

CTA CIRCLE LINE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS STUDY:
Strategic Program of Projects

Upon completing the Screen 3 and LPA Reports, the project team developed a special report for the CTA detailing a list of projects of independent value that resulted from concepts explored as part of the Circle Line Study. Many of these were transit routes and alignments that were eliminated in the study but that nonetheless, performed well in terms of criteria such as costs, ridership projections, and other efficiencies.

Information provided for each project in the program included physical and service definitions, maps, costs, and steps required to implement. These projects were designed to improve capacity and travel time on the CTA system, increase operational flexibility, and improve access to activity centers.

Vlecides-Schroeder Associates, Inc. (VSA) evaluated projects, organized report findings, developed tables and graphics, produced final written materials, and assisted with developing this program.

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Table 3: Proposed Project Phasing

Project	Near-Term: 1-5 years	Mid-Term: 6-10 years	Far-Term: 11-30 years	Notes/Next Steps
BRT Proposals				All BRT projects must be included in CMAP's long range plan and CTA's capital program.
BRT Ashland		•		
BRT Cicero	•			
BRT 79th		•		
BRT Clybourn Metra to McCormick		•		
BRT Western		•	•	If a CTA priority, engineering and EIS can begin in the near term.
Brown Line Extension			•	Circle Line expected completion date is 2020 according to Central Area ACTON Plan.
Circle Line Vision: Ashland/Ogden Connector			•	Circle Line expected completion date is 2020 according to Central Area ACTON Plan.
BRT Turn toward Midway		•		Implementation timing may depend on completion of Clinton St. Intermodal Facility.
West Loop Rapid Transit Line			•	Or as needed to support development within the USX Site.
Other				
USX Site Access				

Circle Line Vision: Connection from Lake/Ashland to North/Clybourn

Multiple options were examined during the Circle Line study connecting from Lake/Ashland along the existing Green Line and adjacent to the existing Connector, to the vicinity of North/Clybourn. This connector would leverage numerous existing assets and provide access to multiple activity centers and growing neighborhoods.

Project Completed: TBD
Client: CTA