

Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) A Core Capacity Expansion

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Chicago Transit Authority



Chicago Transit Authority

- Created in 1947
- Serves Chicago and 35 nearby suburbs
- Carries ~1.6 million trips every weekday
- Rail System
 - 145 Rail stations
 - 224 miles of Track
- Fleet
 - 1,885 buses
 - 1,400 rail cars

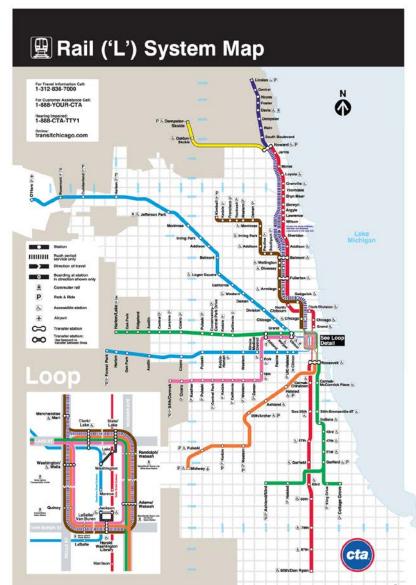




Growing Rail Ridership

- CTA provided 241,676,065 trips in 2015 on its eight rail lines (up 2% from 2014 to 2015)
- 2015 rail ridership was the largest since CTA began tracking ridership in 1961.
- Peer Comparisons:*
 - NYCT 2,666,925,814 (-3%)
 - WMATA 260,004,801 (-4%)
 - MBTA 237,545,202 (-4%)

*Includes heavy rail, light rail and street car





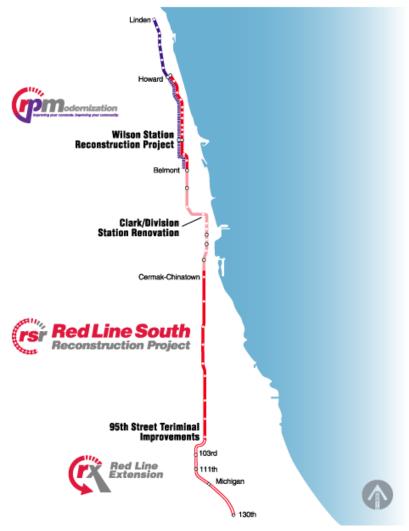
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BACKGROUND





RPM and the Red Ahead Program



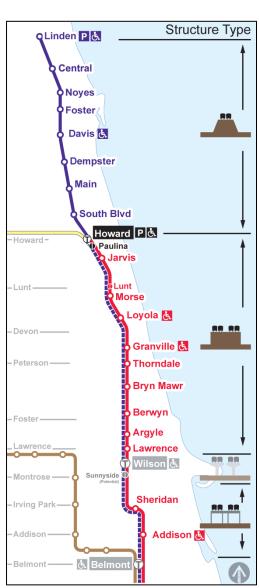
Red Ahead
is a comprehensive
initiative for maintaining,
modernizing, and
expanding Chicago's
most traveled rail line.





Red and Purple Modernization Program

- A series of projects to improve the North Red and Purple Line Corridor:
 - Over 90 years old
 - 21 current stations
 - 9.6 miles long
 - Carries over 20% of CTA train rides
 - A multi-billion dollar program





RPM Corridor Vision Goals

- Expand capacity
 - more riders with less crowding
- Speed service
 - fewer curves and better infrastructure
- Improve accessibility
 - all stations accessible to people with disabilities
- Build modern facilities
 - New wider stations, more reliable infrastructure for the next 60-80 years
- Support economic development
 - more jobs and new development opportunities
- Improve customer experience
 - modern, quiet and smooth ride



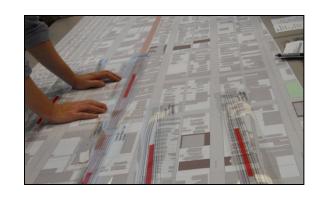






RPM Program History





2009-2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

RPM Vision Study

NEPA Scoping Process Alternatives Refinement Research and Concept Design Process RPM Phase One Definition and NEPA Reviews











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PHASE ONE



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RPM Phase One

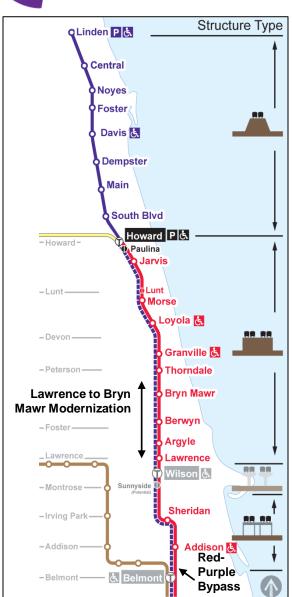
- Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization Project
 - Replace 1.3 miles of 90-year-old track/embankment
 - Rebuild four stations and add ADA accessibility
 - 28,000 trips begin or end at these stations
 - 45,000 people live within ½ mile of these stations

Red-Purple Bypass Project

- Almost 150,000 rides every weekday
- Current bottleneck precludes CTA from adding trains
- Bypass allows CTA to run more trains that could serve 7,200 additional customers, PER HOUR

Corridor Signal Improvements

- CTA intends to seek Capital Investment Grant funding from the FTA's Core Capacity Program
 - Phase One is estimated to cost ~ \$1.9 billion
 - Core Capacity Grant could cover ~ \$900+ million





RPM Phase One – Overall Schedule

Final FTA Complete Secure All Environmental Phase One, Publish EAs **Funding Finding** bringing Construction modern Select Design-Host Public stations and Apply for Builder/DBFM faster service Hearings Engineering May/June As early as Fall 2015 2016-2017 2015 2017

Continuing dialogue with the community





Red and Purple Modernization

LAWRENCE TO BRYN MAWR MODERNIZATION





Challenge: Old Stations & Narrow Platforms

Bryn Mawr station existing photo







Solution: Modern Wider Stations

Bryn Mawr station conceptual rending







Challenge: Antiquated Infrastructure

Bryn Mawr station existing photo





Solution: Modernize

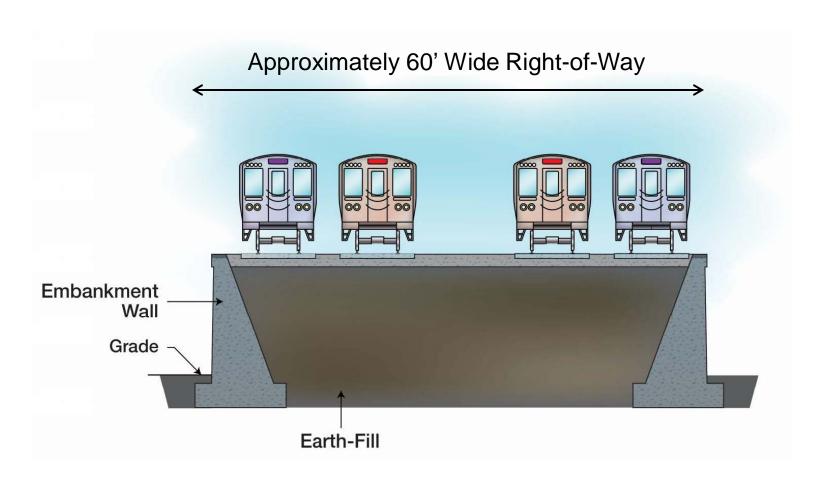
Bryn Mawr station conceptual rendering





Challenge: Limited Right-of-Way

Existing embankment diagram



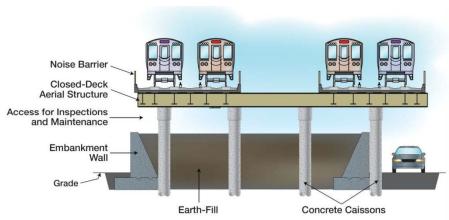




Solution: Spanning over public alley

Alley-spanning conceptual rendering and diagram

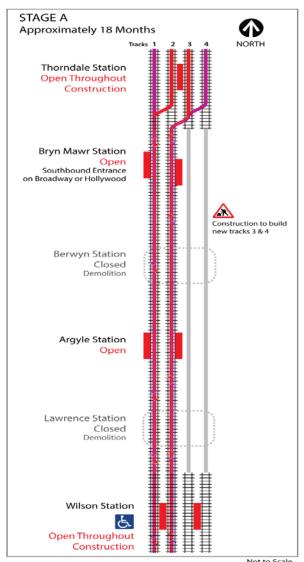


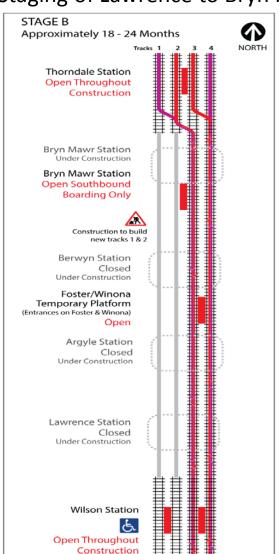


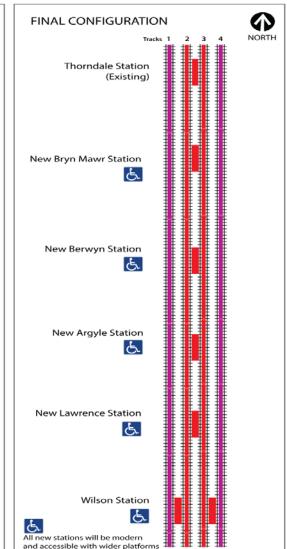




Construction Staging of Lawrence to Bryn Mawr – Start to Finish









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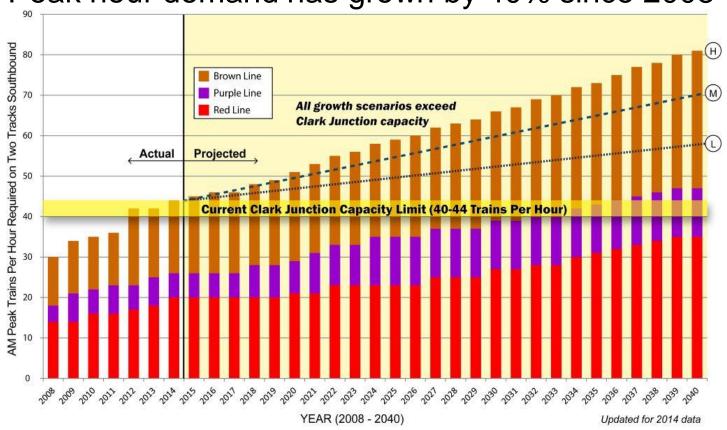
RED-PURPLE BYPASS





Challenge: Growing Demand

Peak hour demand has grown by 40% since 2008



- (H) High Growth Scenario based on average growth in peak hour train loading 2008 2014
- (M) Medium Growth Scenario (average of High and Low Growth Scenarios)
- (L) Low Growth Scenario based on annual average weekday boardings 2000 2014

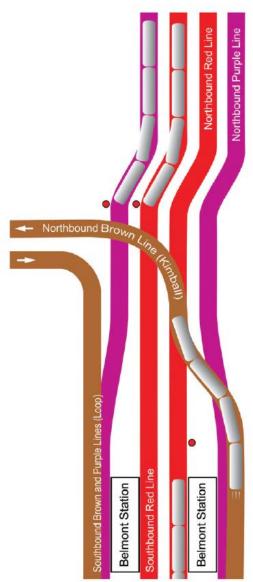




Challenge: Flat Intersection Bottleneck

Existing Photo and diagram



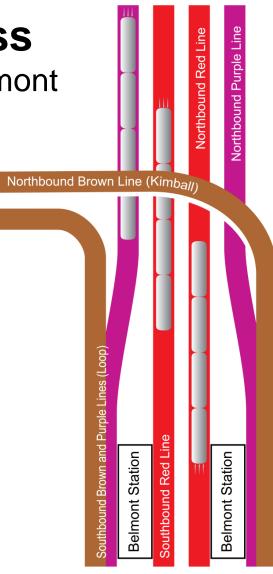




Solution: New Fifth Track Bypass

Conceptual rendering looking north from Belmont







Challenge: Tight radius curves

Image of train traveling through junction

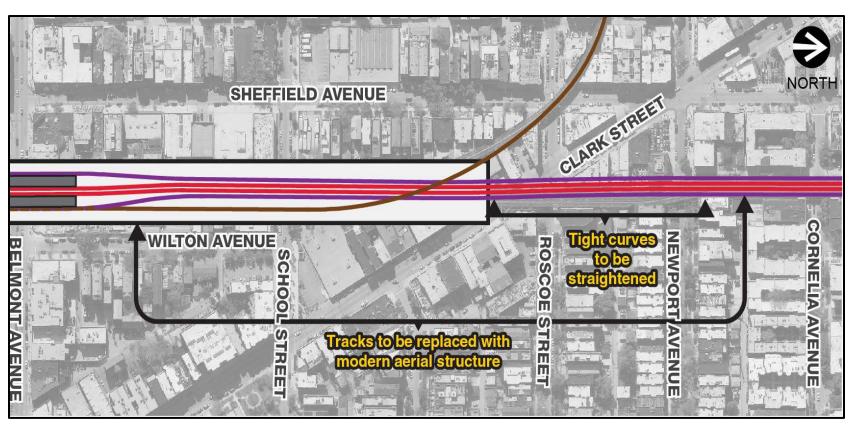






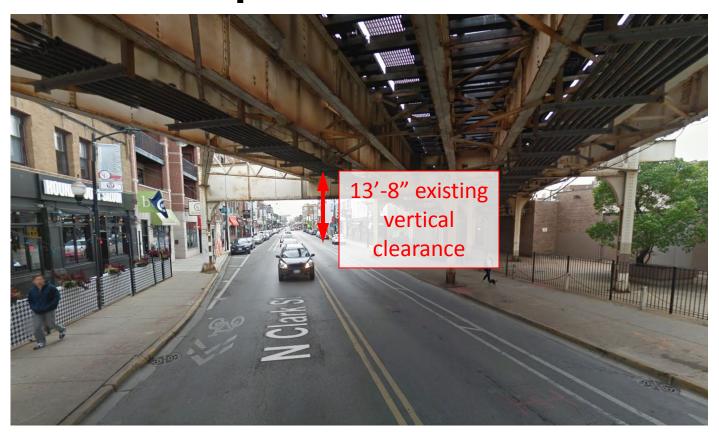
Solution: Realign curves while modernizing

Diagram of improvements





Design Challenge: Sub-standard Vertical Clearance at Clark Street, property constraints for pier location

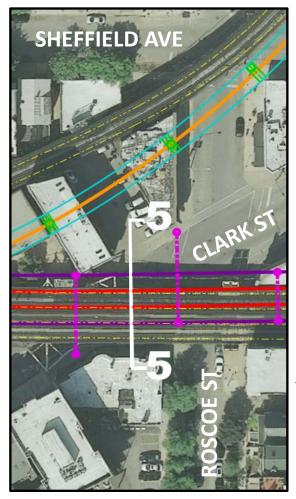


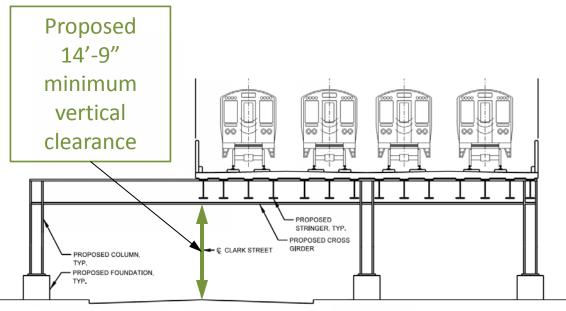


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Design Solution: Clear Span Structure with offset substructure





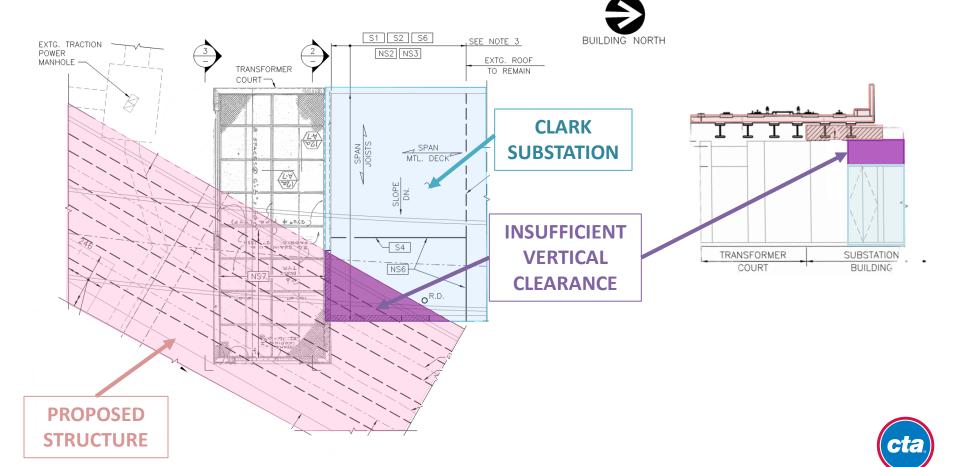
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SECTION 5-5



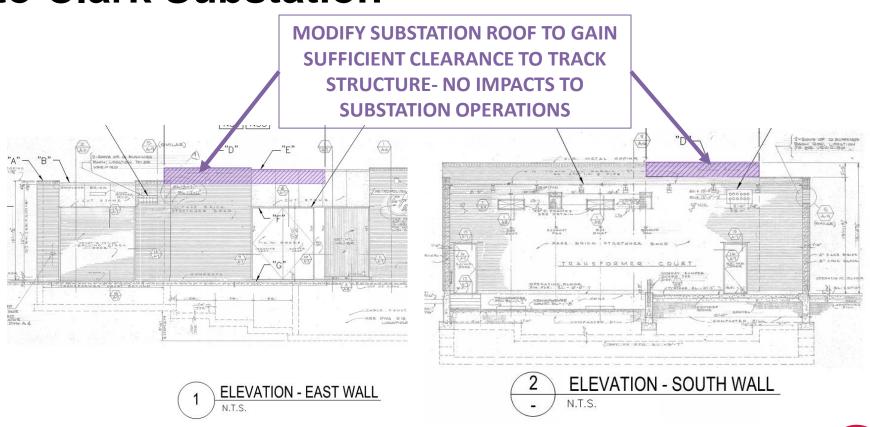


Design Challenge: Avoiding Impacts to Clark Substation





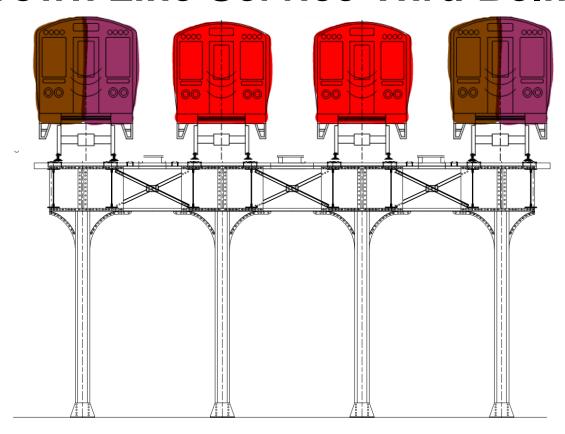
Design Solution: Structural Modifications to Clark Substation







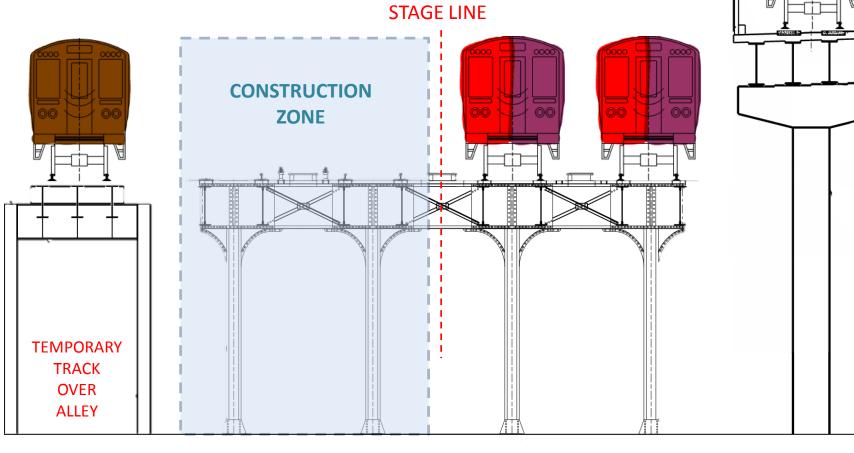
Design Challenge: Maintain Independent Red/Brown Line Service Thru Belmont







Design Solution: Construction of Temporary Brown Line Track





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TRANSPARENCY AND RESPONSIVENESS





Addressing Impacts

- Displacements
- Noise
- Construction
- Closures











Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan



Existing Condition Photo



Conceptual Rending After Bypass Project and Before Redevelopment



Conceptual Rending with Potential Redevelopment Concept





Brown Line Capacity Expansion Post Development Experience



The Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project

- Constructed from 2006-2009
- \$530 million investment
- Lengthened platforms to accommodate 8-car trains
- Reconstructed 16 stations and added ADA access



Before (2002)



After (2014)





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WHAT'S NEW & WHAT'S NEXT





What's New

- FTA Issued Finding of No Significant Impact for both RPM Phase One Projects
- CTA Awarded TOD Pilot Grant
- CTA Awarded \$125 Million in CMAQ Funding
- Project entered FTA Engineering Phase
- CTA has begun process to apply for Federal Core Capacity Expansion Grant
- State Legislature Authorized Transit
 TIF







What's Next

- TOD/Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan –
 Contract awarded September 2016
- Implement Transit TIF and secure FFGA
- Procure Early Construction Work
- Procure Design-Build / Design-Build-Finance-Maintain Contractor beginning in 2017



THANK YOU

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