



# THE FINAL STAGE!

RED-PURPLE BYPASS AND  
NORTH BELMONT RED-PURPLE RECONSTRUCTION  
**COMMUNITY MEETING**

OCTOBER 16, 2023

# WE ARE TWO-THIRDS COMPLETE WITH WORK IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- Red-Purple Bypass opened in November 2021
- Southbound Red Line tracks between Belmont and Newport/Cornelia rebuild and completed in fall 2023
- Coming next: Rebuild northbound tracks through 2025



# TWO YEARS OF RED-PURPLE BYPASS

Red-Purple Bypass opened in  
**NOVEMBER 2021**

**UNCLOG RED, PURPLE, BROWN LINE**  
rail junction built in early 1900s

Allows entire CTA system to  
**RUN SMOOTHER**

**INCREASE CAPACITY**  
for Red, Purple and Brown Line trains

**OVER 6 MILLION**  
customer trips from  
November 2021 to  
summer 2023



# NORTH BELMONT RED-PURPLE RECONSTRUCTION

- Completely reconstruct 100-year-old tracks and structure between W. Belmont Ave. and W. Cornelia Ave.
- Includes removing the track curve at W. Newport Ave. that restricts speed
- New track structure is designed to allow trains to move quicker, more smoothly, and with less noise



# NORTH BELMONT RED-PURPLE RECONSTRUCTION

- New closed deck structure and noise walls are designed to reduce train noise for residents and pedestrians
- Along with the Bypass, allows for more train capacity – less crowding during rush periods
- Southbound tracks to be completed fall 2023



UPGRADING  
**BROWN LINE TRACKS**

**90% COMPLETE**  
with steel rehabilitation  
work

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**LEAD ABATEMENT  
COMPLETED**  
with final paint  
touch-ups needed

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**COMPLETED**  
foundation  
rehabilitation

Street-level improvements  
expected to  
**CONTINUE INTO 2025**

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CONSTRUCTION

# TIMELINE





## CONSTRUCTION APPROACH

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**RECONSTRUCTION OF  
SOUTHBOUND TRACKS**  
began in late 2021 and will  
be completed fall 2023.

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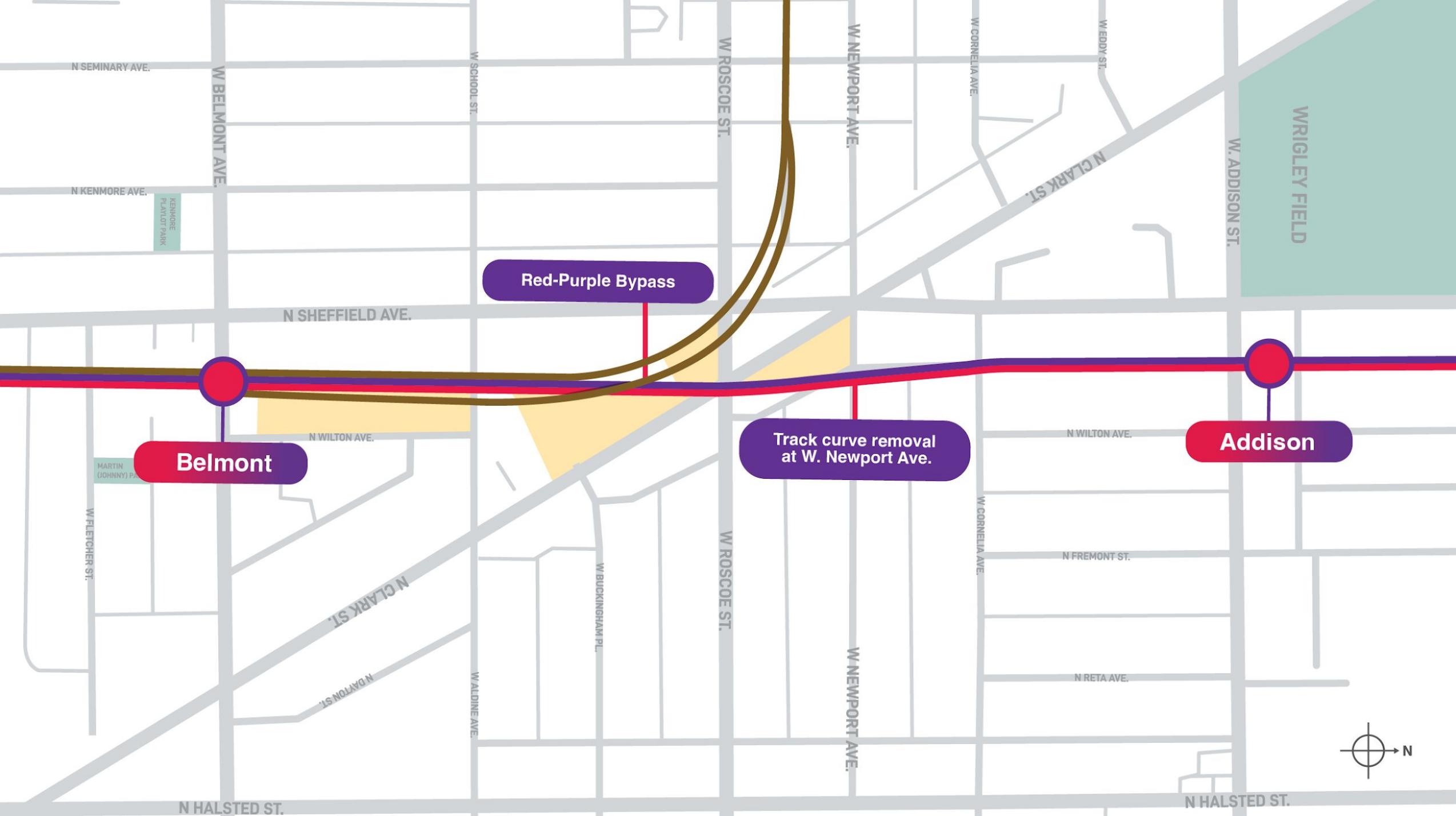
**RECONSTRUCTION OF  
NORTHBOUND TRACKS**  
will start fall 2023 and are  
expected to be completed  
in 2025.

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**REBUILD THE LAST TWO  
TRACKS**

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**CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
TRAIN SERVICE**  
during construction.

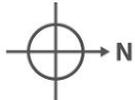


Red-Purple Bypass

Belmont

Track curve removal  
at W. Newport Ave.

Addison



## DEMOLISH 100-YEAR OLD STRUCTURES



## DRILL NEW TRACK FOUNDATIONS



## BUILD THE NEW TRACKS





HOW THIS WORK WILL AFFECT YOU:  
**COMMUNITY IMPACTS**

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## **IMPACTS**

- Demolition noise
- Street-level road reconstruction
- Overnight and weekend work
  - Work occurs when fewest passengers are using CTA rail service

HOW THIS WORK WILL AFFECT YOU:  
**COMMUNITY IMPACTS**

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## **STREET AND ALLEY CLOSURES**

**Streets include:**

- Cornelia
- Newport
- School
- Roscoe
- Clark

**Alleys include:**

- Alleys under tracks between Cornelia and Belmont



HOW THIS WORK WILL AFFECT YOU:  
**COMMUNITY IMPACTS**

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## **MITIGATIONS**

- No more than one major street closed at a time
- No more than two alleys closed
- Alternative parking for affected residents
- Garbage pickup to be maintained

# OVERNIGHT WORK AND NOISE IMPACTS

- Loud noise and vibration will come from running heavy machinery and demolition activities
- Though some work will be required to follow a 24/7 schedule, the contractor will perform the noisiest activities during daytime hours whenever possible
- Noise mitigation techniques such as the use of sound blankets and sound barriers will be implemented as needed
- All loud activities will be monitored to be within limitations set by the contract



SUPPORTING  
LOCAL THROUGH  
**RPM OPEN  
FOR BUSINESS  
PROGRAM.**





IN-COMMUNITY SIGNAGE



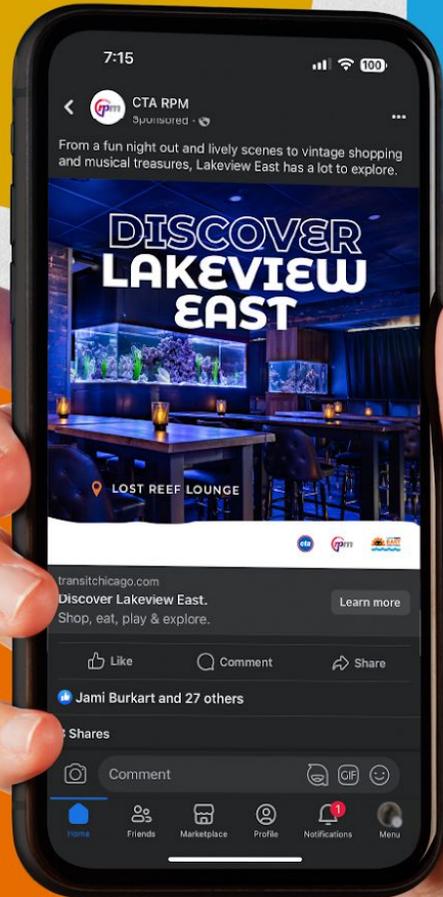
WEBSITE



TRANSIT ADS

# SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES.

- Closure banners
- Communication tools – service alerts, eblasts
- Doorhangers and flyers
- Supporting campaigns to encourage people to shop, eat, play and explore in Lakeview East
- Digital ads



In a survey distributed in early 2023, **a majority of Lakeview East respondents (80%)** who have been featured in an Open for Business campaign said they "somewhat agreed," "agreed" or "strongly agreed" that **the campaign increased exposure to their business.**



# HOW WE ARE COMMUNICATING WITH THE PUBLIC

Community meetings

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Construction Activity Notices (CANs) – physical and online

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Virtual monthly “office hours”

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Regular construction updates via e-blast and on [transitchicago.com/RPM](https://transitchicago.com/RPM)

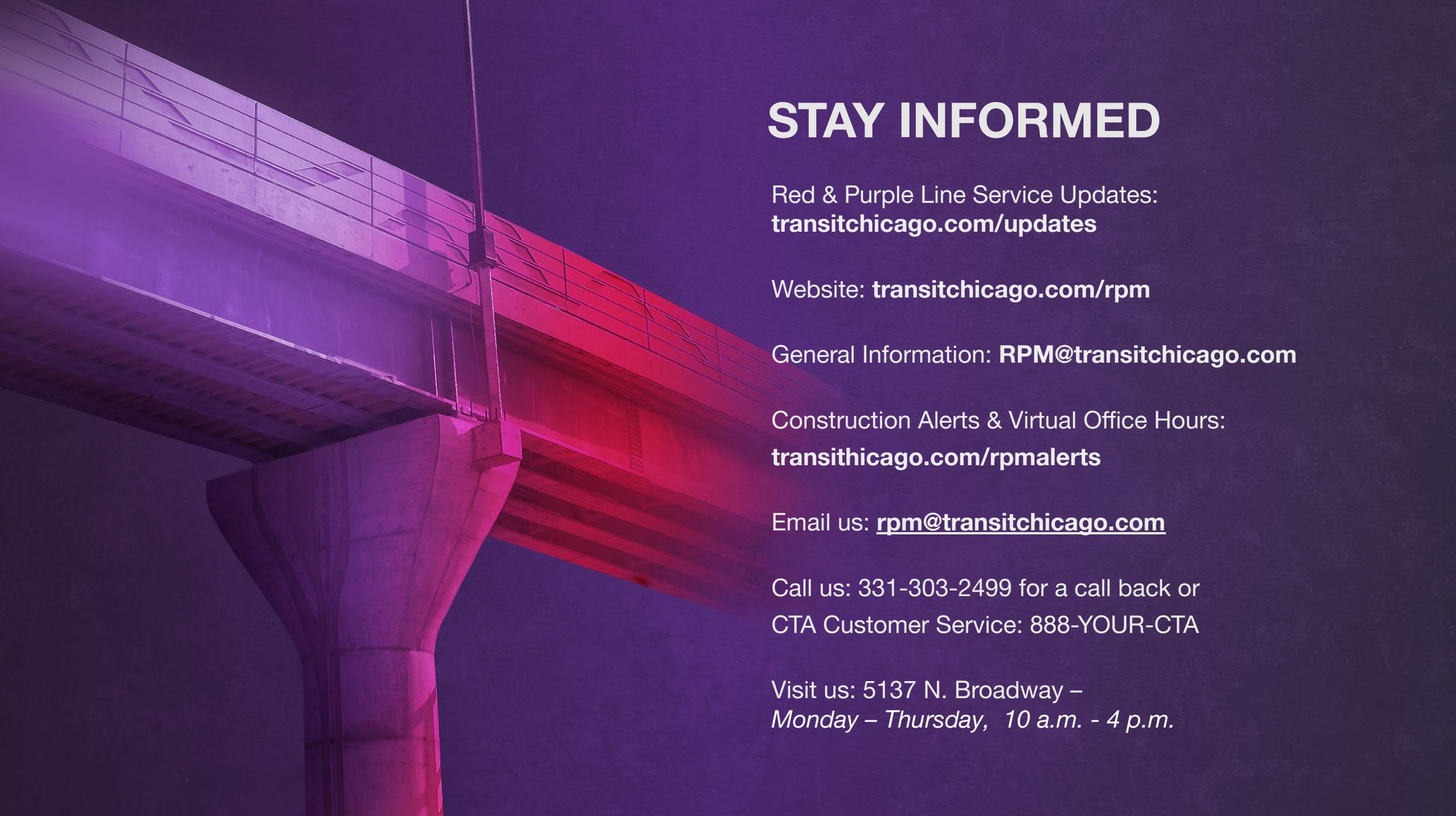
Social media accounts @CTARPM

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Interactive RPM construction impacts map

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RPM Community Office  
5137 N. Broadway  
Monday – Thursday 10  
a.m. - 4 p.m.



# STAY INFORMED

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