

Red Line Extension
Chicago, Illinois
New Starts Project Development
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The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) proposes to add new 5.6 miles of heavy rail transit on Chicago's Far South Side by extending the Red Line Dan Ryan branch south from the present 95th Street Terminal to the 130th Street area. The Project includes four new stations that will each contain new bus and parking facilities and create approximately 3,700 new parking spaces in the corridor. The Project also includes a new railyard and shop near 120th Street. The project's current estimated capital cost is \$2.5 billion. CTA has not yet determined the federal share or percentage from the New Starts program.

CTA believes that the project would reduce commute times, improve mobility and accessibility for transit-dependent residents, foster economic development by catalyzing neighborhood revitalization, and provide a railyard with the capacity to meet future service levels. The Project would provide viable linkages between affordable housing, jobs, services, and educational opportunities by reducing travel time.

The Chicago Transit Board, the governing arm of CTA, adopted the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in August 2009, and revised in 2018. The LPA was subsequently included the Project into the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in October 2018. CTA anticipates completing complete the environmental review process in June 2022 with receipt of a Record of Decision (ROD). CTA plans to enter New Starts Engineering in October 2022, receive a Full Funding Grant Agreement in December 2023 and begin revenue service in mid-2029.