

South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project

Public Meeting #1

January 9, 2020

Public Meeting #1 Summary

The first public meeting for the South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at the Woodson Regional Public Library, 9525 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, Illinois from 5:00–8:00 p.m. The meeting was an open house format with a continuous audiovisual presentation providing an overview of the project, exhibit boards with more detailed information, and a comment area for attendees to provide comments, suggestions, and concerns. Program team members were available to discuss the proposed improvements and answer questions. In addition, agency staff were available to answer questions about Pace and CTA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) programs and to provide information about existing job opportunities at Pace and CTA. Attendees were encouraged to **submit their comments via the comment form** by either submitting them at the meeting, mailing the form later, or filling out the form on the project website. The meeting was attended by **41 people and two (2) media outlets**. Attendees submitted **12 comment forms at the meeting**.

The meeting was promoted using a variety of methods including advertisements published in local newspapers; letters to elected officials; email announcements to municipal staff, agencies, elected officials, and other local organizations as well as transit riders subscribed to Pace and CTA updates; website and social media announcements; calls to local community leaders; advertisements on buses serving South Halsted Street; and posters placed at transit stations.

The following elected officials /representatives for elected officials were in attendance:

- City of Chicago 17th Ward: Alderman David Moore
- City of Chicago 34th Ward: Chester Wilson, Chief of Staff, representing Alderman Carrie M. Austin

The following public agencies were represented:

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP): Arthur Nicholas
- City of Harvey: Timothy Williams
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA): Mark Kane
- Village of Calumet Park: Patrick Day
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA): Peter Kersten
- Chicago Public Schools: Vickie Dogans

The following other organizations were represented:

- Ironworkers Local 63
- Messiah Temple
- The People’s Lobby

The following media were represented:

- Block Club
- Streetsblog Chicago

The **12 comment forms** submitted at the meeting covered a variety of topics, including:

- Accessibility
- Bus stop distance
- Minimize/avoid roadway impacts
- Minimize/avoid impacts to pedestrian and streetscape amenities
- Extended service
- Lighting at stations
- More buses/service
- Opposition to dedicated bus lanes
- Reduced travel time
- Service reliability
- Suggestion for articulated buses
- Support for proposed improvements
- Support for dedicated bus lanes

Comments submitted by February 9, 2020 will become part of the public meeting record.