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CTA's Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Project Opens New Community Office

CTA to provide in-person opportunities for the public to learn and ask questions about the RPM project

The CTA's Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One Project today opened a new RPM Community Office at 5137 N. Broadway in the Uptown neighborhood, a central location for residents in the RPM project area that includes Edgewater, Uptown, Andersonville and Lakeview East. The RPM team will have staff to speak directly with residents who are affected by RPM construction, and to provide local residents and customers opportunities to learn and ask questions about the historic Red and Purple Modernization (RPM) Phase One Project.

The RPM Phase One Project, expected to be completed in 2025, is CTA's largest transit investment, rebuilding 100-year-old track structures and stations to provide a smoother, more reliable ride and modern stations that are fully accessible with elevators and escalators.

Throughout the project period, CTA has been committed to meeting with and updating affected community members and customers to inform and answer questions, holding more than 100 in-person and virtual meetings in the past decade. CTA is proud to open the new RPM Community Office, the first time CTA has had a dedicated, public-facing community office.

The new office is intended to serve as a one-stop shop where residents, businesses, stakeholders and the general public can learn about the RPM project, ask friendly staff members questions and let CTA know about their concerns. It serves the entire RPM Phase One project area, including the Lawrence to Bryn Mawr Modernization Project and the Red-Purple Bypass Project zones. It is accessible via the temporary Red Line station at Argyle and the #36 Broadway and #92 Foster buses.

The outreach office will remain open until RPM Phase One is completed in 2025. The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Visitors to the office can and are encouraged to:

- Ask questions about the RPM project and CTA
- Set up in-person appointments with RPM staff
- Request meetings with live foreign language translators
- Request project tours
- Request school visits by RPM staff to learn more about CTA and RPM
- Participate in events held at the outreach office

The RPM Outreach Office complements the project's regular outreach efforts, which include:

- Virtual and in-person town halls and community meetings
- Virtual monthly office hours sessions
- Web site transitchicago.com/RPM
- Regular construction updates via email and on transitchicago.com/RPM
- Construction Activity Notices
- RPM social media accounts @CTARPM on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- RPM ambassadors at CTA stations and sidewalk pop-up events
- Interactive RPM construction map

For more information about the RPM project, visit <u>transitchicago.com/RPM</u>. To sign up for project alerts, visit <u>transitchicago.com/rpm/alerts</u>.

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