

CTA BLUE LINE VISION STUDY

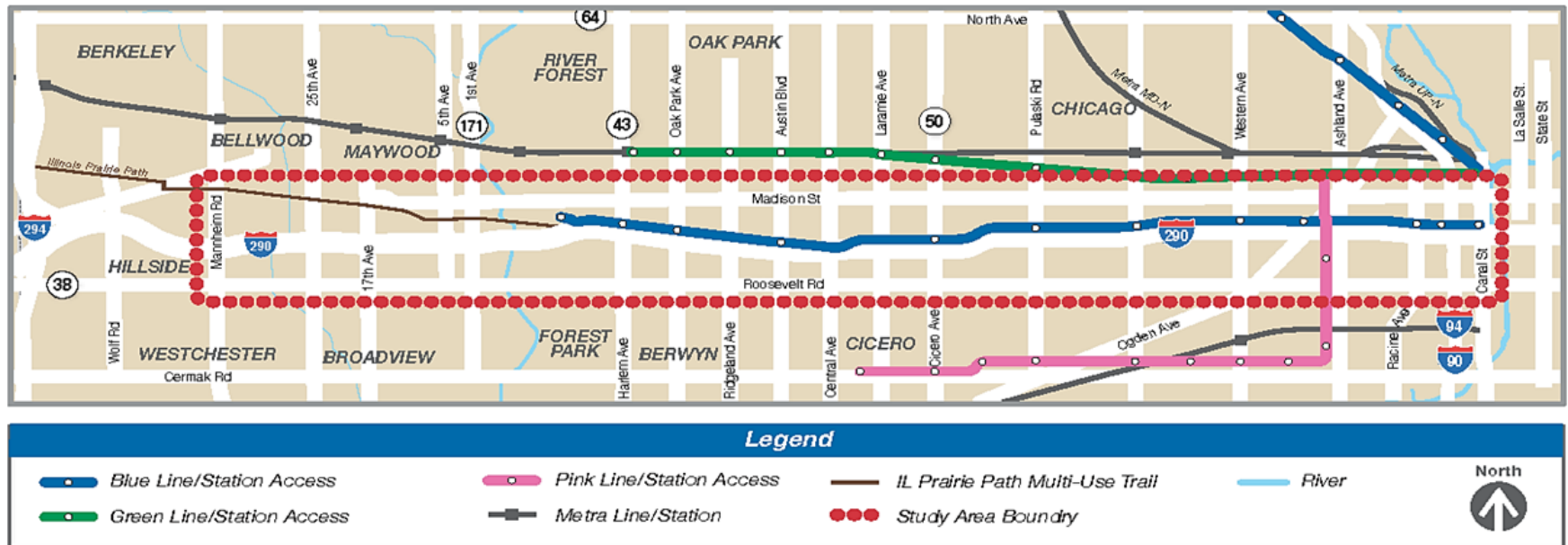


*CTA Blue Line Forest Park Branch
Feasibility/Vision Study
Review and Status Update*

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- CTA Study on 55 year old Forest Park Branch:
 - Confirm existing conditions and ROW needs
 - Prepare infrastructure, service, and design recommendations
 - Evaluate funding options

CTA Blue Line Vision Study Area





Community Outreach Efforts



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- **Public meetings (with IDOT)**
 - ✓ October 7 & 8, 2013 – 203 participants
- **IDOT I-290 Corridor Advisory Group Meetings**
 - ✓ 6 status updates throughout the project, including 2/2013, 7/2013, 9/2013, 7/2014, 8/2015, 12/2016
- **IDOT stakeholder briefings (Fall 2015)**
 - ✓ Broadview, Forest Park, Bellwood, Hillside, Cook County, Chicago Aldermen, CDOT
- **CTA City of Chicago outreach (Summer 2016)**
 - ✓ Elected officials/aldermen, residents peer agency representatives, local community groups, and businesses
 - ✓ Open house June 29, 2016



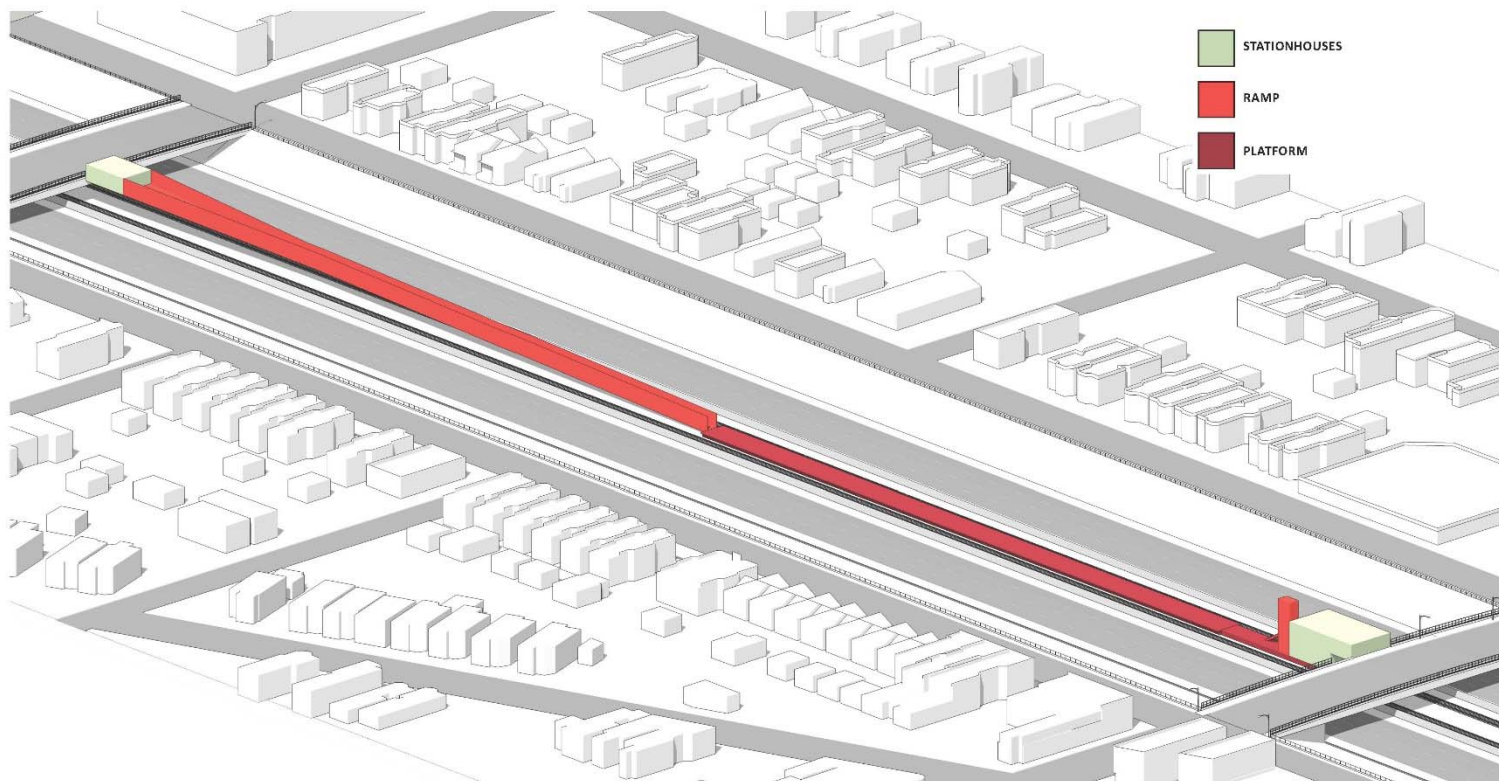


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- Keeler Avenue (Pulaski station)
- Lavergne Avenue (Cicero station)





RECOMMENDATION: Modernization and Reconstruction for Branch

- ✓ **Rehabilitate infrastructure**, starting with track work (27.3% slow zones, ongoing maintenance to delay increases)
- ✓ Propose **wider station platforms and elevator access** for entire branch — *Utilize design opportunities to lessen weather/noise impacts on branch*
- ✓ Maintain existing layout for double entry stations; **add auxiliary entrances for single-entry stations** (Western, Pulaski and Cicero)
- ✓ Include **turn-back track west of IMD** to accommodate construction phasing and future service increase to IMD
- ✓ **Redesign and expand Forest Park Terminal** within current parcel to modernize yard and shop, bus and pedestrian connections



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Cost Estimate/Construction



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- Cost is based on conceptual planning study which will be refined in design
- \$1.7B in 2016, including :
 - ✓ Track and related infrastructure
 - ✓ Reconstruction of Forest Park Yard, maintenance shop and terminal
 - ✓ Stations from UIC-Halsted to Forest Park
 - ✓ 6 substations
- Construction start contingent on identifying funding
 - ✓ CTA will continue to work closely with IDOT
 - ✓ Construction would be sequenced in coordination with reconstruction of the highway.



Next Steps



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- Participate in a joint IDOT/CTA Public Hearing on January 25 and 26, 2017
- Complete the CTA Blue Line Forest Park Branch Feasibility Vision Study
- Upcoming Phases include:
 - ✓ NEPA, Design and Construction Procurement
- Seek federal, state and local funds for upcoming project phases
- Continue to work closely with IDOT and other project stakeholders throughout project development