



## Red Line Extension

Property Acquisition Board Briefing  
October 14, 2022





**1969:**  
Mayor Richard J. Daley promised extension past 95<sup>th</sup> St.

**2004:** Non-Binding Referendum

**2006:** Alternatives Analysis

**2009:** Locally Preferred Alternative Selected

**2016:** Draft EIS Published

**2018:** Preferred Alignment Selected

**2020:** Entered Project Development

**2022:** Completed Environmental Review & 30% Design

**Now:**  
RLE is moving ahead

**More progress made in the last few years than the past several decades**

- RLE Project Team have been actively engaged in outreach since 2016
  - Focused on fostering relationships in the community
  - Consistent team members
- The Acquisitions & Relocations Team (ART):
  - Dedicated portion of the RLE team focused on real estate issues
- Outreach methods to property owners have included:
  - Door-to-door
  - Letters (certified and regular)
  - Office Hours
  - Elected official engagement
  - Community meetings
- Bilingual materials and team members have been made available

- **2016** – Following publication of the DEIS, property owners potentially impacted by the East and West Options were provided information about the project
- **2018** – Property owners were informed about the selection of the Preferred Alignment, including which properties would be impacted
- **Summer 2021** – Coordination with some property owners on environmental site assessments in accordance with NEPA requirements
- **Jan/Feb 2022** – Owners and tenants were invited to public events and/or to schedule one-on-one meeting with the PMC ART
- **Spring 2022** – Additional mailings and door-to-door outreach informing owners and tenants of project activities, schedule, their rights and benefits, and continued one-on-one meetings
- **Summer 2022** – Letter of Intent delivered to property owners with continued opportunity for one-on-one meetings

# Property Types

- 216 parcels includes:
  - 103 privately-owned parcels
  - 113 are institutional/railroad
- The 103 privately owned parcels:
  - Include commercial and residential
  - 64 of these are occupied
- A total of 182 parcels are required for project
- 34 potential parcels are required for park mitigation



Red Line Extension Preferred Alignment



- Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Policies Act of 1970 sets requirements for:
  - Acquisition: Purchase of real estate
  - Relocation: Additional benefits for displaced property owners and tenants
- Goal is to ensure that impacted people are **“treated fairly and equitably and receive just compensation for, and assistance in moving from, the property they occupy.”**
- Relocation benefits are specific to type of property:
  - Businesses
  - Residential Homeowner Occupants
  - Tenants

- Board authority is required to acquire property and for relocation payments
  - Enabling ordinance will include authority for the Chief Infrastructure Officer and the General Counsel to acquire and authorize payment for properties;
  - Only for properties costing less than \$1M;
  - Will ensure prompt payment to Property Owners.
- Third Party agreements for institutional properties will be brought to the Board separately.
- Board consideration today for two items:
  - Enabling ordinance for RLE property acquisitions
  - Third party agreement with Cook County Land Bank Authority



# Thank you!

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