



CTA BLUE LINE VISION STUDY

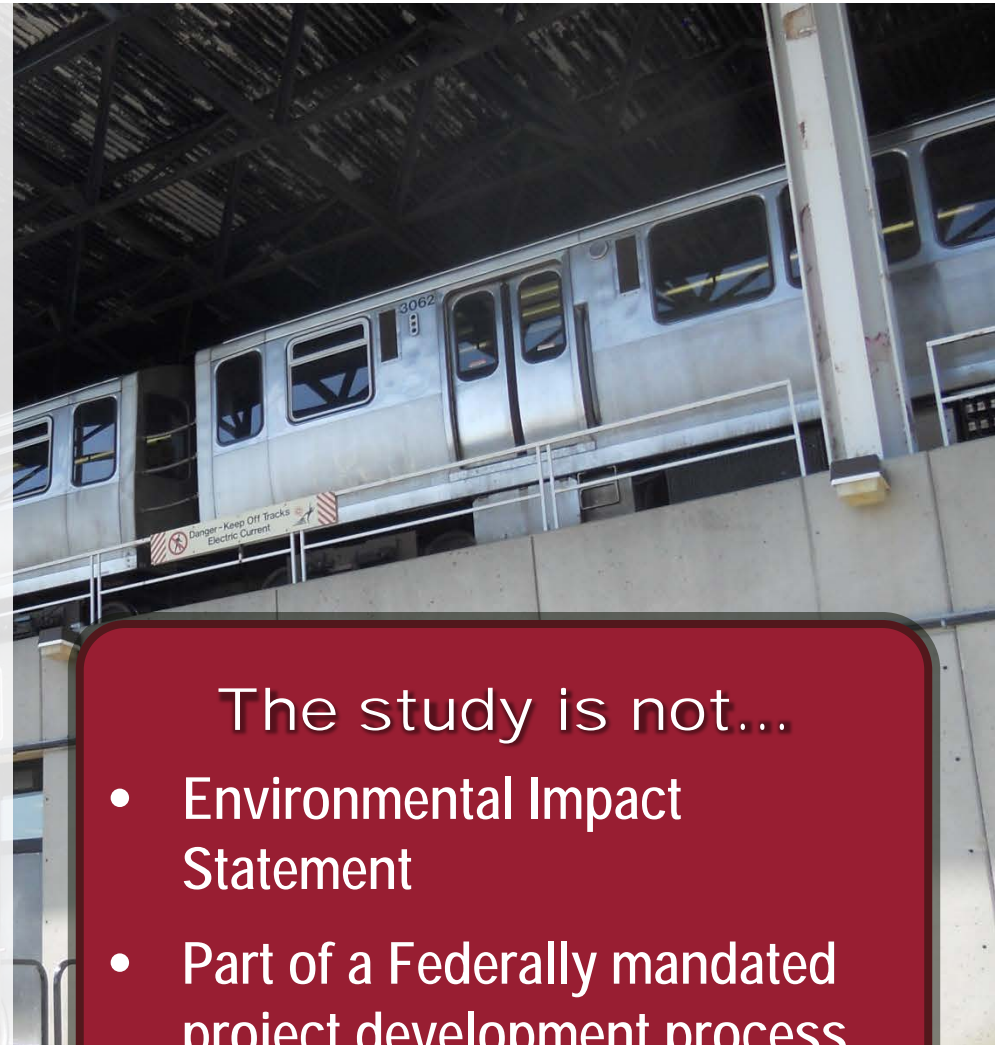
# *CTA Blue Line Forest Park Branch Feasibility/Vision Study*



# What is the Blue Line Feasibility / Vision Study?



- Opportunity to assess current conditions
  - Modernization needs exist for rail infrastructure and customer amenities
- Planning for modernization
  - Near-term (10 years)
  - Long-term (2040)
- Early outreach and comment opportunity for project stakeholders
- Recommendations will inform IDOT's I-290 Phase 1 Study



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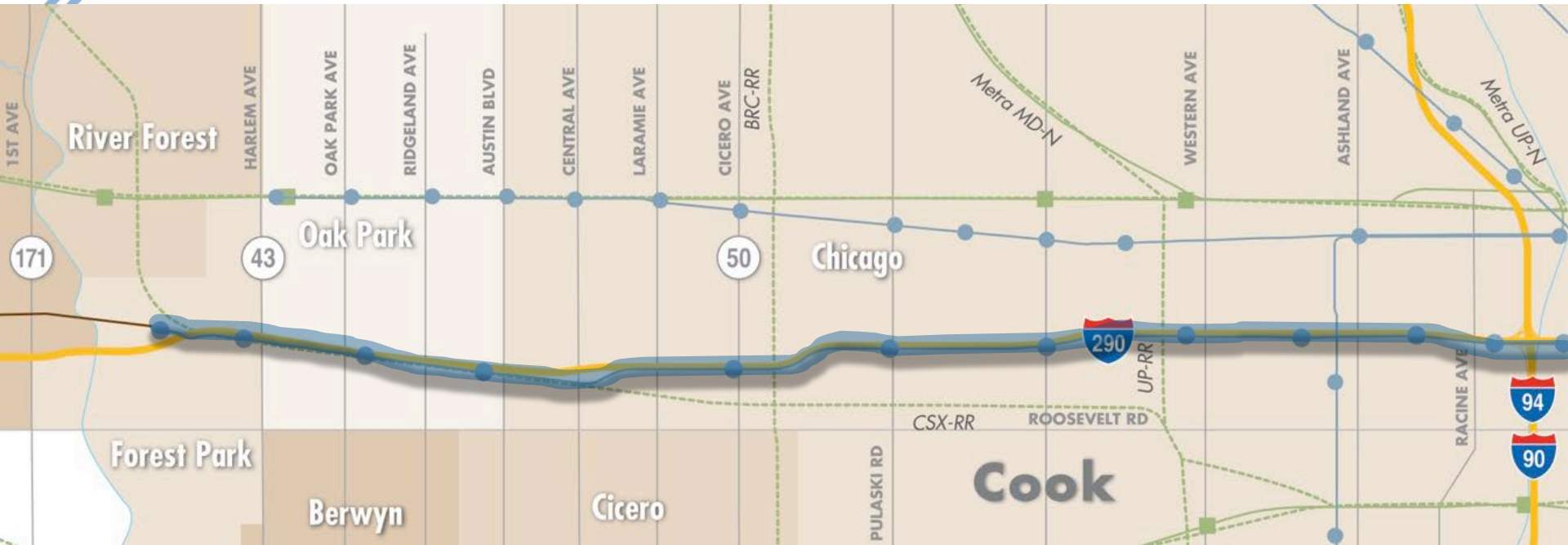
- Environmental Impact Statement
- Part of a Federally mandated project development process

# Project Study Area & Background



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- Study area is existing Blue Line from Clinton to Forest Park, and continuing to Mannheim Rd for review of IDOT transit proposals
- The 55-year old Blue Line / 1-290 facility was completed in 1958 as the 1<sup>st</sup> integrated transit / highway facility.







- Determine existing conditions
  - Infrastructure needs
  - Transit markets and ridership trends
- Develop potential conceptual service patterns
  - Evaluate potential expansion alternatives included in IDOT I-290 EIS
- Determine station access needs and design modernized station prototypes
  - Emphasis on improving livability in Oak Park
- Evaluate and refine conceptual service and station access alternatives
- Consider funding options

## Joint Partnerships

- IDOT's I-290 EIS Study
  - Modeling resources
  - Coordinated outreach
- Village of Oak Park
  - Support for station design





# Project Schedule



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## 8 Month Timeline

*Stakeholder Involvement*

Winter 2013

Spring 2013

Summer 2013

Fall 2013



*Service concepts & potential alternatives*

*Final concepts and station prototypes*

*Vision Study Complete*



There is a desire to coordinate major investments between IDOT and CTA so that a combined alternative can be advanced.

- The CTA Feasibility/Vision Study will inform responses to transit alternatives in IDOT's I-290 Phase I Study

## Benefits of coordinated projects:

- Multimodal coordination improves mobility
- Coordinated implementation may allow:
  - Potential cost savings
  - Reduced customer inconvenience during maintenance / construction
- Broader funding opportunities than isolated projects

