



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project



Addison, Irving Park, Montrose and Damen Stations  
Meet the Contractor  
October 26, 2006  
Welles Park Gym



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Agenda



- Welcome and Introduction
- Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Update
- James McHugh Construction Company
- Addison, Irving Park, Montrose and Damen Closures
- Schedule Overview
- Public Information
- Business Outreach
- Community Outreach
- Questions/Answers



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Objectives



- Increase the line's overall ridership capacity by 33% by extending platforms to allow 8-car operations
- Provide access to all CTA customers throughout all stations and comply with the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Rehabilitate 18 stations
- Add elevators to 13 stations
- Restore 8 historic stations in agreement with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- Upgrade signal, communications and power delivery system
- Complete project by December 31, 2009



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Progress Update



## Awarded Bid Packages

- Signals and Clark Junction  
(Notice to Proceed began December 13, 2004)
- Substations (Notice to Proceed January 10, 2005)
- Belmont and Fullerton Stations  
(Notice to Proceed issued August 17, 2005)
- Armitage, Sedgwick and Chicago  
(Notice to Proceed issued November 15, 2005)
- Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco, Rockwell and Western  
(Notice to Proceed issued November 15, 2005)
- Damen, Montrose, Irving Park and Addison  
(Notice to Proceed issued September 13, 2006)

## Planned Bid Packages

- Paulina, Southport, Wellington and Diversey
- Communications



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Progress Update



## Station Work:

- Temporary station at Belmont to be placed into service in December 2006
- Fullerton temporary stationhouse opened on October 8, 2006. The contractor continues to place concrete decking for track four
- Kedzie and Rockwell reopened to service on August 16, 2006
- Kimball and Francisco are scheduled to re-open in January 2007 and March 2007, respectively
- Structural foundation work has started at Armitage and Sedgwick



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Progress Update



## Signal Work:

- Installation of all new crossovers have been completed in the Clark Junction area
- Signalization of new crossovers will continue through early 2007
- All grade crossings in the At-Grade portion of the line have been replaced with new crossing gates and electronics
- Rehabilitation of Kimball and Clark Tower is ongoing

## Substations Work:

- Installation of new electrical equipment at Clark and Grace Street Substations continues
- Exterior work at Grace will be completed in January of 2007
- Control wire installation at Clark Street Substation continues



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project James McHugh Construction Co.



- Founded in 1897
- Chicago-based
- \$445M in revenue for 2005
- Ranked #101 in Engineering News Record (ENR's) Top 400 US Contractors
- Employ over 1,000 trades people





# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project McHugh Projects



CTA Green Line Renovation

CTA Red Line/Howard Street Renovation

Chicago Board of Trade Expansion

The Goodman Theatre

Lake Shore East Park & Infrastructure

American Airlines G Concourse Renovation/O'Hare Airport





# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project McHugh Projects



North and South Grant Park Garages



Civic Opera House Renovation

Arlington Park Racecourse



Trump International Hotel & Tower (concrete)



The Blackstone Hotel Renovation

Battle Stations 21-Great Lakes Naval Training Center





# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project

## McHugh Recognitions & Affiliations



- *Contractor of the Year Award* – Chicago Dept. of Transportation, 2003
- *Contractor of the Year Award* – Midwest Construction, 2005
- *Contractor of the Year Award* – Coalition for United Community Action, 2001
- Nominated by the U.S. Navy for Southern Division's *Contractor of the Year* award
- Recipient of a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the U.S. Navy
- *Continued Excellence in Construction Diversity Advocacy Award* – Hispanic American Construction Industry Association, 1999



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project

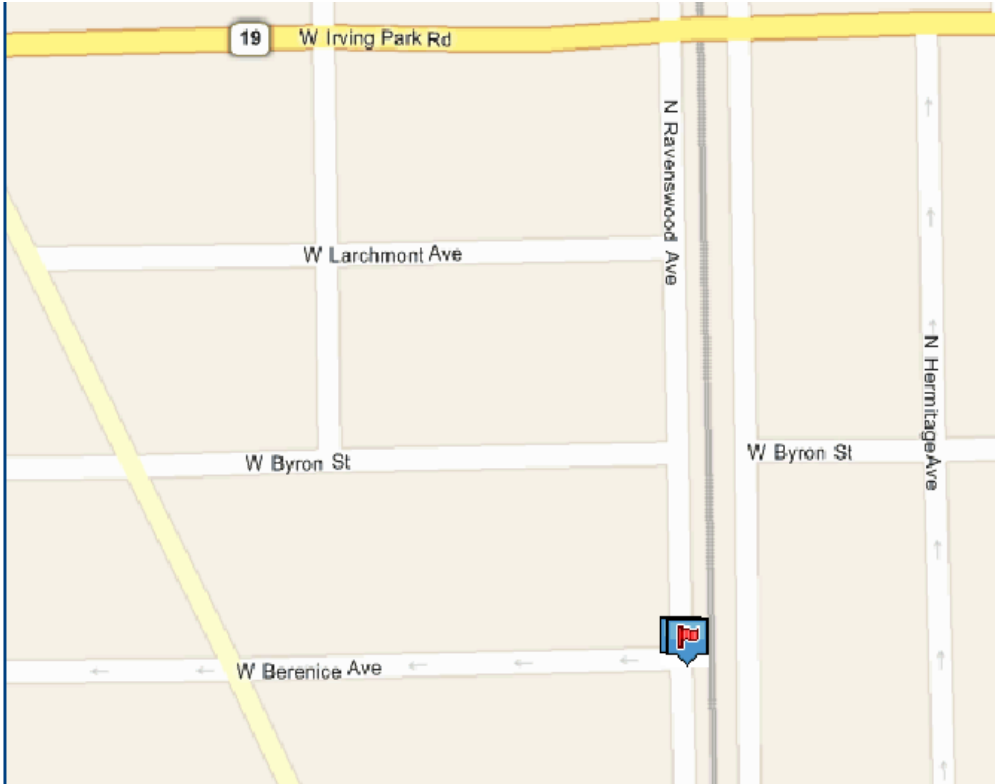
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- March of Dimes
- Big Shoulders Fund
- City Year Chicago
- Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation
- City of Hope
- Chicago Areas Council Boy Scouts of America



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project



- Jobsite Office
  - 1800 West Berenice Avenue
- Contractor Off-Site Parking
  - Contractor Parking on Site
- Public Way Permits  
(Street, Sidewalk, Alley, Parking)



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Station Closures



## **Station Closure Criteria (established January 2005)**

- Brown Line service operates seven days a week
- No adjacent stations closed on weekdays
- No station farther than one-half mile from another station closed on weekdays
- CTA staff meets with the public prior to advertising each bid package to brief communities on proposed stations designs, closures and service alternatives
- Closure details are posted prominently at each station, together with information about safe and convenient service alternatives
- CTA has developed a business outreach plan to assist those businesses most impacted by the construction schedule



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Addison, Irving Park, Montrose and Damen



- Community Meeting: September 19, 2005
- Advertise for Bids: March 9, 2006
- Bid Opening: June 15, 2006
- Notice to Proceed: September 13, 2006  
Awarded to James McHugh Construction Company
- Construction Completion: Fall 2008



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Addison, Irving Park, Montrose and Damen Schedule

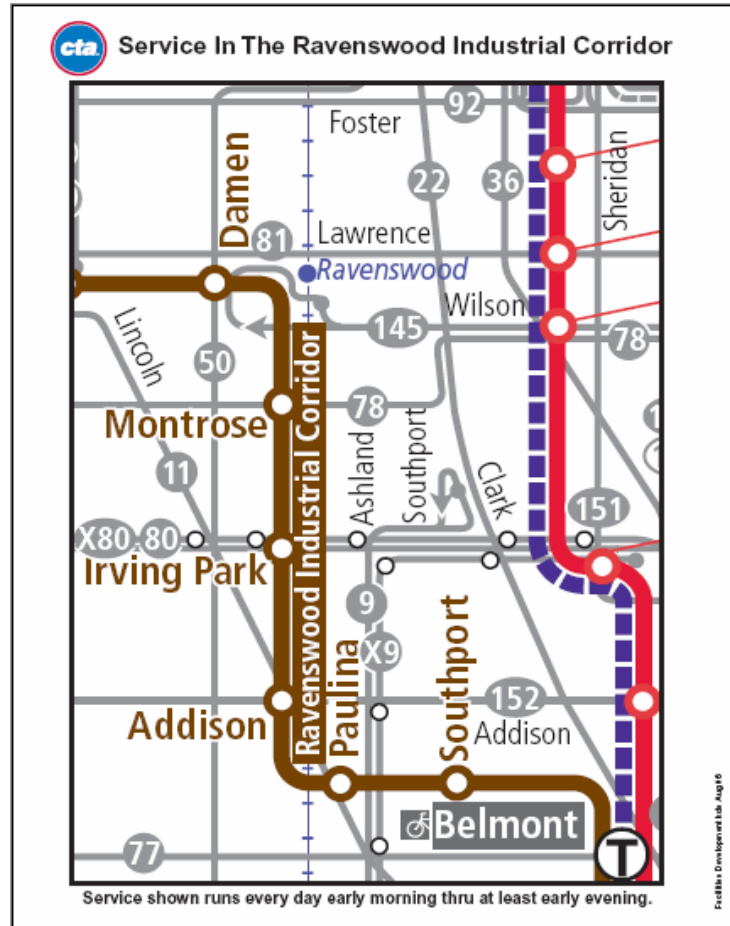


- Station Phases\*
  - Addison and Montrose Stations
    - Station Closure: December 2, 2006, 1 a.m.
    - 365 days closure
  - Irving Park and Damen Stations
    - Station Closure: Fall of 2007
    - 365 Days Closure
- Hours of Work
  - Normal weekday hours 7am-3:30pm
  - Occasional night and weekends

\*Locations and dates of work shown on this schedule are subject to change based on differing site conditions, weather work conditions and receipt of permits, plus other items beyond the control of the CTA or the Contractors performing the work 15



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Existing Bus Routes





# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project

## Existing Bus Routes



| DAMEN         |                                                                         |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rail Stations | Montrose and Western Brown Line stations                                |
| Bus Routes    | 50 Damen                                                                |
|               | 145 Wilson/Michigan Express                                             |
|               | 148 Clarendon/Michigan Express<br>(weekday, peak direction travel only) |
|               | 81 Lawrence                                                             |
|               | 78 Montrose                                                             |
| MONTROSE      |                                                                         |
| Rail Stations | Damen and Irving Park Brown Line stations                               |
| Bus Routes    | 78 Montrose                                                             |
|               | 50 Damen                                                                |
|               | 145 Wilson/Michigan Express                                             |
|               | 148 Clarendon/Michigan Express<br>(weekday, peak direction travel only) |
|               | 81 Lawrence                                                             |
|               | 80 Irving Park                                                          |
|               | X80 Irving Park Express                                                 |



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project

## Existing Bus Routes



| IRVING PARK   |                                                                      |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rail Stations | Montrose and Addison Brown Line stations                             |
| Bus Routes    | 80 Irving Park                                                       |
|               | X80 Irving Park Express                                              |
|               | 50 Damen                                                             |
|               | 11 Lincoln/Sedgwick                                                  |
|               | 9 Ashland                                                            |
|               | X9 Ashland Express (weekdays only)                                   |
|               | 152 Addison                                                          |
|               | 78 Montrose                                                          |
| ADDISON       |                                                                      |
| Rail Stations | Irving Park and Paulina Brown Line stations                          |
| Bus Routes    | 152 Addison                                                          |
|               | 11 Lincoln/Sedgwick (name and route modified effective mid-December) |
|               | 50 Damen                                                             |
|               | 9 Ashland                                                            |
|               | X9 Ashland Express (weekdays only)                                   |
|               | 80 Irving Park                                                       |
|               | X80 Irving Park Express                                              |
|               | 77 Belmont                                                           |



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



www.ctabrownline.com Brown Line web site

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The Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project

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- Neighborhood Work Alert

### Brown Line Businesses

- Support These Businesses
- For Business Owners

### Project Details

- About the Brown Line
- Capacity Expansion
- Arts In Transit

### Contact CTA

### LATEST NEWS & SERVICE UPDATE

#### Temporary Station Entrance at Fullerton Opened October 8

Reconstruction of the Fullerton station will require CTA customers to use a temporary station entrance beginning Sunday, October 8 as work continues to rebuild the facility as part of the Brown Line capacity expansion project.

Beginning Sunday, October 8 at 1 p.m., CTA customers will access trains at Fullerton via the temporary station entrance, which is located on the south side of Fullerton Avenue approximately 70 feet east of the existing stationhouse. ([read more](#))

#### Kimball and Francisco Brown Line Stations Closed for Renovation

### MY STATION

As of October 23, 2006

- Kimball **CLOSURE**
- Kedzie
- Francisco **CLOSURE**
- Rockwell
- Western
- Damen
- Montrose
- Irving Park
- Addison
- Paulina
- Southport
- Belmont

Done Internet



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project



## 2 Week and 3 Month Look Ahead

- Schedule provides a list of upcoming construction activities
  - Detailed 2 week
  - Expanded 3 month
- Updated schedule provided every two weeks
- Access the schedule through [www.ctabrownline.com](http://www.ctabrownline.com)
  - Link for construction schedule is on the main page



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



www.transitchicago.com link to Brown Line

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# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



## Customer Alerts

Provide advance notice of how planned construction or maintenance events are expected to affect CTA service.

## Flyers/Handouts

Typically smaller versions of Customer Alert produced for major service changes such as temporary station closures.

**Customer Alert**

**Brown Line Track Maintenance**  
**Effective 9:00 p.m., Friday, January 13 until 9:00 a.m.,**  
**Saturday, January 14, 2006**

To maintain efficient service, track maintenance is required. Brown Line trains will operate on a single track in both directions between the Belmont and Southport stations.

There may be delays to service. Please allow additional travel time.

[www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)  
Customer Information: 1-888-YOUR-CTA (1-888-968-7282);  
Hearing & Speech Impaired: 1-888-CTA-TTY1 (1-888-282-8891)  
Transit Information: 836-7000 from any local area code

Remove January 15, 2006

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# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



## Alternate Service

Prior to temporary station closure, signs are posted prominently at the station detailing recommended alternate service.



### Legend



## Rockwell

CTA's Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project includes the modernization of this station. Beginning February 20, 2006, Rockwell will be closed for up to six (6) months. During this construction period, please use alternate CTA service.

### Alternate Service:

- **Rail Service (within one-half mile)**  
Francisco and Western & (Brown Line) stations
- **Bus Service (within one-half mile)**  
#11 Lincoln, #49 Western, #49B North Western, #X49 Western Express, #78 Montrose and #81 Lawrence

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# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



## Construction Activity Notices

Informs residents that work is being performed in their area, which may affect street traffic, alleys and parking.

### Construction Activity Notice

To increase capacity on the Brown Line, work will be performed that may affect your community. While progress sometimes comes with inconveniences, we will do our best to keep them to a minimum.

**Date:** Monday, December 5, 2005 through Monday, February 6, 2006 and Friday, February 24, 2006 through Sunday, February 27, 2006

**Location:** The north-south alley bounded by West Nelson and West Barry (between Sheffield Avenue and Wilton Street)

**Work Hours:** 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (each day)

**Work Activity:** Installation of foundations and structural steel on CTA's right-of-way for relay house structures

#### Impact to Residents:

- The alley between 3035 Sheffield and 3041 Sheffield will be closed for approximately two months.
- The affected alley will be open to residents needing to enter or exit garages.
- "No Parking" restrictions will be in effect during the work activity.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call:  
Mark Payne  
CTA Government & Community Relations Officer  
1-312-681-3091  
mpayne@transitchicago.com



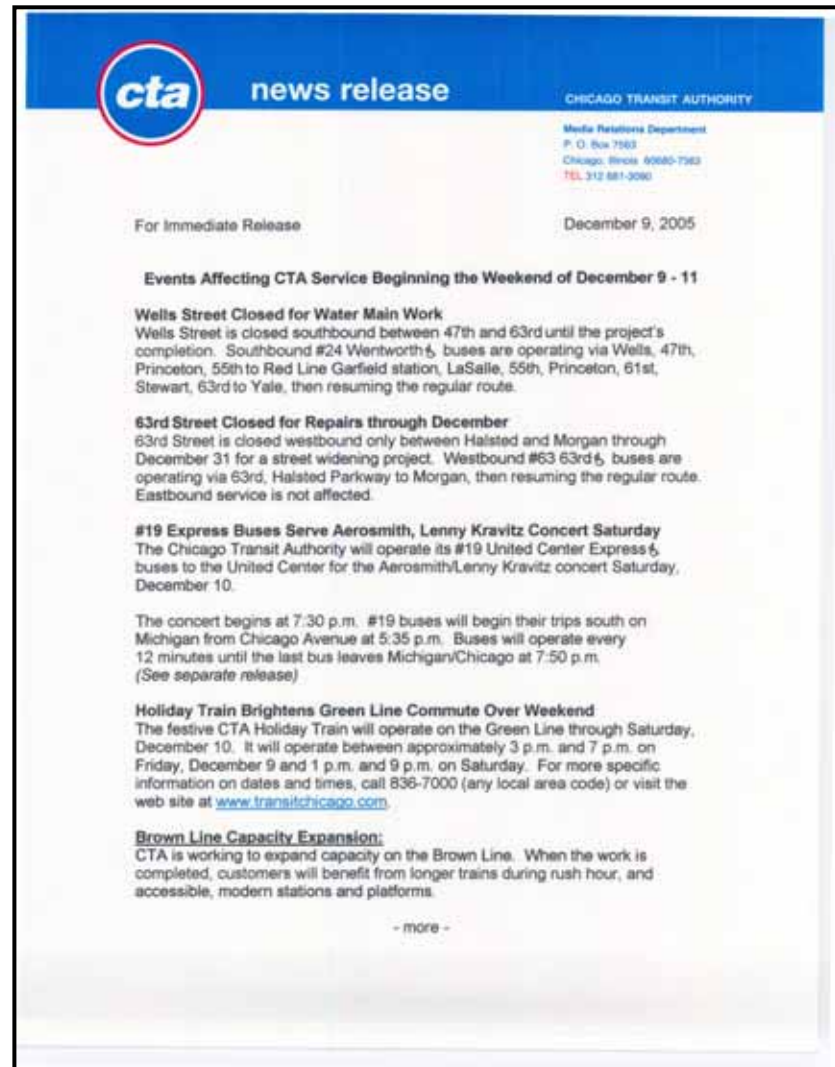


# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



## Weekly Service Update

On a weekly basis, CTA issues a press release that details service-related information and what customers need to know regarding temporary station closures, service delays, reroutes, alternate entrances/exits.





# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



## Press Release

Information on construction plans and significant dates and details for customers provided to media and posted on web sites.

**news release**

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
Media Relations Department  
P. O. Box 7563  
Chicago, Illinois 60680-7563  
TEL 312 681-3090

For Immediate Release

January 6, 2006

**First Temporary Station Closure Dates Announced for Seven Brown Line Stations**

As announced on December 20, the Chicago Transit Authority has confirmed the dates for temporary station closures and provided a three-month construction schedule for the capacity expansion project currently underway on the Brown Line. The schedule includes dates for temporary station closures for Chicago, Armitage and Sedgwick stations, as well as Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco and Rockwell. The location and dates are subject to change based on weather conditions or other circumstances beyond the control of CTA.

Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco and Rockwell stations will be subject to temporary station closures during the weekday throughout portions of the construction project. These stations are within a half-mile or less of each other and no two adjacent stations will be closed at the same time during weekdays so customers may go to the next closest station for service, or use nearby bus routes.

The Kedzie and Rockwell stations will temporarily close starting February 20 for up to six months. Alternate rail service includes Kimball station, adjacent to Kedzie, and Francisco, located between Kedzie and Rockwell stations, which will remain open to serve Brown Line customers throughout the temporary closure of Kedzie and Rockwell. Customers in close proximity to the Kedzie station are also served by the following CTA bus routes: #78 Montrose, #81 Lawrence, #82 Kimball/Homan and #93 California/Dodge. Customers in close proximity to the Rockwell station are served by the following CTA bus routes: #11 Lincoln, #49 Western, #49B North Western, #X49 Western Express, #78 Montrose and the #81 Lawrence.

Signs informing customers of estimated dates for temporary station closures, existing alternate service and construction details will be posted at each of these stations and on CTA's web site. CTA estimates construction on Kedzie and Rockwell stations will take from 10 to 11 months.

In addition to the temporary weekday closures, Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco and Rockwell will close for up to up to 10 weekends during construction to allow construction crews unlimited access to station platforms.

- more -



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Customer Communication



- Service Disruptions

Information on service disruptions is provided to all print and television media outlets, posted on CTA's web site and provided to Customer Assistants at stations on the line.

- Report It

We encourage our customers to report a problem with the announcement system or if a Customer Assistant is not communicating the appropriate information to customers. Please contact 1-888-YOUR-CTA



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Contact Information



## **General Questions**

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# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Business Outreach Plan



Within One Block - Advertising Car Cards

## Support Rockwell Businesses.



**Rockwell Grill**  
4632 N. Rockwell



**Lake Claremont Press**  
4650 N. Rockwell



[www.ruffhauspets.com](http://www.ruffhauspets.com)  
**Ruff Haus Pets**  
4652 N. Rockwell

*Scents and Sensibility*  
a chic boutique

**Scents and Sensibility**  
4654 N. Rockwell

Although the Rockwell station is temporarily closed, businesses near the station are still open!  
CTA encourages you to support businesses near the Brown Line during construction.  
Visit [www.ctabrownline.com](http://www.ctabrownline.com) or [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com).

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# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Business Outreach Plan



## Within Two Blocks

### Marketing - Open for Business Kit

- Open for Business Postcard Template – A postcard template will be provided on CD-ROM for businesses to notify customers that they are still open for business during construction.
- Progress Posters – Depict the ongoing progress of the project. Sent to businesses for display and updated regularly.
- Informational Letter – A letter to business owners detailing the project and information specific to nearby station construction.



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Business Outreach Plan



## Within Two Blocks

### Marketing - Open for Business Kit

- Open for Business Poster - A poster reminding customers and passersby that their establishment is “Open for Business” during construction.
- Brown Line Fact Sheet – A one-sheet overview of the construction, proposed dates of closures, facts and statistics.



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project



| Station bid package                               | Community meeting                                | Bid advertisement | Estimated Board consideration | Estimated construction start date | Estimated station closures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fullerton / Belmont                               | February 16, 2005                                | March 11, 2005    | June 9, 2005                  | August 17, 2005                   | none                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Armitage / Sedgwick / Chicago                     | April 18, 2005                                   | June 9, 2005      | September 14, 2005            | November 15, 2005                 | 6 weekend closures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Kimball / Kedzie / Francisco / Rockwell / Western | May 9, 2005<br>June 13, 2005<br>January 17, 2006 | June 27, 2005     | September 14, 2005            | November 15, 2005                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Kimball: 4 months, while Kedzie remains open</li> <li>▪Kedzie: Re-opened August 16, 2006</li> <li>▪Francisco: 6 months, while Kedzie and Rockwell remain open</li> <li>▪Rockwell: Re-opened August 16, 2006</li> <li>▪Up to 10 weekend closures for at-grade stations</li> <li>▪Western: no closures</li> </ul>        |
| Damen/ Montrose / Irving Park / Addison           | September 19, 2005                               | Spring 2006       | Fall 2006                     | Fall 2006                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Damen: 12 month closure while Montrose and Addison remain open</li> <li>▪Montrose: 12 month closure while Damen and Irving Park remain open</li> <li>▪Irving Park: 12 month closure while Montrose and Addison remain open</li> <li>▪Addison: 12 month closure while Irving Park and Paulina remain open</li> </ul>    |
| Paulina / Southport / Wellington / Diversey       | September 22, 2005                               | August 3, 2006    | Fall 2006                     | Winter 2007                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪Paulina: 12 month closure while Addison and Southport remain open</li> <li>▪Southport: 12 month closure while Paulina and Belmont remain open</li> <li>▪Wellington: 12 month closure while Belmont and Diversey remain open</li> <li>▪Diversey: 12 month closure while Wellington and Fullerton remain open</li> </ul> |



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