



Attachment H - Section 4(f) Coordination Materials

MEETING NOTES

Date: December 5, 2019 1:30 PM

Place: Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) 536 N. Harlem, River Forest, IL

Project/Purpose: Red Line Extension Update and Coordination: 130th Street Station

Attendees:	Name	Initials	Organization
	Sonali Tandon	ST	Chicago Transit Authority
	Marlise Fratinardo	MF	Chicago Transit Authority
	Leah Dawson Mooney	LM	Chicago Transit Authority
	Tom Williams	TW	RLE PMC
	Patrick Dunn	PD	RLE PMC
	Dan Loftus	DL	RLE PMC
	Erika Selke	ES	City of Chicago
	Kindy Kruller	KK	FPCC
	Chris Slattery	CS	FPCC
	Jessica Becker	JB	FPCC
	Credell Walls	CW	FPCC
	Angela Brooks (Phone)	AB	Chicago Housing Authority

Notes By: Dan Loftus

The following meeting notes set forth our understanding of the discussions and decisions made at this meeting. If no objections, questions, additions, or comments are received within 5 working days from issuance of the meeting notes, we will assume our understandings are correct. We are proceeding based on the contents of these meeting notes.

1. Introductions
2. RLE Project Overview – MF provided an overview of the project including Project Location, Station Locations, Yard/Shop Location, and additional design features.
3. Project Status – MF summarized the project status including a brief history of the project as well as a summary of where we are in the FTA New Starts Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Process (preparing for entry into the two-year CIG Project Development phase) and where we are heading (Entry into Engineering, after exiting Project Development).
4. 130th Street Station Opportunity – TW presented the current and potential future terminal station locations near 130th Street. The conceptual design presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shows the station and parking are north of 130th Street adjacent to a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) facility. Subsequent to the Draft EIS, the Chicago Housing Authority demolished the housing buildings on three blocks

of the Altgeld Gardens housing development directly south of the Draft EIS station location and south of 130th Street. TW referred to a graphic depicting a conceptual design of the new station and parking opportunity noting benefits and challenges.

Benefits of the relocated station include proximity to the residents of Altgeld Gardens, safer access by avoiding the crossing of 130th Street and better opportunities for commercial development. Challenges include traffic access to the station, internal circulation of traffic within Altgeld Gardens, accommodation of existing travel routes (e.g., Carver Military Academy, etc.), potential impacts resulting from Altgeld Gardens being eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and the need to utilize FPCC land where the new station would be sited. On this last item, the following was discussed:

- Current access to the FPCC Beaubien Woods Flatfoot Lake parking lot near the proposed station site is from the south along Doty Avenue. FPCC noted that the roadway is currently closed and in poor condition with vegetation growing out of the pavement. Traffic from the south uses their parking lot as a bypass to access Carver Military Academy and other areas north. Their parking lot surface is not designed to handle this type of through traffic. Doty Avenue is therefore an important route for FPCC. CDOT has jurisdiction of the road and has been informed of the situation.
- The Old 130th Street crossing is used by people to access Carver Military Academy. People currently make a U-turn on Ellis Avenue to get there. Closure of the roadway may impact access to the school.
- FPCC noted that their policy is that they do not sell land; they lease it, which is a negotiated process. For an easement, it is typically a one-time payment.
- LM discussed the potential for a land swap between FPCC and the City of Chicago to allow for the purchase of the land by CTA. The swap could potentially include city-owned land adjacent to Beaubien Woods. Land swap doesn't involve leasing but is a formal transfer. ES noted that this is an ongoing conversation.
- FPCC noted that on some projects they are co-sponsors and this has helped to alleviate Section 4(f) issues.
- FPCC noted that the proposed land acquisition involves an existing access road and that their access to the Beaubien Woods would need to be reconsidered. FPCC noted their concern about how people would access the parking garage and the routing of cars and buses for the station, specifically with people coming through their park property. Signage and wayfinding will be an important element of the new station and also for FPCC users to navigate the area.
- FPCC land acquisition transactions have historically included a benefits package in addition to lease payments that are coordinated by FPCC's land use committee. This benefits package may include the improvements to Doty Avenue.
- FPCC asked about ownership of 134th Street right-of-way east of church row north of Beaubien Woods. Ownership was uncertain, but believed to be CDOT.
- FPCC noted that Ton Farm Underground Railroad tours come to Beaubien Woods.
- FPCC noted that future interests at Beaubien Woods include additional trails and connections to Altgeld Gardens and connecting the two halves of the park (boat ramp area and Flatfoot Lake area) bisected by the railroad. An upcoming Openlands study

- would address trails in this area. The current railroad crossing at 132nd Street does not have gates.
- In 2020, FPCC plans to repave and reduce the parking lot for the boat ramp area of Beaubien Woods to reduce their maintenance costs.
 - FPCC noted that the station could be a gateway (benefit) to Beaubien Woods. Safety and bike access (connections to bike trails) would be important. FPCC stated that despite the proximity of the park to Altgeld Gardens, people currently don't feel safe accessing on foot.
 - To start a pre-application for their land use committee to review, FPCC requested CTA submitting an interest cover letter with key exhibits from the presentation.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Distribution:

Attendees

Attachments: (none)



Meeting Minutes



Project: Red Line Extension
Meeting Purpose: FPCC Land Use Review Committee Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2020
Location: Remote Meeting
Time: 1:30 PM

Chairperson: Matt Gomez (FPCC)

Attendees: (See Attached copy of Sign-in-Sheet)

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Responsibility/ Status</i>	<i>Due/Closed Date</i>
1.00	Introductions			
2.00	Project Overview			
2.01	11/5/20	The Preferred Alignment was selected in 2018, generally following the existing UPRR alignment and extending from the existing Red Line terminus at 95th St and ending at 130th St in Altgeld Gardens. Four new stations and new Shop/Yard will be added.		
2.02	11/5/20	Project benefits include equity, connectivity and access to the far south side, economic opportunity, frequent rail service, and sustainable transportation.		
2.03	11/5/20	Federal funding is being pursued under the New Starts Program. Earlier this year the Preliminary Engineering Consultant (PEC) was engaged to produce the environmental documents and 30% engineering drawings. The Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) has been initiated for the relocation of the 130th Station, and the official entry letter into the New Starts Project Development has been submitted to the FTA.		
2.04	11/5/20	The Draft EIS showed the 130th Station north of 130th St, adjacent to the MWRD wastewater treatment facility. With the recent demolition of homes on CHA blocks within Altgeld Gardens, a new location south of 130th St. within the now vacant blocks garnered support from stakeholder groups and will be vetted through the NEPA process with a Supplemental EA.		
3.00	Confirm FPCC Ownership and Holdings			
3.01	11/5/20	A map of parcel ownership near the 130th Station south location was provided.		
3.02	11/5/20	All alignments considered south of 130th Street would impact the northern FPCC parcel. The larger southern FPCC parcel would only be impacted for a construction easement for the land North of 132nd Street. The northern FPCC parcel is approximately 7 acres and would be a full parcel impact. The southern parcel impact is approximately 0.5 acres for the removal of the apron connecting the old access road and 132nd St. and for regrading and restoring the area.		
3.03	11/5/20	No dedicated ROW was found for 132nd St, and confirmation was requested from FPCC that this street is within the FPCC owned parcel.	FPCC	
4.00	Proposed Improvements and Alternatives Considered			
4.01	11/5/20	CTA will maintain the facilities for the service life of the station, and estimates that the construction period will be approximately 5 years and impacts to the FPCC parcel near 132nd St would potentially last 2-3 construction seasons.		
4.02	11/5/20	A conceptual station layout south of 130th was provided, noting that this image is for internal discussions only and has not been made public.		

4.03	11/5/20	Providing a station closer to Beaubien Woods creates a gateway into the nearby FPCC holdings, can improve access for users of Beaubien Woods and enhance connection to the residential areas. This would also eliminate FPCC maintenance for the access road between 132nd St and Old 130th St. Mitigation measures could also be developed to enhance Beaubien Woods.		
4.04	11/5/20	The public also benefits from safer pedestrian movements between Altgeld Gardens, Carver Military Academy, and the new 130th Station, and this project supports the objectives in the Altgeld-Murray Master Plan.		
4.05	11/5/20	A location north of 130th St was considered in the Draft EIS, and all locations south of 130th St would impact FPCC property due to design constraints with the alignment.		
5.00	Next Steps			
5.01	11/5/20	For the Section 4(f) process, a formal Section 4(f) evaluation must be performed to determine the use and impacts to the Section 4(f) resource that is Beaubien Woods. Collaboration with FPCC is desired to develop mitigation measures that will result in a de minimus impact. The NEPA process also requires that impacts to FPCC be disclosed to the public and mitigation measures identified. This would be done through the Supplemental EA. The first Supplemental EA draft will be submitted to CTA in January 2021, approval by FTA and public hearing is anticipated for Fall 2021. The Final EIS and ROD will present mitigation measures and final findings for Section 4(f) impacts and is targeted for Spring 2022.		
5.02	11/5/20	CTA inquired about the FPCC process to identify mitigation measures and future collaboration opportunities. CTA and FPCC agree that additional conversations will be required.		
5.03	11/5/20	The land owned by the CHA is identified as potential area for future development. Discussions will be required with CHA and HUD to determine a long term arrangement for the use of this property. Coordination with CHA is ongoing.		
5.04	11/5/20	FPCC requested records of Stakeholder meetings, and CTA will provide Meeting Minutes.	CTA	
5.05	11/5/20	FPCC discussed the "Better Beaubien" effort, which could help identify opportunities for mitigation measures although this plan was not finalized. It was prepared by AIA pro bono. There is a vision for expanding Beaubien Woods further west. FPCC will provide this document to CTA. CTA remains engaged with the City regarding their land holdings in the area and the potential opportunity for land swaps.	FPCC	
5.06	11/5/20	FPCC expressed interest in a trail along the North side of the river, which could also provide pedestrian and bike access to the 130th Station.		
5.07	11/5/20	Changes in land use and disposition of land require a determination that no harm to the FPCC facilities and mission would occur and that the level of impact would be acceptable. Mitigation would extend beyond fair market value for the property and would need to provide additional benefits above and beyond what makes them whole for the land loss.		
5.08	11/5/20	FPCC inquired about CTA intentions for the permanent take, and CTA noted that there are several possible mechanics for this acquisition including a purchase plus mitigation measures, long term lease agreement, or land swap. Through Section 4(f), project funds could be used to mitigate any impacts.		
5.09	11/5/20	Previous conversations discussed a land swap between FPCC and city-owned parcels to the west, which would match the required acreage. The CHA parcel adjacent to these City parcels would also make sense as a recreational space, and CTA can discuss availability of this parcel with CHA. Parcels to the west of Beaubien Woods along the river have various owners. FPCC noted that Openlands is spearheading the analysis of the vacant properties for the African American Water Trail.		
6.00	Action Items			

6.01	11/5/20	CTA will provide Meeting Minutes and details from stakeholder meetings.	CTA	
6.02	11/5/20	FPCC will provide the "Better Beaubien" documentation.	FPCC	
6.03	11/5/20	FPCC will review submitted materials on the RLE project and evaluate/discuss benefits to the FPCC. FPCC will also research and confirm ownership of the Southern parcel and 132nd St.	FPCC	
6.04	11/5/20	A separate meeting will be set up to discuss more details regarding the CTA RLE project and FPCC parcels.	CTA/FPCC	
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MEETING PURPOSE: FPCC Land Use Review Committee Meeting

MEETING DATE: Thursday, November 5, 2020

MEETING TIME: 1:30 PM

CHAIRPERSON: Matt Gomez (FPCC)

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

INVITEES:

No.	Attended?	Name	Company/Org	Role/Department	E-mail	Extension/ No.
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9	Y	Helen Yeung	PEC - CERA	Document Control	hyeung@cerasolutions.com	
10	Y	Matt Gomez	FPCC	Interim Committee Chair		
11	Y	John McCabe	FPCC	Director, Dept. of Resource Management		



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No.	Attended?	Name	Company/Org	Role/Department	E-mail	Extension/ No.
12	Y	Pam Sielski	FPCC	Landscape Architect, Planning and Development		
13	Y	Dave Kircher	FPCC	Chief Landscape Architect		
14	Y	Delio Calzolari	FPCC	Government Affairs		
15	Y	Chris Slattery	FPCC	Dept. of Planning and Development		
16	Y	Chip O'Leary	FPCC	Deputy Director, Dept. of Resource Management		
17	Y	Eric Otto	FPCC	Dept. of Planning and Development		
18	Y	Brittney Baumer	FPCC	Water Management		
19	Y	Jeremy Bergstrom	FPCC	Deputy Chief Attorney		
20	N	Paula Pienton	PEC - TY Lin	Project Manager	paula.pienton@tylin.com	(312) 777-2868
21	N	Jessica Becker	FPCC			

NOTE: All individuals listed have been invited to the meeting. Only those indicated were in attendance.

Chicago Transit Authority

Red Line Extension Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) Land Use Review Committee Meeting

Agenda

November 5, 2020

Remote Meeting

1:30 PM to 3:30 PM CT

Invitees:	Chris Slattery/FPCC	Michael Murnane/FPCC
	Matt Gomez/FPCC	Pamela Sielski/FPCC
	Charles O'Leary/FPCC	Jeremy Bergstrom/FPCC
	Delio Calzolari/FPCC	Leah Mooney/CTA – Planning
	Karen Vaughan/FPCC	Marlise Fratinardo/CTA – Planning
	Lisa Lee/FPCC	Sonali Tandon/CTA – Planning
	Christopher Adas/FPCC	Joanna Littrell/PMC – HNTB
	Adnan Nammari/FPCC	Patrick Dunn/PMC – CDM Smith
	Brittany Baumer/FPCC	Paula Pienton/PEC – TY Lin
	David Kircher/FPCC	Grace Dysico/NEPA-PEC – TranSystems
	Eric Otto/FPCC	Robin Martel/NEPA-PEC – Wight
	John McCabe/FPCC	Helen Yeung/NEPA-PEC – Cera

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- 1) **Introductions**
 - 2) **Project Overview**
 - Preferred Alignment: 95th Street to 130th Street
 - Relocation of 130th Street station
 - 3) **Confirm FPCC Ownership and Holdings**
 - Parcel parallel to Conrail right-of-way (contains access road)
 - Beaubien Woods
 - 132nd Street right-of-way
 - 4) **Proposed Improvements and Alternatives Considered**
 - 130th Street station area concept (see attachment)
 - Construction and Operations of RLE
 - Benefits to FPCC and Public
 - Alternatives Considered
 - 5) **Next Steps**
 - Section 4(f) Coordination
 - Determination of Use and Impacts
 - Review Potential Mitigation Measures
 - 6) **Action Items**



Meeting Minutes



Project: Red Line Extension
Meeting Purpose: FPCC/CTA Discussion on 130th Station
Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021
Location: Remote Meeting
Time: 8:30 AM

Chairperson: Marlise Fratinardo

Attendees: (See Attached copy of Sign-in-Sheet)

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Responsibility/Status</i>	<i>Due/Closed Date</i>
1.00	Purpose of Meeting			
1.01	2/4/21	The purpose of this meeting was to further discuss the 130th Station impact on FPCC property.		
2.00	Project Background			
2.01	2/4/21	At the 11/5/20 FPCC Land Use Committee meeting, CTA presented the potential to use the FPCC parcel at the proposed 130th Station location.		
2.02	2/4/21	The 130th Station was originally envisioned North of 130th St in the Draft EIS, but demolished housing within Altgeld Gardens presented an opportunity for the station to be relocated adjacent to the Altgeld Gardens community. This was compatible with the CHA master plan and received positive reception from stakeholders.		
2.03	2/4/21	A new NEPA analysis and Supplemental EA document will be needed to document the 130th Station location change.		
3.00	Current Alignment			
3.01	2/4/21	The proposed alignment currently involves tunneling under 130th St using the FPCC parcel for the tracks and the Altgeld Gardens parcel for the station.		
3.02	2/4/21	Altgeld Gardens is in the process to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), which would be adjacent to the station location.		
3.03	2/4/21	Community members near the 130th Station have expressed interest in the addition of retail amenities in the neighborhood, and CTA is performing a TSD study in coordination with DPD to determine what types of development opportunities could be supported.		
3.04	2/4/21	The current proposed alignment provides ample space for development opportunities within the Altgeld Gardens parcel.		
4.00	Alternate Alignment			
4.01	2/4/21	An alternate alignment was explored, shifting the alignment approximately 150 ft further West to avoid the FPCC parcel.		
4.02	2/4/21	The alternate alignment is feasible but shifts the station closer to the historic resource and significantly reduces the developable area. Both visual and noise/vibration impacts to the community are expected to increase with this alignment.		
4.03	2/4/21	This option does not provide FPCC opportunities for a land swap or betterment.		
4.04	2/4/21	Access to the TCA Health Clinic would be impacted from this alignment, and a few parking spaces would be eliminated.		
5.00	Potential Mitigation Strategies			
5.01	2/4/21	FPCC required no net loss for acreage as a minimum but preferred a land swap that would increase total acreage.		
5.02	2/4/21	There was a desire for better integration between the FPCC property, community and future CTA station, including trail connections. Improved connections to Carver Park were also desired.		

5.03	2/4/21	FPCC expressed interest in the CHA Blocks 12 and 15, in addition to the City of Chicago parcels previously discussed.		
5.04	2/4/21	In the Altgeld Gardens Master Plan, Block 15 is shown as an extension of Carver Park for active recreation. Block 12 was shown as unprogrammed open space after the demolition.		
6.00	Section 4(f) Process			
6.01	2/4/21	CTA proposed a Section 4(f) schedule based on the RLE project timeline.		
6.02	2/4/21	CTA has discussed a potential land swap with the City of Chicago, and the City of Chicago felt the parcels were an obvious candidate for a land swap.		
6.03	2/4/21	An initial discussion was held with CHA but additional discussions are needed. A meeting has been scheduled with CHA, and CTA will discuss CHA plans for Blocks 12 and 15.		
6.04	2/4/21	Coordination with CPD will occur after the meeting with CHA.		
6.05	2/4/21	CTA noted that the NEPA process and FEIS/ROD must be complete prior to acquiring any land for a land swap unless FTA approves a corridor preservation type acquisition.		
6.06	2/4/21	CTA suggested that an agreement in principle could suffice for the NEPA process, which would identify that an appropriate mitigation for Section 4(f) has been agreed upon. This is required before FTA approval and legal sufficiency review of the Supplemental EA. FPCC would be willing to have an agreement in principal.		
6.07	2/4/21	The Supplemental EA includes a chapter on Section 4(f), and an agreement with FPCC regarding mitigation measures is needed for the preliminary de minimis determination. This agreement can include acreage requirements, ecological sufficiency, trails, or other proposed betterments. The Supplemental EA will be presented to the public, and a public hearing will be held in November/December 2021. Coordination between CTA and FPCC will be held to discuss public comments, and mitigation measures will be finalized in the Final EIS/ROD in Q3 of 2022.		
6.08	2/4/21	The Supplemental EA public hearing will be a public open house, providing documents for review and an open forum for the public to ask questions.		
6.09	2/4/21	FPCC requested public engagement in advance of the Supplemental EA public hearing, preferably ahead of the Q2 Conservation and Policy Council meeting on 4/22/21. CTA noted that several TSD outreach events are scheduled during this timeframe, and the engagement website can be leveraged to gather public input.		
6.10	2/4/21	CTA requested FPCC input on the FPCC process.	FPCC	
6.11	2/4/21	FPCC will present updates at the 4/1/21 FPCC Land Use Committee Meeting.		
6.12	2/4/21	CTA identified that to meet the Supplemental EA schedule, a preliminary agreement, if needed to be approved by the FPCC Board, would be needed in July or September 2021.		
6.13	2/4/21	A meeting will be scheduled the week of 2/22/21 to discuss updates in advance of the 3/4/21 FPCC Land Use Committee Meeting.		
6.14	2/4/21	A field visit can be planned in late March or early April to assess parcel conditions.		
6.15	2/4/21	A multi-agency meeting will be scheduled to coordinate the requests and determine the path forward. That multi-agency meeting should be held after individual agency meetings with the CHA and CPD are held. Target late March for the multi-agency meeting.		
6.16	2/4/21	CTA will update the Section 4(f) schedule to include the 2/18/21 scheduled CPD meeting and will add in dates for the field visit and the additional FPCC Small Group Meeting #2. CTA will provide meeting dates to FPCC.	CTA	
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Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Location: Remote Meeting
Time: 4:00 PM

Chairperson: Marlise Fratinardo

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<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Responsibility/ Status</i>	<i>Due/Closed Date</i>
1.00	Updates			
1.01	2/24/21	CTA met with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) on 2/10/21 to discuss plans for Blocks 12 and 15. CHA has no plans for these blocks but will confirm if a solar array project may still be pursued. There are no existing contracts or funding for the expansion of Carver Park.		
1.02	2/24/21	CTA met with the Chicago Park District (CPD) on 2/18/21. CPD also had no current plans or funding to extend Carver Park into Block 15.		
1.03	2/24/21	Both CHA and CPD were excited to collaborate and support the process to figure out mutual agency goals.		
1.04	2/24/21	CPD expressed interest in improved connections between Carver Park and Beaubien Woods and meeting resident desires for connections to recreational spaces.		
1.05	2/24/21	CTA has reached out to Cheryl Johnson from People for Community Renewal (PCR) to discuss community feedback on the solar panel project and proposed Section 4(f) mitigations.		
1.06	2/24/21	FPCC has begun discussing the land use and acquisition request with the Conservation Policy Council, and robust community engagement is important to the policy advisors.		
2.00	Mitigations			
2.01	2/24/21	FPCC noted that there is desire for a land swap to be more than 1 to 1, as FPCC desires to generally increase holdings. CTA inquired how much more than 1 to 1 would be needed at a minimum. FPCC desires as much land as possible but would be open to an easement or partial property ownership of the CHA parcels.		
2.02	2/24/21	CTA noted that CHA is developing a document in March that could include the land disposition, but CTA confirmed that the CHA land disposition process is a long process that would involve a public process and application through HUD.		
2.03	2/24/21	FPCC requested CTA convey requests from other agencies to assist in developing the FPCC mitigation request strategy.	CTA	
2.04	2/24/21	The main mitigation desired by FPCC is as much land from Blocks 12 and 15 as could be available. FPCC preferred full or partial acquisition of Block 15 but if Block 15 was not available, Block 12 should also be considered. FPCC did not have a clear vision for the use of Block 12.		
2.05	2/24/21	Other desired FPCC mitigations include consultation and/or funding for a safe path connection, trail connections between Carver Military Academy and Beaubien Woods, signage, space within the CTA station to promote recreational activities and assistance vacating the ROW South of Block 15 and DPD parcels.		
2.06	2/24/21	CTA and FPCC agreed that it would be preferred for CTA to provide funding to FPCC rather than consultation for the trail connections.		

2.07	2/24/21	FPCC noted that there is a strong desire for a connection from the boat launch to the community. FPCC desires engineering analysis on a trail crossing the ditch that runs north/south on edge of FPCC land to connect Carver Park to the boat launch.		
2.08	2/24/21	FPCC suggested that a nature play area could make sense adjacent to Carver Park.		
2.09	2/24/21	The CDOT roadway, Doty Ave, East of Beaubien Woods has been repaved adjacent to the parking lot for Flatfoot Lake, but the roadway North of this area is in poor condition and may be a concern to community members accessing Carver Military Academy.		
2.10	2/24/21	The FPCC Resource Management Department may request restoration or funding for restoration of land or have other requests. This department has not provided feedback or requests but is expected to provide input at the March Land Use Committee Meeting.		
3.00	Process			
3.01	2/24/21	FPCC noted that it would be important to perform a site visit to the properties to ensure the properties meet ecological criteria, and FPCC requested that this site visit be scheduled 4-6 weeks from 2/24/21. FPCC will complete the ecological assessment.		
3.02	2/24/21	A multi-agency meeting will be set up to discuss next steps, agreements needed and a timeframe. FPCC supported coordination with other local agencies for future land use and development plans, but FPCC anticipated that a proposed plan will be available no earlier than May 2021.		
3.03	2/24/21	CTA and FPCC agreed that CPD, DPD, FPCC, CHA, CTA and PCR should attend the multi-agency meeting.		
3.04	2/24/21	CTA noted that CTA cannot acquire land until the NEPA process is complete, but an understanding of acceptable mitigations is required for the Section 4(f) chapter of the Supplemental EA and Final EIS.		
3.05	2/24/21	Documentation and agreements for a de minimis finding will be similar to those with CPD in the Draft EIS. The draft finding was presented to the public in the Draft EIS public hearing. FTA provided comments based on the Draft EIS hearing, and CPD agreed to the finding.		
3.06	2/24/21	FPCC presented the tradeoffs between the Preferred Alignment and the West Option at the February FPCC Land Use Committee. Leadership has requested a recommendation from the Land Use Committee on whether the mitigations or avoidance of impact would be preferable. FPCC is developing the overall betterment strategy and indicated that it will be presented at the Conservation and Policy Council meeting on 4/22/21.	FPCC	
3.07	2/24/21	To meet project timelines, an agreement in principle is needed by summer 2021, ahead of FTA review of the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA). The Supplemental EA is scheduled to be published in November 2021.		
3.08	2/24/21	TSD outreach events will be held in early May and early fall. The previous TSD outreach event was combined with NEPA topics, and NEPA topics could be added to the upcoming TSD events if appropriate.		
3.09	2/24/21	CTA has engaged local stakeholders and the public at the Altgeld Gardens Temporary Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting and at the 130th Station open house meeting. In the previous FPCC/CTA coordination meeting, FPCC noted the desire for additional community engagement activities ahead of the 4/22/21 Conservation Policy Council Meeting, and CTA requested clarification of what additional outreach would be needed.		
3.10	2/24/21	FPCC will hold internal discussions at the March Land Use Committee Meeting, then another small group coordination meeting will be held between CTA and FPCC. A larger multi-agency meeting and site visit will also be scheduled.		
3.11	2/24/21	At the FPCC Land Use Committee Meeting, FPCC expects to receive feedback from other FPCC departments and will follow up with CTA if any big requests are made.	FPCC	

3.12	2/24/21	FPCC aims to outline terms of the mitigations request and reach conceptual agreement before the 4/22/21 Conservation Policy Council Meeting.	FPCC	
3.13	2/24/21	More direction is needed from FPCC leadership if an administrative action is sufficient for agreement or if board approval will be needed.	FPCC	
3.14	2/24/21	The Section 4(f) process requires an agreement in principle by May 2021 to move forward with engineering and design to procure funding for the final design. FPCC typically presents a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to the board for public documentation. Additional discussion is needed to coordinate the various requirements. FPCC suggested that a staff level recommendation could be developed and presented to the board for public review, and the public outreach could also be used for the RLE Section 4(f) documentation.		
3.15	2/24/21	CTA envisions that the land acquisition would occur as soon as the Record of Decision (ROD) is approved in summer 2022, as the FPCC land is critical to the 130th Street Station development.		
3.16	2/24/21	CTA will need to develop a strategy to incorporate FPCC betterments in the project timeline and noted that this timetable may vary from the land acquisition timeline.	CTA	
3.17	2/24/21	FPCC believed that Conservation Policy Council concurrence on the conceptual deal should precede public outreach to ensure leadership is in agreement with the approach. CTA suggested this public outreach could occur in June 2021.		
3.18	2/24/21	CTA noted that the May TSD outreach meeting will be corridor wide, and CTA and FPCC agreed that a more focused audience would be preferred.		
3.19	2/24/21	FPCC suggested that the interagency meeting could happen at the site visit.		
3.20	2/24/21	A timeframe for the MOA or other agreement for the land transfers will need to be determined.	CTA/FPCC	
3.21	2/24/21	CTA will suggest dates for the next FPCC/CTA coordination meeting in mid March.	CTA	
4.00	Other			
4.01	2/24/21	Solar panels could be installed at the 130th Street Station for neighborhood power. An overall CTA solar strategy is still being developed. Solar arrays may be incompatible with the historic designation of Altgeld Gardens.		
4.02	2/24/21	FPCC expressed concerns with visual impacts of a solar array adjacent to Beaubien Woods or connecting paths.		
4.03	2/24/21	CTA will reach out to PCR and noted that any solar array concepts developed should be discussed with CHA for potential impacts to the National Register Historic District nomination.	CTA	
4.04	2/24/21	FPCC noted that consultation with a community developer solar partner on solar array concepts could be helpful.		
4.05	2/24/21	CTA will look into obtaining feedback from the general CTA solar RFP regarding the solar options at 130th Street Station in coordination with the station development.	CTA	
4.06	2/24/21	CTA noted that the solar array planning should consider station development, and the construction of the station may affect light levels.		
4.07	2/24/21	FPCC and CTA agreed that there may be visual impacts from a solar array.		
4.08	2/24/21	The CTA TSD Team requested a listening session with FPCC to discuss programming, future plans and other planning questions. CTA requested FPCC availability and list of FPCC or partner participants. FPCC will provide suggested participants and availability.	FPCC	
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Sign in Sheet

PROJECT: Red Line Extension

MEETING PURPOSE: FPCC Coordination

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2021

MEETING TIME: 4:00 PM

CHAIRPERSON: Marlise Fratinardo

LOCATION: Remote Meeting

INVITEES:

No.	Attended?	Name	Company/Org	Role/Department	E-mail	Extension/ No.
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6	Y	Matt Gomez	FPCC	Interim Committee Chair		
7	Y	Jacqui Ulrich	FPCC			
8	Y	Robin Martel	PEC - Wight & Company	NEPA Specialist	rmartel@wightco.com	(312) 261-5730
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NOTE: All individuals listed have been invited to the meeting. Only those indicated were in attendance.



Meeting Minutes



Project: Red Line Extension
Meeting Purpose: FPCC Coordination Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Location: Remote Meeting
Time: 1:00 PM

Chairperson: Marlise Fratinardo

Attendees: (See Attached copy of Sign-in-Sheet)

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Responsibility/ Status</i>	<i>Due/Closed Date</i>
1.00	Introduction - Purpose of Meeting			
1.01	3/16/21	The purpose of this meeting was for FPCC and CTA to present updates on the Section 4(f) coordination since the previous small group coordination meeting on 2/24/21.		
2.00	Updates			
2.01	3/16/21	A site visit has been scheduled for 3/26/21. CTA has informed CPD and CHA about the meeting but has not received any responses. CTA believed that it would be more productive to have a smaller group and did not invite CPD or CHA to attend.		
2.02	3/16/21	CTA discussed the land swap, project updates, station area layout, and community impacts with Cheryl Johnson (PCR, community advocate). CTA did ask about the future plans for Blocks 12 and 15. Cheryl was interested in the pathway to connect Carver Park and Altgeld Gardens to the Beaubien Woods boat launch. CTA did not ask about the solar array for Blocks 12 or 15. CTA invited Cheryl to the upcoming site visit and is waiting feedback on the project updates and site visit invitation.		
2.03	3/16/21	An FPCC Land Use Committee Meeting was held on 3/4/21, and discussions focused on mitigation ideas that were also discussed with the RLE Team at the 2/24/21 meeting, including exhibit space and advertising. FPCC will reach out to the Field Museum about a potential gathering space that they are planning.	FPCC	
2.04	3/16/21	The TSD Consultant and FPCC will meet to focus on the economic development and TSD land uses. The Section 4(f) process will not be a focus. FPCC noted that Jacqui Ulrich and Adam Kessel will be involved in the TSD discussions.		
2.05	3/16/21	FPCC noted that there is a general openness to considering the use of the FPCC parcel for the RLE project with the right betterment package.		
2.06	3/16/21	The FPCC Resource Management Department objective is to seek betterments for the ecological quality of land in the area of impact. They have not yet weighed in about the betterments.		
2.07	3/16/21	FPCC had created a mowed path that has been used informally as a trail. FPCC believed the mowed path would be the easiest place to have a trail connection, but there may be challenges to crossing the ravine. The FPCC Program Department would take the lead on the path location, but the Resource Management Department should also provide input. Formal concepts will need to be developed if this is identified as a formal mitigation.		

2.08	3/16/21	After the field visit and 4/1/21 FPCC Land Use Committee Meeting, FPCC will write a draft betterments and mitigation measures request. This will be presented to the Conservation Policy Council at the meeting on 4/22/21. FPCC noted that the Conservation Policy Council has thus far been supportive and anticipates that they will generally defer to the staff level recommendations.	FPCC	
2.09	3/16/21	CTA indicated that after FPCC provides their draft betterment and mitigation measures request, CTA will need to coordinate and share that request with the FTA.		
2.10	3/16/21	It was discussed that there may need to be iterations of the betterments and mitigation measures. FPCC will need to confer with Conservation Policy Council for each iteration.		
2.11	3/16/21	FPCC believed it would be helpful to understand where the delineation between parcels would be in the field. CHA Block 15 is fenced off, and the City of Chicago parcels can be identified by heavy forestation. CHA Block 12 is open.		
2.12	3/16/21	Upon demolition of CHA Blocks 11, 12 and 13, there was one Recognized Environmental Concern (REC) that required further investigation but was later determined not to be a problem. The Ph II ESAs did not find any environmental concerns with the soils, and no remediation was needed.		
2.13	3/16/21	CTA did not recall any environmental analyses available for CHA Block 15. FPCC requested confirmation.	CTA	
2.14	3/16/21	CTA did not recall any environmental analyses available for the City of Chicago parcels but will confirm. Since these parcels were never developed, any environmental analyses would likely be very old or non-existent. CTA will also inquire about background on how these properties were acquired.	CTA	
2.15	3/16/21	CTA has reached out to CHA about a possible indoor location to meet in case of inclement weather on the day of the site visit but has not received a response. CTA will follow up.	CTA	
2.16	3/16/21	CTA will coordinate with CHA to ensure access to the fenced in Block 15 parcel.	CTA	
2.17	3/16/21	FPCC still desired to have a multi-agency meeting with CHA, CPD, DPD, FPCC and CTA in mid-April, after the 4/1/21 FPCC Land Use Committee Meeting but before the 4/22/21 Conservation Policy Council Meeting. Proposed dates include 4/12/21 and 4/14/21. CTA will take the lead to schedule the meeting.	CTA	
2.18	3/16/21	FPCC desired to have the community engagement meeting in May after the draft mitigation measures request is proposed to CTA.		
2.19	3/16/21	Because the City of Chicago parcels are densely forested, it may not be accessible during the site visit.		
2.20	3/16/21	FPCC suggested that it may be beneficial for someone to scout out the area prior to the site visit. CTA will follow up.	CTA	
2.21	3/16/21	In a previous coordination meeting, CHA agreed to follow up on the status of the solar array project. CTA will follow up with the CHA.		
2.22	3/16/21	FPCC has a discussion scheduled regarding the possibility of the superintendent issuing the mitigation measures without board action. Board action would not legally be required but may be desired. FPCC will follow up and ask the question after the April 1st Land Use Committee meeting.	FPCC	
2.23	3/16/21	Land acquisition is not anticipated to begin until 2022 after the completion of the environmental work and completion of the Record of Decision. Acquisition of the FPCC parcel is anticipated to be a high priority that will be completed early.		
2.24	3/16/21	Some of the FPCC betterments could be implemented by CTA and others by FPCC.		
3.00	Meetings			
3.01	3/16/21	A site visit has been scheduled for 3/26/21.		

3.02	3/16/21	The multi-agency meeting will be scheduled.	CTA	
3.03	3/16/21	A targeted community engagement meeting for pre-Section 4(f) will be scheduled in May.	CTA	
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FPCC Request for Section 4(f) Concurrence Memorandum

May 13, 2021



MEMORANDUM

TO: Leah Dawson Mooney, Director of Strategic Planning & Policy, CTA

cc: Eileen Figel, Deputy General Superintendent
Matt Gomez, Land Use Review Committee Coordinator

FROM: Arnold Randall, General Superintendent, Forest Preserves of Cook County

RE: CTA 130th Street Red Line Station – Request for 4(f) Concurrence

DATE: May 13, 2021

This memo sets out proposed draft terms for a 4(f) concurrence letter from the Forest Preserves of Cook County (“FPCC”) in support of proposed plans by the Chicago Transit Authority (“CTA”) to develop a new 130th Street Red Line Station (the “Project”) on or near a 7-acre FPCC parcel that currently is used for access to the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch recreation site.

FPCC property is eligible for protection under federal regulations 23 U.S.C. 138 and 39 U.S.C. 303, which were originally enacted as Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, which is implemented under 23 CFR 774 to protect publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges.

Forest Preserve staff and advisors are committed to ensuring that Forest Preserves’ current land is managed and maintained in accordance with its mission. Use of land by other entities for public utilities, infrastructure or other uses unrelated to the Forest Preserves’ mission are to be granted sparingly. A recent position paper on the [Acquisition and Disposition of Land](#) admonishes against any net loss of land and reaffirms a commitment to expand our holdings.

However, on extremely rare occasions, the FPCC will transfer its land when the project will advance FPCC plans and policies, will enhance natural and recreational resources and result in overall betterment of the forest preserves. FPCC staff recognize the important public benefit that will result from the proposed extension of the CTA Red Line and believe that impacts to forest preserve land or disposition of forest preserve land needed for the station can be ameliorated and mitigated to result in overall betterment of the forest preserves and community residents.

This memo confirms preliminary support from Forest Preserve staff for the project and a finding of *de minimis* impact to FPCC land after mitigation, assuming two different potential levels of impact.

Lower-Impact Scenario mitigation measures - to offset diminished access to the boat launch from the north and mitigate noise and vibration impacts on 7 acres of forest preserve land immediately adjacent to the proposed station:

1. Transfer of approximately 7 acres of vacant land owned by the City of Chicago (red circle on Figure 1), subject to confirmation of community support for this transfer and additional terms and conditions;¹
2. \$250,000 payment to FPCC for ecological restoration, habitat enhancement and beautification of expanded Beaubien Boat Launch land to encourage use and enjoyment by community residents and visitors arriving via public transit;
3. New trail connection from Altgeld Gardens recreation facilities on 133rd Street to the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch (concept planning currently in process);
4. Wayfinding and information signage inside the proposed station and outdoor signage at 130th Street and Ellis Avenue and other locations (see Figure 2); and
5. Forest Preserve advertising to encourage CTA riders to use public transportation to visit the Forest Preserves at the 130th Street station, other Red Line stations south of Roosevelt, and inside local trains and busses.

Higher-Impact Scenario – additional public benefits to be included in Transit-Supported Development Plan. In addition to priority mitigation measures listed above which are necessary for a finding of *de minimis* impacts under section 4(f), the proposed project provides an opportunity for the public agencies involved to work together to provide a broad range of benefits to this community. We are committed to collaborating with the CTA and the other public agencies to maximize these public benefits. The public benefits suggested below will also offset loss of forest preserve acreage through the disposition of 7 acres of forest preserve land if this is needed. We ask that you include these additional public benefits in the Transit-Supported Development Plan for further multi-agency coordination and implementation:

6. Transfer of approximately 14 acres of additional vacant land owned by the CHA immediately east of Carver Park (a Chicago Park District facility) and immediately north of the vacant City-owned parcels (see red circles in Figure 3);
7. Vacation of north-south street (highlighted in Figure 4) to ensure continuity of FPCC property in the Beaubien Woods area;
8. Additional trail connections between Carver Park and Beaubien Woods (alignment to be determined);

¹ **Additional Terms and Conditions:** Additional information is needed for transfer parcels to confirm they are free and clear of debris, utility infrastructure, environmental conditions, liens and encumbrances and subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County.

9. Improve sidewalks and add split-rail fencing along perimeter of requested CHA parcels to allow for improved walkability and prevent fly-dumping; and

10. Include bike sharing station outside the CTA station.

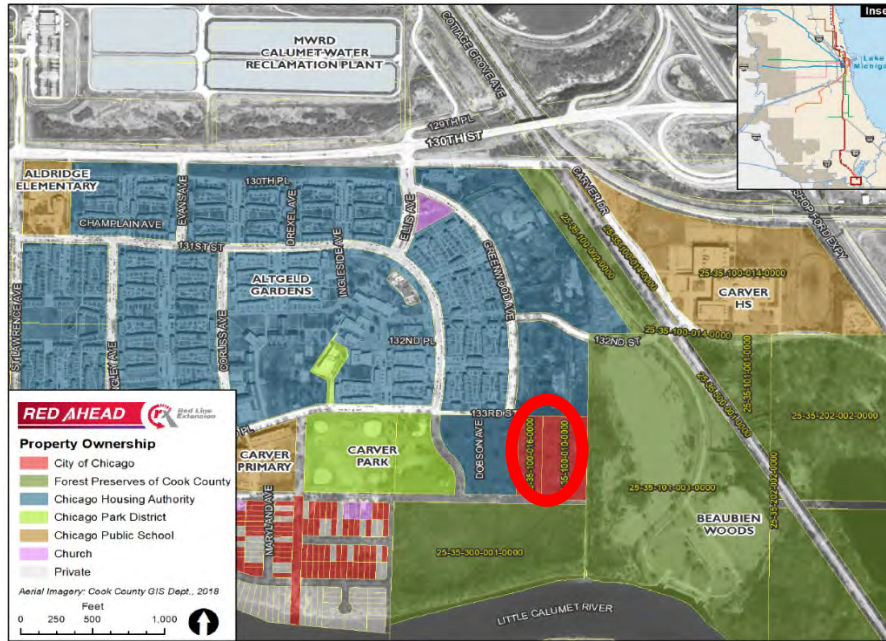


Figure 1. Red circle indicates property the FPCC is looking to acquire as part of the lower-impact scenario.

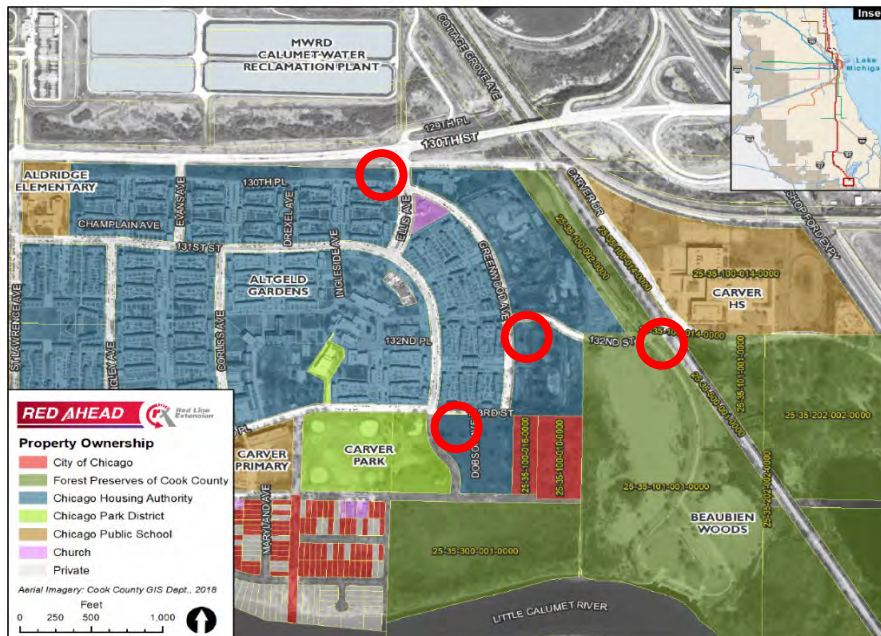


Figure 2. Red circles indicate suggested locations for new outdoor FPC directional signage.

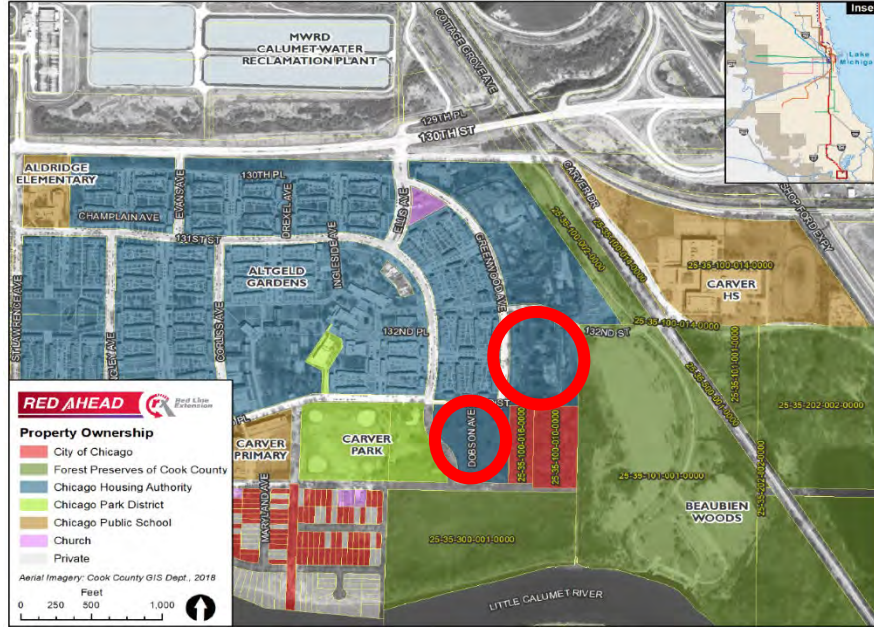


Figure 3. Red circles indicate CHA property for potential transfer to FPC as part of Transit Supported Development Plan.

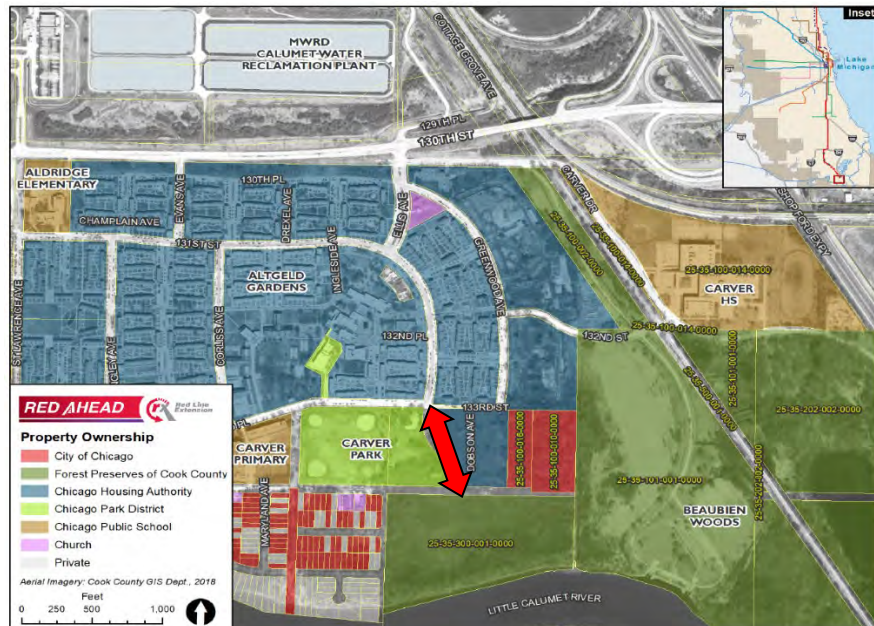


Figure 4. Red arrow indicates street segments the FPC is looking to have vacated.



CTA Request for Section 4(f) Mitigation Measures Concurrence

August 19, 2021





August 15, 2021

Mr. Arnold Randall
General Superintendent
Forest Preserves of Cook County
536 North Harlem Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

Re: Concurrence on Section 4(f) Mitigation Measures Request
Chicago Transit Authority Red Line Extension Project

Dear Superintendent Randall:

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is providing our concurrence on the Forest Preserves of Cook County (FPCC) Section 4(f) Lower-Impact Scenario mitigation measures request as detailed in your May 13, 2021 memorandum, included as **Enclosure A** for reference.

FPCC identified a Lower-Impact Scenario of mitigation measures to offset diminished access to the Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve boat launch from the north, and mitigate noise and vibration impacts on seven acres of forest preserve land east-adjacent to the proposed 130th Street station. Five specific mitigation measures were outlined in the FPCC memo:

1. Transfer of approximately seven acres of vacant land owned by the City of Chicago, subject to confirmation of community support for this transfer and additional terms and conditions;
2. \$250,000 payment to FPCC for ecological restoration, habitat enhancement and beautification of expanded Beaubien Boat Launch land to encourage use and enjoyment by community residents and visitors arriving via public transit;
3. New trail connection from Altgeld Gardens recreation facilities on 133rd Street to the Beaubien Woods Boat Launch (FPCC concept planning currently in process);
4. Wayfinding and information signage inside the proposed station and outdoor signage at 130th Street and Ellis Avenue and other locations; and

5. Forest Preserve advertising to encourage CTA riders to use public transportation to visit the Forest Preserves at the 130th Street station, other Red Line stations south of Roosevelt, and inside local trains and busses.

The first mitigation measure, the transfer of seven acres of City-owned land to FPCC ownership is comprised of two parcels. The two parcels are located southeast of the intersection of 133rd Street and Greenwood Avenue and are identified as:

- 1108 East 133rd Street, PIN 25-35-100-016
- 500 East 134th Street, PIN 25-35-100-010

Pursuant to the City's concurrence, CTA will complete Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments (ESAs) for the two city-owned parcels to determine their environmental conditions. The ESAs will ascertain the need for any cleanup and remediation action. Subsequently, if CTA determines that the cleanup and remediation costs are cost-prohibitive, we reserve the right to amend the land transfer of the City-owned parcels to the FPCC as a mitigation measure. If this is the case, CTA will continue to work with FPCC to identify alternative mitigation measures that would satisfy the intent of the first mitigation measure and is acceptable to both parties.

As to the second measure, it is CTA's understanding that the \$250,000 will be applied for restoration of the city-owned parcels (brush clearing, dead tree removal, etc.), pavement removal, landscape restoration of the existing seven-acre FPCC parcel that would no longer be used as an access drive, and tree planting and landscape restoration on other existing Beaubien Woods land if possible.

For the third, fourth, and fifth measures, CTA will continue to coordinate the specific details for the new trail connection as FPCC completes their Phase 1 design. When available, FPCC will provide trail design details and an estimate of costs. FPCC will assume long-term maintenance responsibility for trail improvements on their land. Proposed signage locations will be coordinated with CTA and other jurisdictional agencies depending on the locations of the signage. Advertising will be coordinated between FPCC and CTA for ad placement, format, and timing.

CTA will continue to work with FPCC to meet your community outreach needs and develop the details for implementation of the Lower-Impact Scenario mitigation measures listed above. This letter of concurrence for the Lower-Impact Scenario mitigation measures will be included in the Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for the RLE Project. The letter will serve to document that, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, the RLE Project will have a Section 4(f) "No Use" of Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve.

If you have any questions, please contact me at lmooney@transitchicago.com or 312.388.3533 or Marlise Fratinardo at mfratinardo@transitchicago.com. If preferred, we can set up a virtual meeting to discuss any questions you have regarding this communication.

Regards,

Leah Dawson Mooney
Director of Strategic Planning & Policy
Chicago Transit Authority

Enclosures:

Enclosure A – May 13, 2021 FPCC Memorandum, Request for 4(f) Concurrence

cc:

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