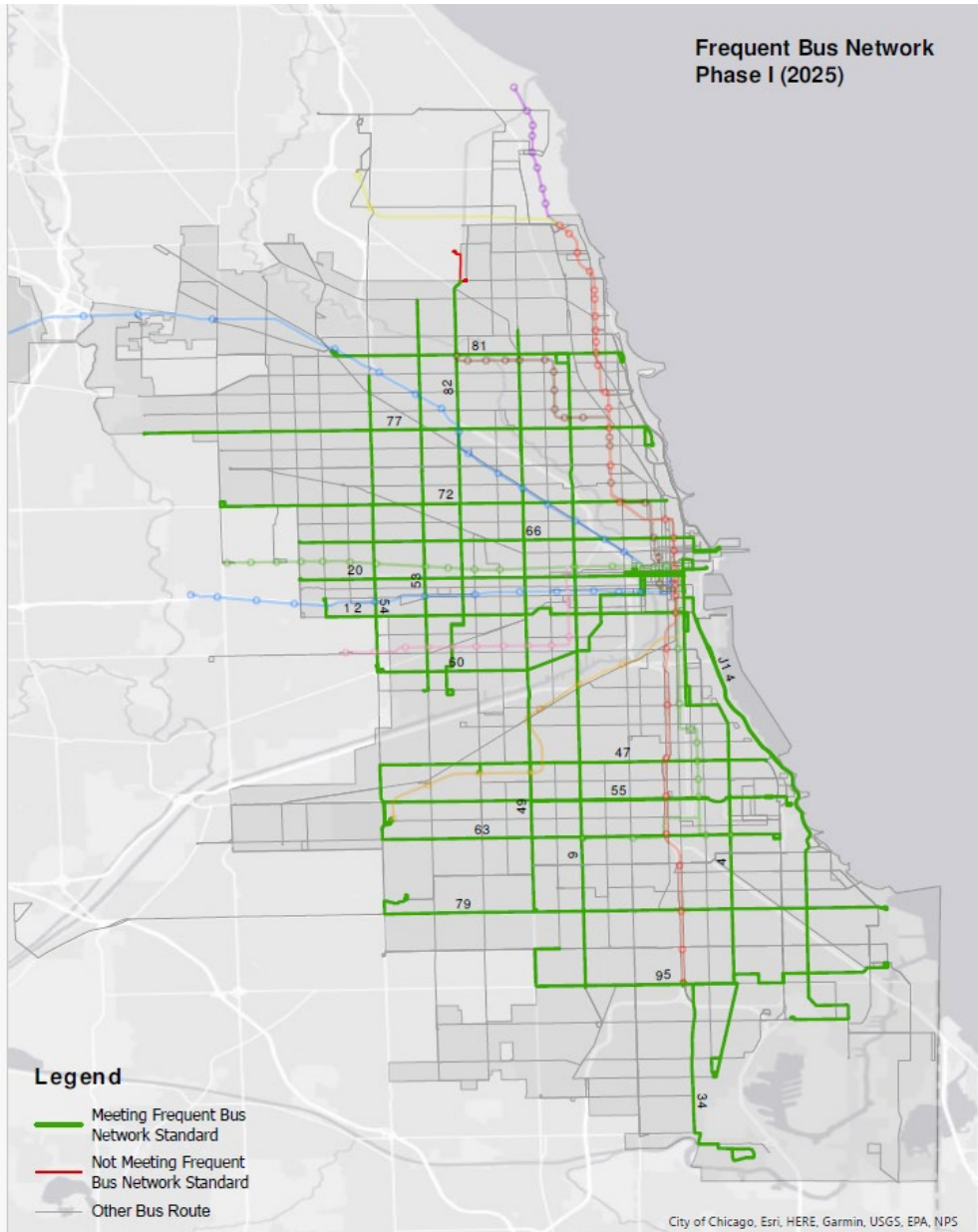
# 2025 Service Goals

- Create a consistent, reliable and frequent network across the service area to better support existing riders and encourage more rides
- Reach new mobility patterns and unlock new riders/more rides
- Address persistent gaps in service and identify network enhancements to for riders not well served today as well as drive new riders to the system

# Overview of Bus Route Changes in 2025

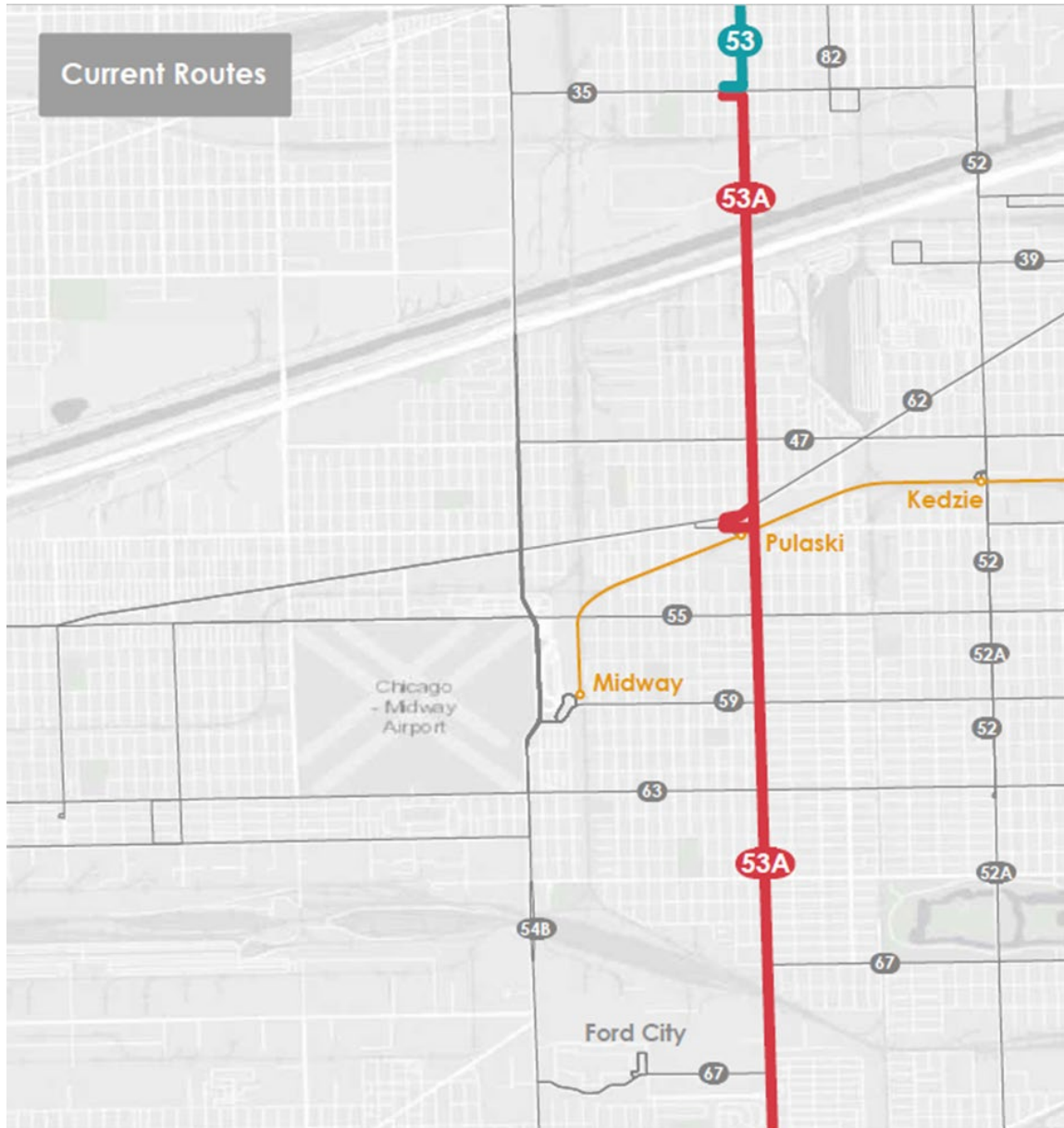
- Frequent Network on 20 bus routes
- Major restructuring / expansions
  - #53/#53A/#N53 Pulaski Corridor (*seeking Board approval*)
  - #93 California / Dodge (*seeking Board approval*)
- Minor changes
  - Routing Changes - #75, #82 and #81W
  - Owl extensions - #4 and #66
  - Span changes - #18, #147, and #157

# 2025 Frequent Network (FN)



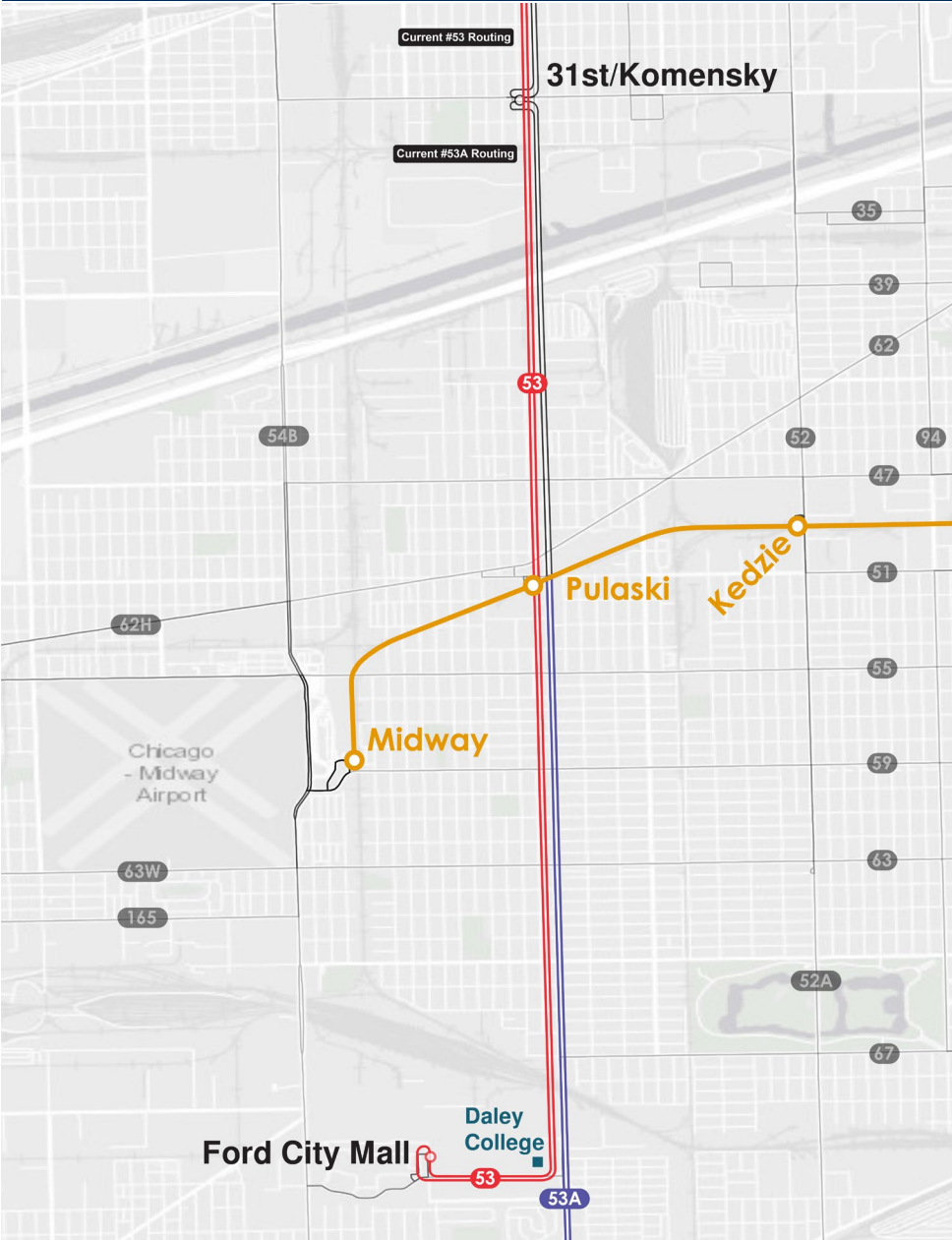
- **20 bus routes at 10 minute or better**
  - 6 AM to 9 PM weekdays
  - 9 AM to 9 PM weekends
  - Improves service midday, evening and weekends
- 8 routes launched in Spring 2025
  - #J14 Jeffrey Jump; #34 South Michigan; #47 47<sup>th</sup> Street; #55 55/Garfield; #63 63<sup>rd</sup> Street; #79 79<sup>th</sup> Street; #95 95<sup>th</sup> Street
- Next 4 routes to be launched June 15, 2025
  - Madison, Cottage Grove, Chicago, Cicero

# Pulaski Corridor – Current Routing



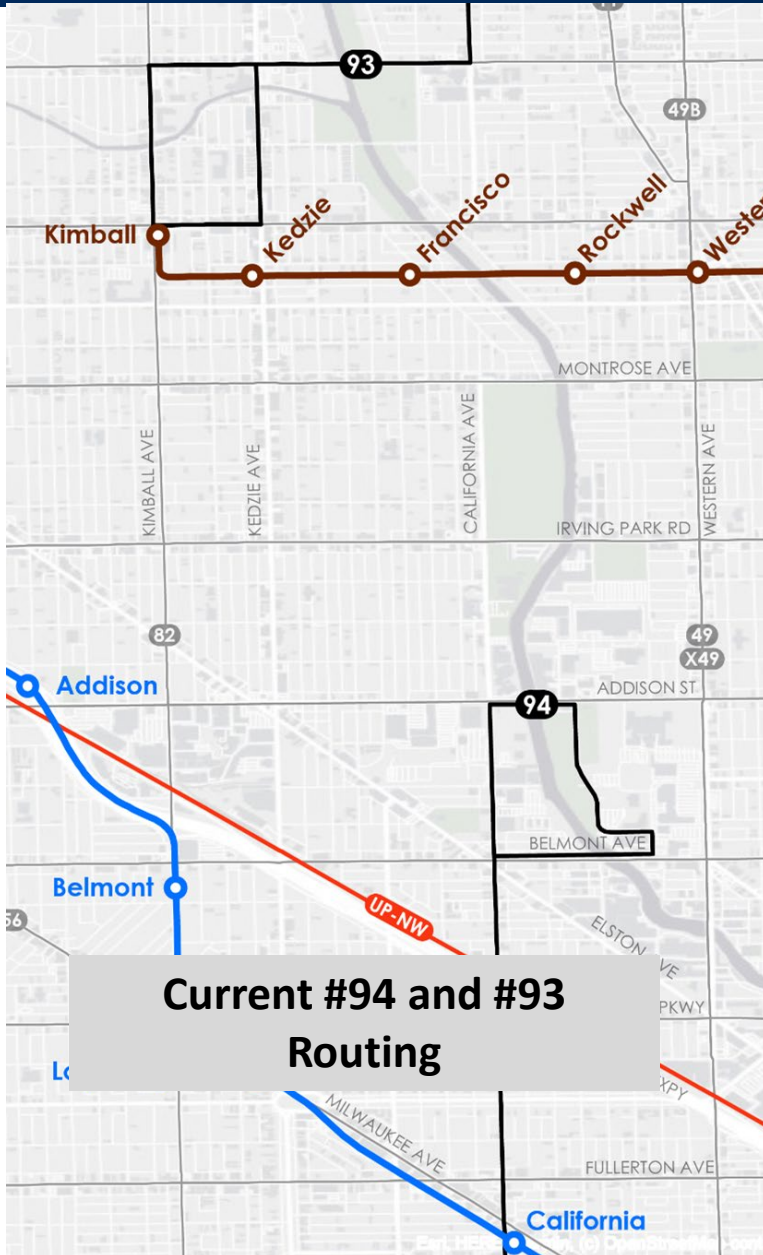
- On Pulaski corridor, there are two routes (#53 and #53A) that ‘meet’ at 31<sup>st</sup> and Komensky; no service overlap
  - #53 operates between Peterson and 31<sup>st</sup>/Komensky
  - #53A operates between 31<sup>st</sup>/Komensky and 115<sup>th</sup>/Springfield
- Combined these routes deliver nearly 40M rides a year
- While this is a high performing corridor, CTA believes it needs to be redesigned to better serve riders
  - Approx. 360 weekday transfers between 53 and 53A but neighboring routes have 1,650 to 3,750 through rides in this area.

# Pulaski Corridor – Proposed Routing (seeking Board approval)



- **Extend #53 Pulaski to Ford City terminal**
  - 6.5 mile extension; add the entire extent Frequent Network
  - Significantly improves service frequency on Pulaski between 31<sup>st</sup> St and 76<sup>th</sup> St
  - Connects with 18 east-west bus routes and 3 rail lines (Blue, Green, Pink)
  - Serves Ford City Mall and Daley College
- **Terminate #53A at Pulaski Orange Line**
  - New north terminal will be 2.5 miles south of existing terminal at 31st
  - Overlap with #53 south of Orange Line is in more densely populated area
- **31<sup>st</sup>/Komensky bus terminal available for #82 Kimball/Homan**
  - On street terminal currently to a dedicated CTA bus terminal with washroom access
- **Estimated 2,000 additional daily rides**
- ***Effective Fall 2025 (August 2025; before start of school)***

# California Corridor – Current #94 California and #93 California/Dodge

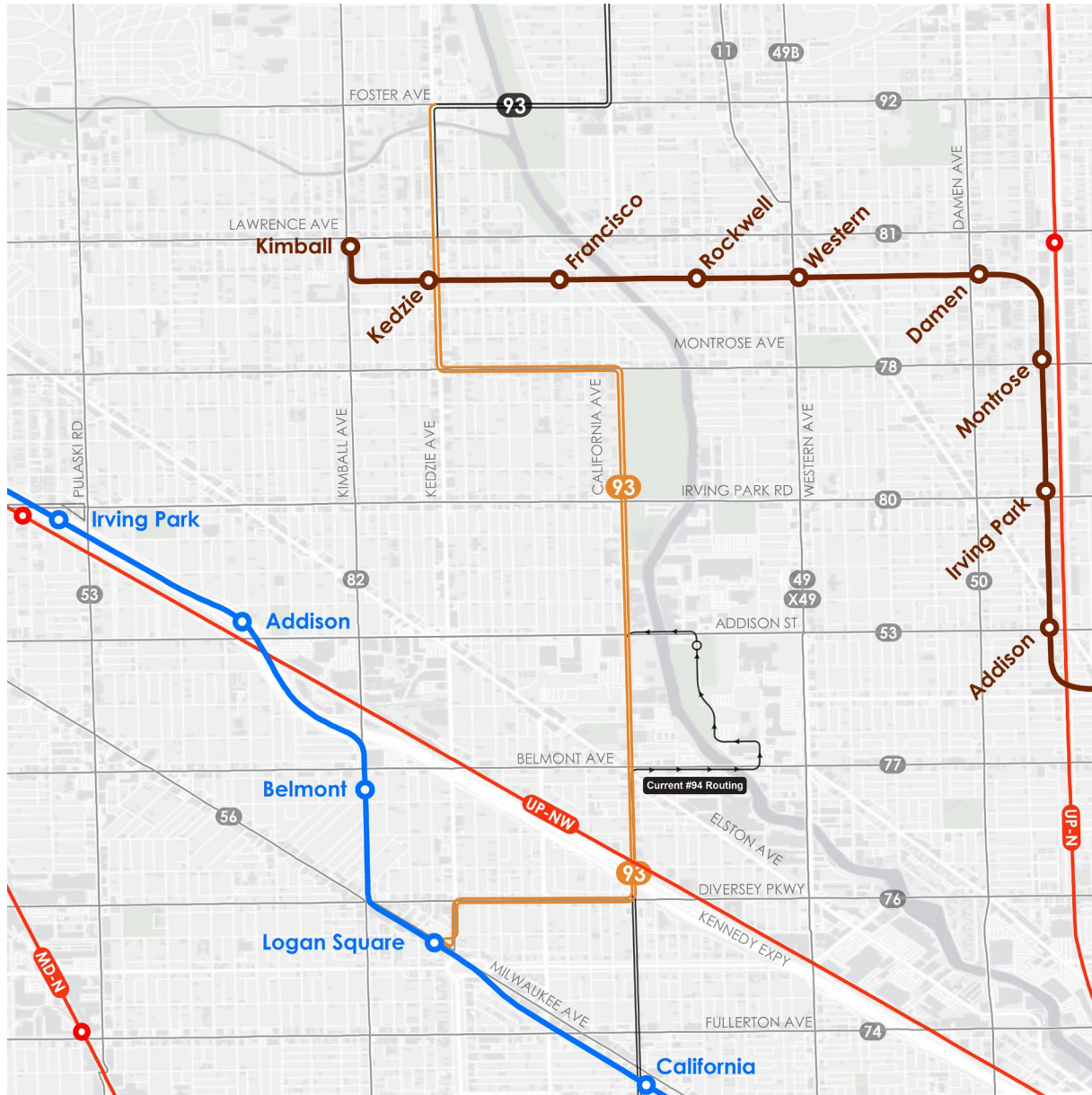


## Current #93 Routing



- #93 Operates weekdays and Saturdays between Kimball Brown Line and Davis Purple Line
  - Top half of weekday productivity among CTA routes; top 25% among weekend productivity
  - No Sunday service
- #94 operates all days between Addison/Rockwell and 74<sup>th</sup>/Damen
- ~2 mile service gap on California Ave between the two routes

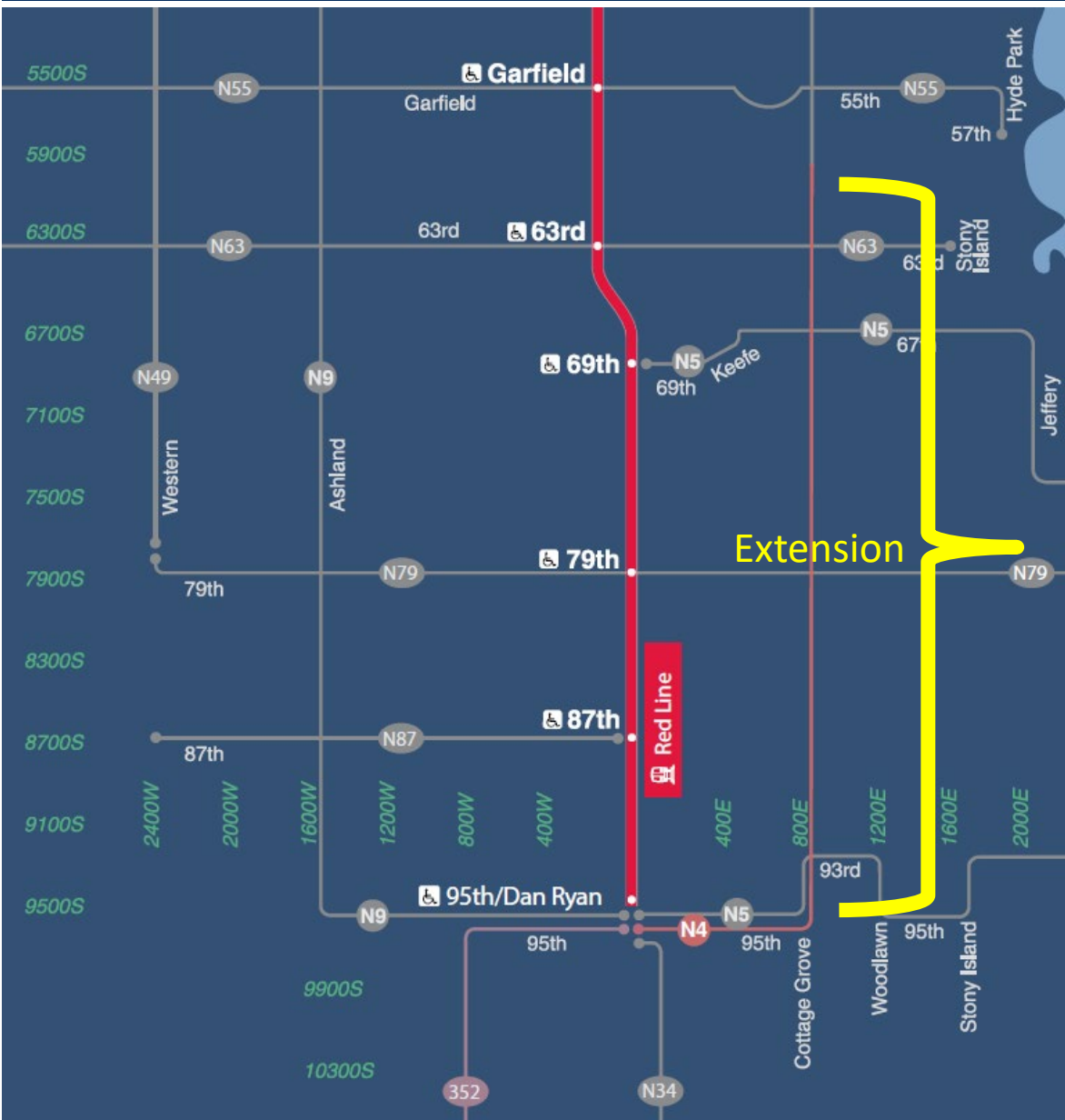
# California Corridor – Proposed Routing (seeking Board approval)



- **Extend #93 California/Dodge to Logan Square Blue Line**
  - 0500 to 2140 hours, weekdays
  - 0700 to 2015 hours, weekends
  - Top request from ‘feedback’ and 33<sup>rd</sup> Ward
  - *Effective Winter 2025*
- **Introduction of Sunday Service on #93**
  - Match existing Saturday service levels
  - *Effective Fall 2025*
- **Filling a transit gap**
  - Closes gap in bus service on California Avenue
  - Facilitate transfers on #93 to #94 California, #78 Montrose, #80 Irving Park, #152 Addison, #77 Belmont, #76 Diversey, #56 Milwaukee, and Blue Line
  - Brown Line transfer maintained via Kedzie

**Estimated 1,000 additional daily rides**

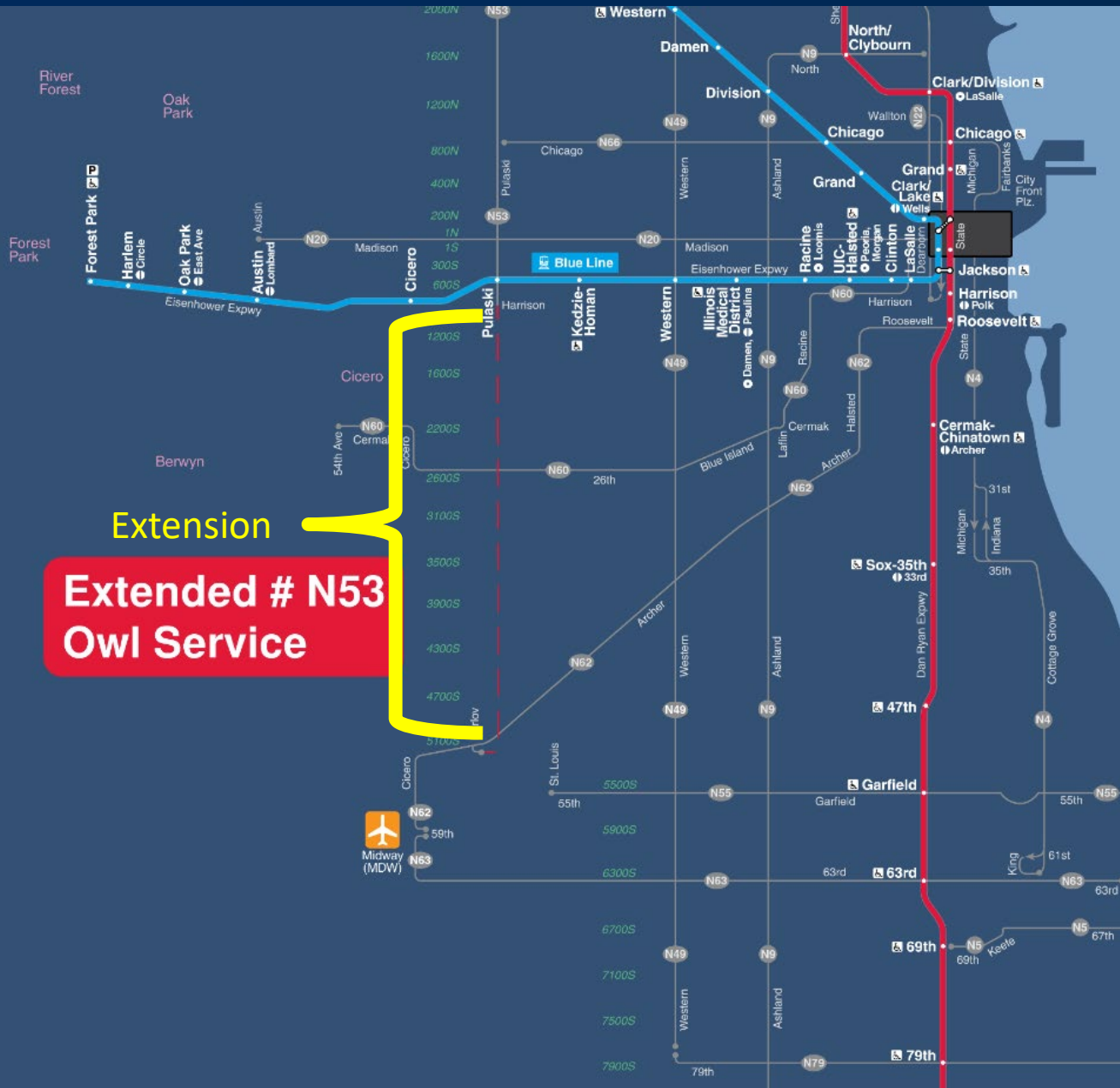
# N4 Cottage Grove – Owl Improvements



- **Extend owl trips south from Cottage Grove/63rd to 95<sup>th</sup>/State**

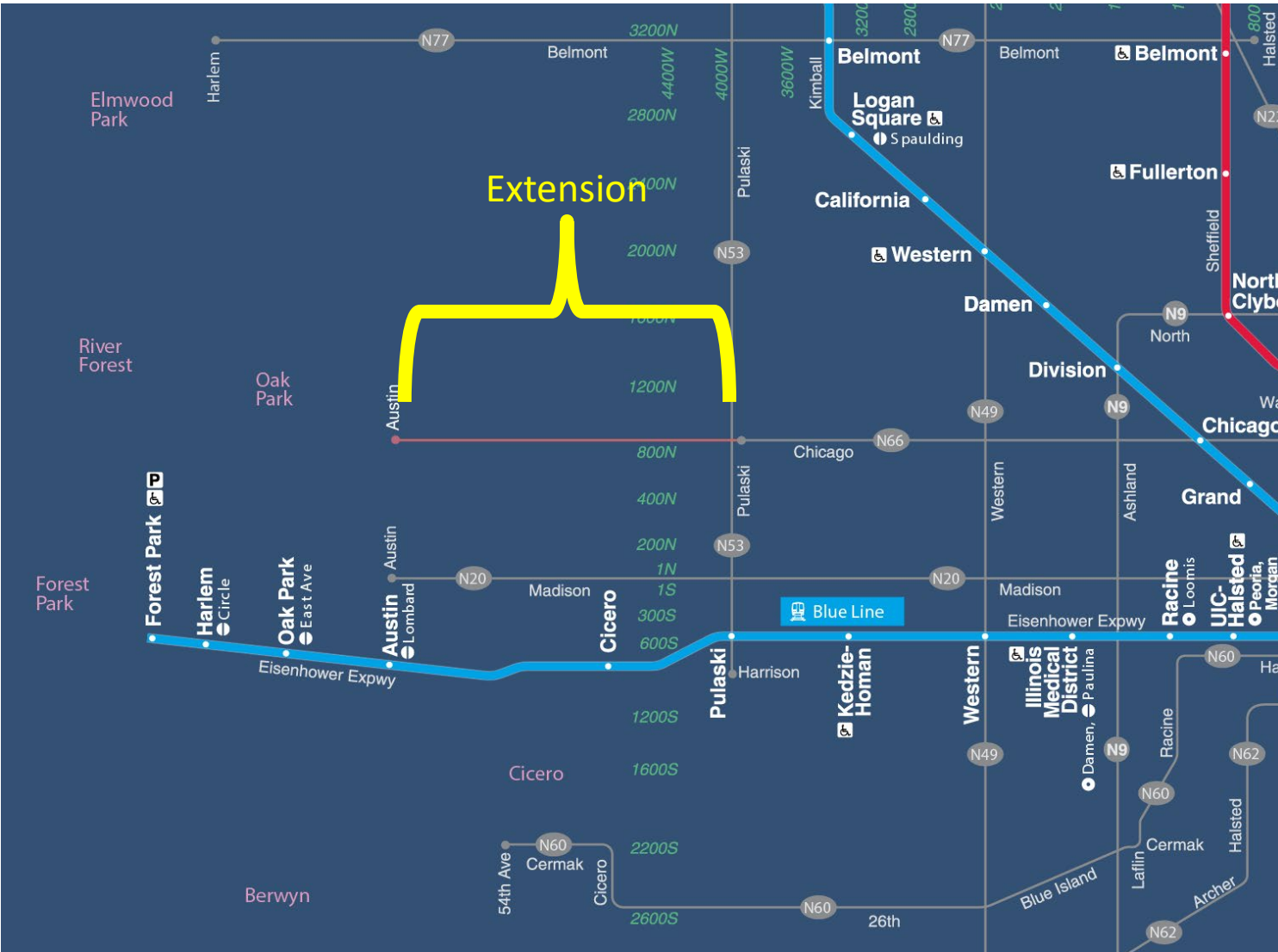
- Extending 4.9 miles for 6 trips, every 30 minutes
- Improve coverage and connectivity with the Owl network on the south side
- Improve operator facilities at south terminal
- Owl connections: N5, N9, N20, N22, N34, N55, N60, N62, N63, N79, Red Line, Blue Line, Pace 352
- Implementation alongside #4 frequent network

# Pulaski Corridor – N53 Owl Service



- #N53 Pulaski will operate 24-hour service to Pulaski Orange Line
  - Extending 5.1 miles
  - Transfer to #N62 Archer
  - Currently terminates at Harrison/Pulaski

# N66 Chicago – Owl Improvements



- **Extend owl trips west from Pulaski/Chicago to Austin/Chicago**
  - Extending 2.5 miles for 4 trips, every 30 minutes
    - Aligns Owl Route with current #66 routing
  - Provide 24-hour service to Austin neighborhood for third-shift workers
  - Owl connections: N4, N9, N20, N22, N49, N53, N60, N62, Blue Line, and Red Line
  - Implementation alongside #66 frequent network

# Span Changes

- **#18 16<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>** – all day types until 10:30 PM
  - Weekday service ends at 9:10pm
  - Saturday and Sunday service ends at 7:45pm
  - Avg. 120 rides in last trip; 22<sup>nd</sup> most productive last hour
- **#147 Outer DuSable Lake Shore Express** – all day types until 11:30 PM
  - Ends at 10:30pm for all day types
  - Avg. 210 rides in last trip; 21<sup>st</sup> most productive last hour
- **#157 Streeterville/Taylor** – weekdays until 9:30 PM
  - Only weekday service; ends at 7:15pm
  - Avg. 190 rides in last trip; 30<sup>th</sup> most productive last hour