

Red Line Extension New Starts Project Chicago, Illinois

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The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is undertaking a new project to extend the existing Red Line branch on Chicago's Far South Side. The Red Line Extension Project (the Project) is a 5.5-mile heavy rail extension to the existing Red Line Dan Ryan branch on Chicago's Far South Side from the present 95th Street Terminal to the 130th Street area. The Project plans to operate heavy rail rapid transit service on an elevated structure from approximately 95th Street to 118th Street, where it transitions to an at-grade profile and then continues at grade before terminating near 130th Street. The 103rd Street, 111th Street, and Michigan Avenue stations will be elevated, and the 130th Street station will be at-grade. The Project includes four stations, parking facilities with approximately 1,200 spaces, new traction power substations, a new railyard and maintenance shop near 120th Street, and the purchase of 78 rail cars.

Service is planned to operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week with trains every three to six minutes during weekday peak periods, every seven to eight minutes during weekday off-peak periods, every eight to 15 minutes during weekday evenings, and every seven to 15 minutes on weekends. The forecasted ridership on the Project, using current year inputs of population and employment, is 36,400 daily linked trips. This number is expected to grow to 41,500 daily linked trips by the horizon year of 2040.

The total project cost under the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) is \$5,750.00 million; of which, the Section 5309 New Starts funding share is \$1,973.98 million.

Status

CTA selected the locally preferred alternative (LPA) in August 2009. The LPA was adopted into the fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in October 2010. In 2018, CTA selected a preferred alignment. The project entered Project Development (PD) in December 2020. CTA completed the environmental review process with receipt of a Record of Decision from FTA in August 2022. In November 2022, FTA approved an extension to the PD phase until September 2023. FTA approved the project into New Starts Engineering in August 2023. NEPA re-evaluation was undertaken in March 2024 due to refinements to the location of the 120th Street Yard and Shop. An additional NEPA re-evaluation was completed in October 2024 due to refinements from contractor negotiations as part of CTA's Design-Build procurement process, specifically during the Best and Final Offer stage, as well as a displacement type change to two real estate parcels. CTA and FTA entered into an FFGA in January 2025 with the revenue service date projected for August 2031. Utility relocation and real estate acquisition activities are underway and more than 80% of the construction contracts have already been awarded.

Section 30005 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117-58; November 15, 2021) authorizes FTA to award Federal Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program funds for design and construction of the Project. Through FY 2024, Congress has appropriated a total of \$746.00 million for the Project.

Reported in Year of Expenditure Dollars

<u>Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds (\$million)</u>	<u>Appropriations to Date</u>
Federal:		\$746.00 million in total appropriations through FY 2024
Section 5309 CIG	\$1,973.98	
FHWA Flexible Funds (Carbon Reduction/ Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program)	\$130.00	
HUD Community Project Funding (Earmark)	\$1.50	
FTA FY21 Areas of Persistent Poverty	\$0.45	
Local:		
CTA Bond Proceeds (Sales Tax)	\$1,911.09	
Tax Increment Financing District Revenues	\$950.00	
State of Illinois Gas Tax Revenue (PayGo)	\$440.49	
CTA Cash Contribution	\$342.50	
Total:	\$5,750.00	

NOTES: The Source of Funds and Total Funding numbers are as established at the signing of the FFGA. The sum of the figures may differ from the total as listed due to rounding.



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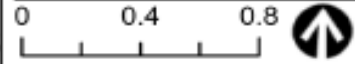


Legend

- Preferred Alignment
- Proposed Rail Yard
- Proposed Rail Station
- Existing CTA Red Line
- Existing CTA Station
- Metra Stations
- Railroad
- Parks
- Water Bodies

All proposed stations are fully accessible and include Park & Ride facilities

Scale



Miles

1 inch = 3,600 feet

NICTD/CSS & SBRR = Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District/Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railroad, CNMED = Canadian National/Metra Electric District, UPRR = Union Pacific Railroad