South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project

PUBLIC MEETING #2

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AGENDA

MEETING FORMAT
PROJECT INTRODUCTION
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Q&A How to submit a question or comment

Submit questions and comments via the Q&A feature! A Q&A session will be held at the end.

Click “Q&A” to expand window and type a question or comment.

What changes will be made to make it safer to cross the street?
Purpose of Today’s Meeting

Share the latest information on the project

Seek your feedback on the project
What We Heard
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PRESENTED PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
(stations, service plan, roadway improvements)

POSITIVE FEEDBACK regarding improving transit reliability and frequency as well as new stations

CONCERNS regarding impacts to planted median, sidewalks and parking
What We Heard

COORDINATION MEETINGS

- Met and discussed plans with transportation agencies, elected officials, and local organizations
- Support for greater priority for buses in the roadway
- Concerns regarding impacting existing sidewalk space and crosswalks
- Consistent with previous public meeting feedback
Dedicated Bus Lane Examples
Re-analysis Process

Determine improvements that have the **MOST BENEFIT** for transit riders, and the **LEAST IMPACT** on sidewalk space, crosswalk lengths and other car traffic.
Bus Speed Analysis

Identified where buses move the slowest

Targeted improvements to increase reliability

Analyzed bus speeds block-by-block
Proposed design improves bus **speed** and helps **buses** stay on schedule.
Environmental Evaluations

- Traffic
- Historic resources, parks
- Hazardous materials
- Community disruption, construction impacts
- Environmental justice (low-income and minority)
- Property
- Air, water, wetlands, floodplains, etc.
Proposed Improvements
Evaluation Criteria

- Bus travel time
- Bus reliability
- Traffic
- Parking

- Sidewalk and median impacts
- Pedestrian safety
- Cost and funding

Background image source: Southwest corner of 147th and Halsted, Harvey, IL
Google Maps, 2019
What’s Changed?

- Removed continuous dedicated bus \textit{lane} due to impacts on adjacent land
- Identified where buses are slow and focused improvements there
- Improved quality of transit service while also improving nearby sidewalks and crosswalks
Transit Signal Priority
Buses get more green light time when at traffic signals

Signal Optimization
Coordinates traffic signals to keep both bus and car traffic moving

These improvements are proposed for the entire length of the project corridor
Queue Jumps

Special lanes at intersections that allow buses to bypass other traffic
Queue Jumps & Short Bus Lanes

Queue jumps at heavy traffic intersections

Short bus lanes

✓ 87th-Vincennes (1.5 blocks)
✓ 100th-98th (over I-57) (2.5 blocks)
Bus Lanes
98th/Halsted

Background image source: Looking north on Halsted at 98th Place, Chicago, IL. Google Maps, 2019
Bus Lanes
98th/ Halsted

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Typical Queue
Jump Intersection
119th/Halsted
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Background image source: Looking north on Halsted at 119th Street, Chicago, IL. Google Maps, 2019
PULSE
Rapid Transit
Stations
Background image source: 95th and Halsted, Chicago, IL. Google Maps, 2019
95th/Halsted

- Mitigate tree removal
- Relocate northbound CTA bus stop
- Combined Pulse and local Pace/CTA station
- Relocate existing northbound bus stop
- Northbound/southbound queue jump lanes
- Curb Extension

Background image source: 95th and Halsted, Chicago, IL. Google Maps, 2019
CTA Bus Stops
ADA Ramps and detectable warning surfaces

Crosswalk and stop bar

Updated furnishings

Replace concrete

Reconfigured structural elements, new art

New lighting

Halsted/79th Bus Terminal Rehabilitation

Halsted/79th Street Terminal

ADA Ramps and detectable warning surfaces

Reconfigured structural elements, new art

New lighting

Updated furnishings

Replace concrete

Crosswalk and stop bar
ENHANCEMENTS to CTA bus stops north of 95th Street

- Upgrade some shelters with real-time arrival signage
- Ensure ADA-compliance
Pace and CTA Service Improvements

Increased Pace Service between Harvey TC and 95th Red Line

- New Pulse Halsted Line
- CTA and Pace to continue operating local service

Existing Service will be faster and more reliable

All service changes are subject to public hearings
### Proposed Improvements

#### Roadway
- Transit signal priority
- Signal optimization
- Queue jumps/short bus lanes

**Benefits:** Faster bus ride and greater bus schedule reliability; Minimal impact to general car traffic delay

#### Stations
- Pulse stations
- CTA bus stop improvements
- CTA Halsted/79th terminal

**Benefits:** New, modernized stations

#### Service
- New Pulse service

**Benefits:** More buses coming between Harvey TC and 95th Red Line
Next Steps
Environmental Review Next Steps

1. Review Input from the Public Meeting
2. Refine Design Concepts
3. Develop Cost Estimates and Evaluate Funding Opportunities
4. Complete Environmental Document
Pace & CTA are hiring!

PACE:
- Markham and South Holland facilities have open employment opportunities for bus operations and maintenance.
- Partnered with Olive Harvey College on a CDL-preparedness program.

CTA:
- Open opportunities for mechanics, professional, technical, and administrative positions.
- CTA regularly hosts career fairs and info sessions for workforce opportunities at CTA for its projects.

Contractors will conduct outreach for their hiring.
CTA and Pace create opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) and Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) on contracts

- We have programs available to assist DBEs and SBEs in the process!
- Includes design and construction contracts
Visit PaceBus.com and TransitChicago.com/Careers for information on job opportunities and upcoming career fairs.

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We want to HEAR from you!

PROJECT HOTLINE   847-364-3962
We appreciate your feedback!

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What changes will be made to make it safer to cross the street?
Q&A - We want to hear from you!

- What do you think about the proposed improvements?
- How will this Project impact your trips on South Halsted?
- Do you have concerns about impacts to the roadway, intersections, parking, sidewalks, medians, etc.?
Thank you for your feedback!

Comments submitted by May 24, 2022 will become part of the meeting record.

Or call the project hotline at 847-364-3962.
Thank You

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