

Red Line South Track Renewal project Cermak-Chinatown to 95th Street Spring/Summer 2013

CTA is planning to rebuild the South Red Line from just north of Cermak-Chinatown to 95th Street.

The work will benefit Red Line riders for decades to come—through faster travel times, increased reliability, and spruced-up stations with a variety of improvements.

As part of the project, in Spring/Summer 2013 the Red Line will be completely closed from Roosevelt Road to 95th Street for five months. CTA is offering several alternative travel options during this closure to minimize the impact on customers as much as possible (see other side of this page).

Faster travel times

Better reliability

Improved stations

Project scope

CTA will replace all of the ties, rails, third rails, drainage system and ballast (the stone material that holds the ties in place) in the Red Line right of way. Additionally, all nine stations along the Dan Ryan Branch will be improved, from basic enhancements like new paint and better lighting to additional customer amenities, like new benches and bike racks. New elevators will be installed at the Garfield, 63rd and 87th Street stations—making the entire South Red Line fully accessible.



Why is this work necessary?

The Dan Ryan Branch was built in 1969, when Richard Nixon was in the White House, a gallon of gas cost 35 cents and Gale Sayers won the NFL rushing title. The original tracks are well beyond their expected lifespan, and call for a complete replacement. Because of the poor track condition, trains must travel slower—meaning trips are longer. Without rehabilitation, rail service will become even slower and the cost for replacement will continue to grow.



Dan Ryan terminal dedication 1969



2000 series train at 67th 1971

How will this benefit Red Line riders?

New tracks will improve travel times and increase reliability for the tens of thousands of riders who use the Dan Ryan Branch each day.

Around 40 percent of the Dan Ryan Branch includes slow zones, meaning trains — and the people on them — get to their destinations much more slowly. With so many rides originating or ending on the Red Line, these delays affect the entire system. When this project is complete, customers will enjoy faster, smoother, more reliable rides.

Additionally, the station improvements will enhance the customer experience, and the new elevators at Garfield, 63rd and 87th will make those stations fully accessible.

The project will create hundreds of jobs, and the CTA is working closely with community officials to promote contracting and employment opportunities.

The five-month construction option will save as much as \$75 million over the option to perform the work on weekends only. That \$75 million savings will be reinvested into station upgrades along the South Red Line—including three new elevators, painting, new lighting and other upgrades—and will help CTA provide alternative service during construction.

A weekends-only option would take four years to complete, and would be confusing and difficult for riders to adapt to. It would also impact tens of thousands of customers each week on the line that sees the highest number of weekend customers—weekend ridership on the Red Line is 2/3 that of weekday ridership.



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Red Line South Alternative Travel Options: Spring/Summer 2013

CTA understands that our customers will experience longer-than-normal commuting times during the Red Line South reconstruction project. Our goal is to provide a number of viable travel options, and to minimize the project's impact as much as possible.

To help guide you through your travel alternatives, CTA is providing a number of travel options:

Alternate Rail Service

Red Line service on Green Line tracks — Roosevelt to Ashland/63rd: After the Roosevelt subway station, Red Line trains will continue along the Green Line elevated structure. Trains will make all stops along the Green Line to the Ashland/63rd stop, then return to Howard the same way.

Green Line service — Harlem to Loop and Cottage Grove: Green Line trains will operate between Harlem and Loop, with alternating trains terminating downtown and returning to Harlem and others continuing to Cottage Grove, then returning to Harlem. Green Line customers needing to travel to/from Ashland/63rd should transfer at Garfield.

Free Bus Shuttle Service

CTA will provide free shuttle bus service south of 63rd to connect customers with Green Line train service, and to provide service for local trips between 95th and 63rd. There will be five bus shuttle routes, four express shuttles and one local shuttle.

Express Bus Service to/from the Garfield Green Line Station:

CTA will provide four express bus shuttles providing non-stop service between the Garfield Green Line station and stops between 95th/Dan Ryan and 69th. These shuttles will operate via the Dan Ryan Expressway. The four express shuttles are:

- 95th Street-Garfield Green Line
- 87th Street-Garfield Green Line
- 79th Street-Garfield Green Line
- 69th Street-Garfield Green Line

Local Bus Shuttle: A local bus shuttle will operate between 63rd and 95th streets, with stops at 69th, 79th and 87th streets.

Other Supplemental Bus Service: CTA will offer other shuttle buses and supplemental bus services to help facilitate customer travel. They include:

- A shuttle bus between Roosevelt and Cermak-Chinatown
- An extension of the #51 51st bus route to connect to the Green Line
- An extension of the #71 71st/South Shore and #30 South Chicago bus routes to connect to the Green Line
- Supplemental east-west bus service connecting to the Green Line

Free Rail Entry at Garfield Green Line for Bus Shuttle Riders

Bus shuttle riders from 69th, 79th, 87th and 95th Streets will be able to board the Green Line for free at the Garfield station.

Supplemental Bus Service to Green Line

CTA will provide expanded service to Green Line stations along north-south streets, including:

- #9 Ashland
- #29 State
- #44 Wallace/Racine
- #3 King Drive
- #8A South Halsted
- #4 Cottage Grove

Supplemental Bus Service to Downtown

Additional service on South Lake Shore express routes, including the #14 Jeffery Express and #26 South Shore Express.

Discount Bus Rides

CTA will offer a 50-cent discount on bus rides on most routes serving Chicago's South Side.

Shuttle Bus Service Plan

