

# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project







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# 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
- Project complete 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)
- Southport, Diversey, Wellington and Paulina (Notice to Proceed issued December 26, 2006)

#### Planned Bid Packages

Communications Package



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Progress Update



#### **Station Work:**

- Temporary station at Belmont was placed into service December of 2006
- Fullerton temporary stationhouse opened on October 8, 2006. New track four partial platform was placed into service January of 2007
- Kedzie and Rockwell reopened ahead of schedule on August 16, 2006 for service
- Kimball reopened ahead of schedule on January 12, 2007 for service
- Francisco is scheduled to re-open in March of 2007 for service
- Structural foundation work has started at Armitage Sedgwick, Chicago, Montrose and Addison





#### Signal Work:

- Installation of all new crossovers has 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 Tower is ongoing

#### Substations Work:

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



## Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Southport, Diversey, Wellington and Paulina Stations



- Community Meeting: September 22, 2005
- Advertise for Bids:
- Bid Opening:
- Notice to Proceed:
  - Awarded to FHP Tectonics
- Construction Completion: Fall 2009

September 28, 2006

August 3, 2006

December 26, 2006

# **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project**



#### **FHP Overview**

- One of the largest general contractors in the Midwest serving the Chicagoland area for over 29 years
- Primarily focused on public works and transit projects
- Re-Opened 3 Brown Line Stations (Kedzie, Rockwell, Kimball) with Francisco Station opening soon.
- Currently working on 7 Brown Line Stations (Francisco, Western, Belmont, Fullerton, Armitage, Sedgwick and Chicago)





Harrison Curve Realignment Before





Harrison Curve Realignment After





Jackson/State Red Line Platform (2003)





Lake/Randolph Red Line Station (2005)





Rockwell Brown Line Station (2005)





**Initial Construction Activities** 

- Noise and vibration monitoring set up
- Site survey/track survey
- Utility trenching
- Existing condition photo/video survey



- CTA Brown Line Headquarters 3232 North Wilton
- Jobsite office near the Diversey and Paulina Stations
- General Contractor Hotline 773-308-SERV

# **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 Southport, Diversey, Wellington and

# **Paulina Stations**

- Station Phases\*
  - Southport Station Closure: April 2, 2007
    - Construction duration: 399 days
    - Closure: 365 days
  - Diversey Station Closure: Spring of 2007
    - Construction duration: 487 days
    - Closure: 365 days
  - Paulina Station Closure: Spring of 2008
    - Construction duration: 399 days
    - Closure: 365 days
  - Wellington Station Closure: Spring/Summer 2008
    - Construction duration: 499 days
    - Closure: 365 days
- 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 17 work conditions and receipt of permits, plus other items beyond the control of the CTA or the Contractors performing the work





# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Existing Bus Routes



Paulina	
Rail Stations	
Addison and Southport Brown Line Stations	
Bus Routes	
9 Ashland	
X9 Ashland Express	
11 Lincoln / Sedwick	
77 Belmont	
152 Addison	
Southport	
Rail Stations	
Paulina and Belmont Brown Line Stations	
Bus Routes	
9 Ashland	
X9 Ashland Express	
22 Clark	
77 Belmont	
152 Addison	



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Existing Bus Routes



Wellington
Rail Stations
Belmont and Diversey Brown Line Stations
Bus Routes
8 Halsted
22 Clark
76 Diversey
77 Belmont
Diversey
Rail Stations
Wellington and Fullerton Brown Line Stations
Bus Routes
8 Halsted
11 Lincoln / Sedgwick
22 Clark
36 Broadway
74 Fullerton
76 Diversey



#### www.ctabrownline.com Brown Line web site





## 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 <u>www.ctabrownline.com</u>
  - Link for construction schedule is on the main page



#### www.transitchicago.com link to Brown Line





#### **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 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



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#### **Alternate Service**

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





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

www.ctabrownline.com 1-888-YOUR-CTA





activity.



#### **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
	sidents: etween 3035 Sheffield and 3041 Sheffield will be pproximately two months.
The affected exit garages	alley will be open to residents needing to enter or a.
"No Parking	" restrictions will be in effect during the work

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





#### Weekly Service Update

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





#### **Press Release**

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

	Media Relations Department P. O. Box 7563 Chicago, Illinois 60680-7563
For Immediate Datasas	TEL 312 681-3090
For Immediate Release	January 6, 2006
First Temporary Station Closure I Brown Line S	
As announced on December 20, the Chicag dates for temporary station closures and pro schedule for the capacity expansion project Line. The schedule includes dates for temp Armitage and Sedgwick stations, as well as Rockwell. The location and dates are subje conditions or other circumstances beyond th	wided a three-month construction currently underway on the Brown orary station closures for Chicago, Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco and ct to change based on weather
Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco and Rockwell sta station closures during the weekday through project. These stations are within a half-mili adjacent stations will be closed at the same may go to the next closest station for service	out portions of the construction e or less of each other and no two time during weekdays so customers
The Kedzie and Rockwell stations will tempr up to six months. Alternate rail service inclu Kedzie, and Francisco, located between Ke remain open to serve Brown Line customers Kedzie and Rockwell. Customers in close p also served by the following CTA bus routes Kimball/Homan and #93 California/Dodge. Rockwell station are served by the following Western, #X49 North Western, #X49 Weste #81 Lawrence.	Ides Kimball station, adjacent to dzie and Rockwell stations, which will s throughout the temporary closure of roximity to the Kedzie station are s: #78 Montrose, #81 Lawrence, #82 Customers in close proximity to the CTA bus routes: #11 Lincoln, #49
Signs informing customers of estimated date existing alternate service and construction d stations and on CTA's web site. CTA estima Rockwell stations will take from 10 to 11 mo	letails will be posted at each of these ates construction on Kedzie and
In addition to the temporary weekday closur Rockwell will close for up to up to 10 weeker construction crews unlimited access to station	nds during construction to allow
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<u>Service Disruptions</u>

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.

• <u>Report It</u>

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 Business Outreach Plan



Within One Block - Advertising Car Cards

# Support Rockwell Businesses.



4632 N. Rockwell



Lake Claremont Press 4650 N. Rockwell





www.ruffhauspets.com

4652 N. Rockwell

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 or www.transitchicago.com.



# 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.

# **Bisiness 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 Contact Information



#### **General Questions**

Mark Payne Chicago Transit Authority mpayne@transitchicago.com (312) 681-2713

#### **CTA Web Site**

www.transitchicago.com www.ctabrownline.com

#### **Brown Line Comments**

brownlinebusiness@yahoo.com

#### **Service Questions**

CTA Service ctahelp@transitchicago.com 1-888-your-CTA

#### **Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Cntr**

Jason Jacobson 330 N. Wabash Ave., Suite 2800 Chicago, IL 60611 Telephone: (312) 494-6777 Email: info@chicagolandec.org www.chicagolandec.org

#### General Contractor Hotline 773-308-SERV

# **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project**



# **CTA Community Meetings**

The Chicago Transit Authority will hold community meetings to provide proposed service details for upcoming three-track operations. As part of the larger Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project, platforms will be expanded and elevators will be installed at the Belmont and Fullerton stations. Tracks must be moved for construction so the four tracks on which the Brown Line, Purple Line Express and Red Line currently operate will be reduced to three tracks.

Monday, March 12, 2007 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lane Tech High School Auditorium\* 2501 West Addison Street (Addison and Western)

Monday, March 19, 2007 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Truman College Cafeteria\* 1145 West Wilson Avenue

Thursday, March 15, 2007 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Agassiz Elementary School Auditorium\* 2851 North Seminary Avenue

Monday, March 26, 2007 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CTA Headquarters - 2nd Floor\* 567 West Lake Street

\*All facilities are accessible to people with disabilities.

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