

Transit TIF – Engaging the Community in Modernizing and Renovating the Red and Purple Lines

Since launching the Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Project in 2009, public engagement seeking feedback from residents, stakeholders and elected on the transit needs of neighborhoods and discussing upcoming projects has been central to the development of the RPM Project.

The City and CTA have held numerous public meetings and forums along with sending hundreds of thousands of notifications directly to residents and property owners and publishing detailed plans online for public review.

Most recently, the community engagement has revolved around the establishment of a Transit Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, which will support Phase One of RPM—the first step toward rebuilding Red Line structures, embankments, viaducts, stations, track, systems and related components from Belmont to Howard.,

The following provides a breakdown of the significant community engagement around the RPM project as well as remaining steps to launch the upcoming renovations.

August – November 2016 – Transit TIF Notifications and Meetings

- Multiple notices and public hearings have been held to discuss the establishment of a Transit TIF and highlight the scope of the redevelopment work that will be funded by the TIF
- *Over 400,000 notifications mailed:*
 - Households in the area bounded by Devon Avenue on the north and Division Avenue on the south and one half mile to the east and west of the Red and Purple lines received Transit TIF notifications.
 - August 2016 -- Over 260,000 residents and property owners were notified of the Transit TIF Public Meeting
 - October 2016 – Over 150,000 residents and property owners were notified of the Transit TIF CDC Plan Availability
- *Multiple public hearings and forums:*
 - September 13 – Transit TIF Public Hearing, over 350 residents attended
 - September 26 – Transit TIF meeting in the Edgewater neighborhood, over 50 residents attended
 - November 16 – Upcoming Transit TIF CDC Public Hearing
 - November 17 – Upcoming Chicago Plan Commission Hearing
 - November 22 – Upcoming City Council Committee on Finance Subject Matter Hearing
 - November 28 – Upcoming City Council Committee on Finance Subject Matter Hearing
 - November 30 – Upcoming Full City Council Meeting

May-June 2015 – RPM Phase One Environmental Assessment Hearings

- As required by federal law, CTA held public hearings on the environmental assessments for the RPM Phase One Project to discuss the project, project alternatives studied, potential impacts of the project and proposed mitigation for the impacts
- Close to 270 residents attended these hearings:
 - Red-Purple Bypass Hearing, Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Hearing

May 2014 – RPM Phase One Hearings

- In the spring of 2014, the CTA held two separate forums to discuss RPM Phase One including the Red-Purple Line Bypass and the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization
- Over 250 residents attended these two forums.

February 2012 – Second Round of Open Houses for the RPM Project

- CTA held another round of open houses in the project area to discuss the RPM Project.
- Nearly 300 residents attended one of the two open houses.

January 2011 – RPM Scoping Hearings

- CTA held four separate hearings to discuss the scope of the proposed RPM Project.
- Over 520 residents attended these hearings and were able to provide input on the program:
 - Uptown Scoping Hearing
 - Edgewater Scoping Hearing
 - Rogers Park Scoping Hearing
 - Evanston Scoping Hearing

November-December 2009 - RPM Vision Study Open Houses

- CTA held four separate open houses in the Rogers Park, Edgewater, Uptown and Evanston neighborhoods to receive feedback from the community on transit needs.
- A combined over 330 residents attended these open houses.

