





CTA Capital Construction Update
July 20, 2006



## **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Project Summary**

#### **BUDGET**

Total project budget: \$529.9 million

#### **SCHEDULE**

- Project Completion: December 31, 2009
- Fullerton ADA Completion: December 31, 2008

#### **PROJECT GOALS**

- Extend platforms to allow 8-car operations
- Make stations ADA compliant
- Add elevators to 13 stations
- Rehabilitate 18 stations
- Restore 8 historic stations
- Upgrade signal, communications and power delivery system



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Budget

The Brown Line Project remains within its overall schedule and budget

- Currently:
  - 62% of construction budget is under contract
  - Contracts awarded are 5% over engineer's estimate
- With award of the contract before the Board today:
  - 82% of construction budget is under contract
  - Contracts awarded are 11% over engineer's estimate
- The project contingency is currently 5.6%



## Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Market Issues Impacting Budget

- Pricing in the construction market continues to be a concern in Chicago and nationally
- "High energy and material commodity prices continue to fuel construction industry inflation, which broke into the double-digit realm after the surge in steel prices during 2004 and has remained near those levels ever since."- Engineering New Record, June 26, 2006
- June 2004 to June 2006
  - Chicago Construction Cost Index grew by 14%.
  - 20 City Construction Cost Index grew by 8.3%.
  - Cement pricing up 11.6%
  - Fabricated steel up 20.5%
  - Common Labor Index up 7.8%



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Market Issues Impacting Budget

- Limited number of prime contractors
- More work than contractors
- Global market issues
- Risk/reward for the contractor



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Procurement

- Advertised: March 9, 2006
- Pre-bid Meeting: March 15, 2006
- Bids Received: June 15, 2006
- CTA practice to mail solicitations to all vendors (General contractors, sub-contractors and material suppliers)
  - 486 solicitations mailed to vendors
  - 63 additional solicitations requested
  - 33 additional solicitants requested via internet
- Advertised in:
  - Chicago Tribune
  - LaRaza
  - Defender
  - CTA Website
- Called all 486 vendors who received solicitations
- 77 sets of bid documents were given to potential bidders
- Follow up phone calls to all general contractors



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Doing Business with CTA

#### Progress Payments

- CTA shall make progress payments twice per month within 30 days of receipt of an approved progress payment request.
- The CTA seeks to pay more quickly than the 30 day requirement whenever possible.
- The average payment time for the Brown Line contracts awarded to date is 20 days.

#### Prompt Pay

 CTA contractors are required to pay subcontractors within 5 business days of receipt of payment from CTA

#### Mobilization

- The CTA has updated language increasing the mobilization percentage to 6% of the contract value from 4% of the contract value previously.
- The rate of mobilization payment has been accelerated so that 75% of the amount is now paid through the first invoice.



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Doing Business with CTA

### Retainage

- Retainage has been reduced from 10% to 5%.
- Retainage is now released as the work related to that retainage is completed.

### Overhead and Profit on Changed Work

- CTA contracts now include typical overhead and profit markups for changed work
- The overhead markups for labor performed by the contractor's own forces are 35%; 10% for bond, insurance and taxes; and 15% for materials
- Prime contractors are allowed to add a 5% administrative fee for the full value of work performed by subcontractors



### **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project**





### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Ridership

Kedzie and Rockwell Stations Ridership (January 2006 to May 2006)

- Ridership in the area remained level
- Prior to closing combined served 2,750 customers each weekday
- Since the closure, 80% of those rides at adjacent stations
- Remaining 20% at nearby stations



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Clark Junction and Signals

### **Budget**

As of July 7, 2006, 75% of work is in place

#### **Schedule**

NTP: December 13, 2004

- CTA installed 14 of 14 pieces of special track
- 8 of 14 crossovers have been signalized
- Three of five relay houses installed
- Completed alley restoration at three locations
- Completed installation of foundations at Belden relay house
- Continued express and local signal cable installation



### **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Clark Junction and Signals**



Crews working at Clark Junction



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Belmont and Fullerton Work

#### **Schedule**

- NTP: August 17, 2005
- Fullerton ADA Completion: December 31, 2008
- Completion: December 31, 2009

- Fullerton work:
  - Completed Phase I caissons
  - Continued temporary stationhouse construction
  - Began setting steel and stringers
- Belmont work:
  - 19 of 21 Phase I caissons
  - Continued temporary stationhouse foundation construction



## **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Fullerton and Belmont**





### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Substations Work

### **Budget**

As of July 7, 2006, 44% of work is in place

#### **Schedule**

NTP: January 10, 2005

- Grace Substation completed:
  - Interior lighting
  - Overhead door
  - AC gear, negative bus gear and rectifiers
  - Ornamental exterior elements
- Clark Substation continued installation:
  - AC gear, cable trays and racks and DC equipment



## **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Substations**



**Grace Substation** 



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco, Rockwell and Western Work

#### **Schedule**

- NTP: November 15, 2005
- Kedzie/Rockwell Reopening: Mid-August 2006
- Kimball/Francisco Closing: Late Summer 2006

- Kedzie/Rockwell completed work:
  - Precast facia panels and electrical conduit
  - Station house roof
  - Wood stringers and platform decking
  - Platform light standards



# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco, Rockwell and Western





# Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Kimball, Kedzie, Francisco, Rockwell and Western





### **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Armitage, Sedgwick and Chicago Work**

#### **Schedule**

• NTP: November 15, 2006

- Continued:
  - Site surveying
  - Caisson pre-excavation and utility coordination
  - Selective demolition of adjacent property to Armitage station
  - Pre-excavation activities at Chicago



### Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project Remaining Bid Packages

Damen, Montrose, Irving Park, and Addison Stations Bid Package

#### **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

- Advertised: March 9, 2006
- Pre-bid meeting: March 15, 2006
- Chicago Transit Board considering a recommendation for award

#### 3-MONTH LOOK AHEAD

Issue construction NTP

Diversey, Wellington, Paulina and Southport Stations Bid Package

#### PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Staff continue to finalize the bid package

#### 3-MONTH LOOK AHEAD

- Advertise for construction
- Pre-bid meeting for contractors



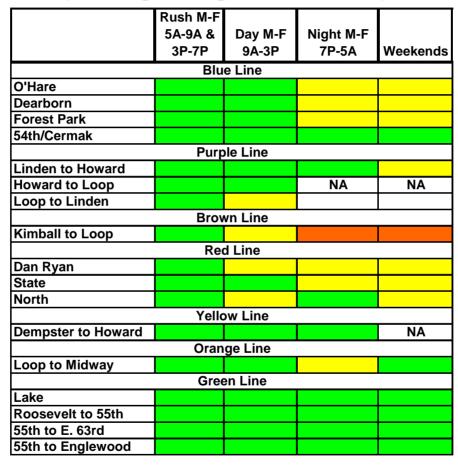
### **Brown Line Capacity Expansion Project**

Station bid package	Community meeting	Bid advertisement	Estimated Board consideration	Estimated construction start date	Estimated station closures
Fullerton / Belmont	February 16, 2005	March 11, 2005	June 9, 2005	August 17, 2005	none
Armitage / Sedgwick / Chicago	April 18, 2005	June 9, 2005	September 14, 2005	November 15, 2005	6 weekend closures, no earlier than July 2006
Kimball / Kedzie / Francisco / Rockwell / Western	May 9, 2005 June 13, 2005 January 17, 2006	June 27, 2005	September 14, 2005	November 15, 2005	■Kimball: 4 months, while Kedzie remains open ■Kedzie: 6 months closure commenced on 2/20/06, while Kimball and Francisco remain open ■Francisco: 6 months, while Kedzie and Rockwell remain open ■Rockwell: 6 months closure commenced 2/20/06, while Francisco and Western remain open ■Up to 10 weekend closures for at-grade stations ■Western: no closures
Damen/ Montrose / Irving Park / Addison	September 19, 2005	March 9, 2006	July 12, 2006	Summer 2006	No earlier than August 2006  Damen: 10 months while Montrose remains open  Montrose: 10 months while Damen and Irving Park remain open  Irving Park: 10 months while Montrose and Addison remain open  Addison: 10 months while Irving Park and Paulina remain open
Paulina / Southport / Wellington / Diversey	September 22, 2005	Summer 2006	Early Fall 2006	Late 2006	No earlier than September 2006  Paulina: 10 to 12 months while Addison and Southport remain open Southport: 10 to 12 months while Paulina and Belmont remain open Wellington: 10 to 12 months while Belmont and Diversey remain open Diversey: 10 to 12 months while Wellington and Fullerton remain open



### **Planned Construction Activities Route Extra Travel Time**

(through August 15, 2006)

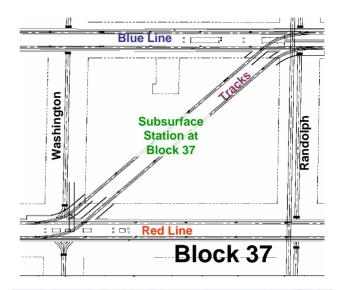


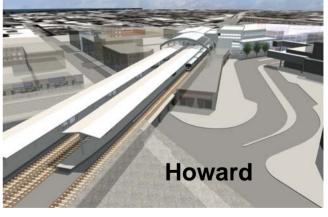
Key Notes: 0-10 mins 10-20 mins >20 mins

- Route travel times are a conservative estimates
- Route travel times will vary based on day of week, and time of day
- Chart depicts planned construction activities
- Chart represents the impact of construction activities up to August 15th











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