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Project Type (Choose one)	Phase II Engineering and Construction
Select all that apply to your project:	<p>ADA accessibility improvements (curb ramps, detectable warning surfaces, slope correction)</p> <p>Bicycle infrastructure (racks, covered parking, roadway striping, protected bike lanes)</p> <p>Bus stop infrastructure (concrete pads, bus stop shelters)</p> <p>Sidewalks and sidewalk connections</p> <p>Wayfinding signage (inter-transit agency transfers and other signage with a focus on transit access)</p> <p>Other innovative projects (Provide detail in description below)</p>
1. Plan or study name (Please provide a link to the referenced planning document):	South Halsted Bus Corridor Enhancement Project, https://www.transitchicago.com/assets/1/6/Corridor_Evaluation,_Recommendations,_and_Project_Strategy_Final_Report.pdf
2. Status (e.g. complete/underway):	Completed
3. Please provide the relevant page numbers of the plan:	Pages 51-54

1. Please provide a narrative describing the project that includes the location and the type of improvement(s) proposed. (250-350 words):

CTA is requesting \$1,000,000 in Access to Transit funding to support Phase II Engineering and Construction Services for the Halsted and 79th Street Bus Turnaround - ADA and Site Improvements project for portions of the project improving connections at the bus stop. The total cost of eligible project items is \$1,305,000. CTA would provide \$305,000 in program funds to cover project costs over the requested \$1,000,000 as well as any required local match through local and federal formula funds, see attached letter of local share commitment.

The Halsted and 79th Street Bus Turnaround - ADA and Site Improvements project is located south of the 79th Street and Halsted Street intersection in the Auburn Gresham community of Chicago. Auburn Gresham is a Justice40 community, as determined by the FTA's CJEST tool, and the turnaround is in an Area of Persistent Poverty, per the 2020 census see attached maps for project location and historically disadvantaged communities.

The purpose of this project is to improve the bus turnaround located at 79th Street and Halsted Street, achieve ADA compliance at the platform island, and improve access to and from the site. Wheelchair users cannot currently disembark at the platform island due to the absence of ramps. The existing sidewalks and bus driveway are not wheelchair accessible due to the absence of curb ramps and failing pavement. This project will implement all improvements required to provide a continuously accessible path from the existing sidewalk to the island platform, including ADA ramps at the island platforms and curb ramps at the bus driveway. Additional proposed accessibility features include: a push button that announces when the next bus/Red Line train is arriving, a tactile path for the visually impaired, a touch screen/LED display showing upcoming bus arrivals, braille/tactile signage, and a push button to the Control Center. These features will assist pedestrians and those with disabilities, aiding connections between bus and nearby CTA Red Line services. See attached pictures of current conditions.

To enhance first/last mile connections, intermodality, and access to CTA transit facilities, CTA will coordinate with CDOT and Lyft to explore locating a site for a Divey bike station, with potential e-bike docking stations, at or near the facility.

2. Please describe how this project will help to increase transit ridership and make transit more accessible to riders. Please include the specific bus routes, bus stops, or train stations that will be impacted by the improvement(s). (200-300 words):

The Halsted and 79th Street Bus Turnaround - ADA and Site Improvements project is intended to complement a larger CTA project improving the entire bus turn around pavement area and provide ADA and facility upgrades to the operators' restroom. The larger project improving the entire site is estimated to cost \$7,906,000.

Improving access to the bus stop for riders of all abilities will expand the universe of potential riders on both the #8A South Halsted Street bus and the CTA Red Line, via the 79th Street train station. In addition to site improvements for wheelchair users, this project proposes features to assist visually impaired riders with a push button, announcing bus and train arrivals at the turnaround and at the 79th Street train station approximately one (1) mile away. The #8A South Halsted Street bus connects the bus turnaround facility and the 79th Street train station. ADA compliant features and technology upgrades at the bus turnaround will provide more reliable access and transfers to the entire CTA system, with potential to increase ridership within the area.

The inclusion of a Divvy bike facility will provide enhanced first / last mile connections to the bus turnaround allowing passengers the ability to use bike share to reach destinations not on bus routes. Customers will also have the convenience to reach their destination without a transfer. This will assist passengers beyond the bus turnaround, including nearby bike lanes on Halsted Street, Vincennes Avenue, and 83rd Street to complete their journeys after riding with CTA.

Lastly, CTA will coordinate with Pace, who is also working on an improvement to the south of the facility on Halsted, to provide information and smooth transfer to paratransit services at the turnaround. See letters of support for more on the community need for this project.

1. Estimated Phase II Engineering cost:	172414.00
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2. Estimated Construction cost:	827586.00
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3. Estimated total project budget (Phase II Engineering cost + Construction cost):	1000000.00
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Estimated Phase I Engineering cost:	0
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What is your Phase I Engineering status?	Underway but not submitted to IDOT
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When is Phase I Engineering scheduled to be submitted?

CTA Projects are not required to follow a typical IDOT determination process. CTA projects follow a planning process to document scope, budget, schedule, and funding in accordance with FTA guidelines. The concepts developed in this planning process are then typically carried forward to preliminary engineering services that are further developed into contract documents. CTA plans to have the planning process and documents completed by August 2024.

File

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RTA - Access to Transit Grant Application

CTA's Halsted and 79th Street Bus Turnaround - ADA and Site Improvements Project

Attachments

Letters of Support

Statement of community support and desire to implement the project on application letterhead. See the following letters of support:

- Letter of Support and local share commitment from CTA's President Dorval Carter, Jr.
- David Moore – Alderman 17th Ward
- Carlos A. Nelson – Chief Executive Office for the Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation



Dorval R. Carter, Jr.
President

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December 13, 2023

Ms. Leanne Redden
Executive Director
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Re: FY 2023 Regional Transportation Authority's Access to Transit Grant

Dear Ms. Redden,

I am pleased to write this letter of support and a local cost share commitment letter as a requirement to obtain funding from the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) FY 2023 Access to Transit Grant. The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is seeking \$1,000,000 in RTA's Access to Transit funding to support Phase II Engineering and Construction Services for the 79th Street and Halsted Bus Turnaround facility.

This project will provide the engineering and construction services for the reconstruction of the 79th Street and Halsted Bus Turnaround, which is located on the South Side of Chicago in the Auburn Gresham community. The current turnaround's boarding areas are not accessible for wheelchair users or other disabled passengers and the concrete pavement is broken, causing additional difficulties. The proposed efforts will include a new concrete boarding area with sufficient width and curb ramps for ADA boarding, improved pavement, walkways, and technology upgrades to enable real-time bus information for customers. Safety will be enhanced with cameras, public address speakers and a push-button to call CTA's Control Center for assistance. These improvements will help ensure that all customers are able to access bus service at this location. A local match of \$100,000 will be provided by CTA funds. This letter serves as CTA's commitment to meet the matching funds requirement for this project.

Improving transit within the Auburn Gresham neighborhood supports work located in a USDOT Transportation Disadvantaged and Historically Disadvantaged Community Tract. The bus routes served by the facility include the #8 Halsted and the #8A South Halsted bus routes, which provide connections between the Far South Side and the North Side of Chicago. These bus routes provide access to major job and human service centers via direct connections along Halsted and access to the Red Line rail rapid transit station on 79th Street.

CTA will be committed to this project by the involvement of our personnel, financial resources, and facilities. I also certify that I have the authority to make this commitment on behalf of CTA, and that the Authority has the resources to finalize the financing package identified above and shown in the application for funds. Funding received through RTA's Access to Transit grant will enable CTA to fulfill its mission of delivering quality, affordable transit services that link people, jobs, and communities.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
A stylized, handwritten signature of Dorval Carter in blue ink.
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Dorval R. Carter Jr.
President

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December 11, 2023

Leanne Redden
Executive Director
Regional Transportation Authority
175 West Jackson Boulevard—Suite 1550
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: RTA Access to Transit Grant 2023

Dear Ms. Redden,


I am writing to express my support for the Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) grant application for the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) FY 2023 Access to Transit Grant. The **CTA is applying for \$1,000,000 in RTA Access to Transit** funding to support Phase II Engineering and Construction Services for the 79th Street and Halsted Bus Turnaround facility.

This project will provide the engineering and construction services for the reconstruction of the 79th Street and Halsted Bus Turnaround, which is located on the South Side of Chicago in the Auburn Gresham community area. The current turnaround's boarding areas are not accessible for wheelchair users or other disabled passengers and the concrete pavement is broken up, causing additional difficulties. The proposed efforts will include a new concrete boarding area with sufficient width and curb ramps for ADA boarding, improved pavement and walkways and technology upgrades to enable real-time bus information. Safety will be enhanced with cameras, public address speakers and a push-button to call CTA's Control Center for assistance. These improvements will help ensure that all customers are able to access bus service at this location.

Improving transit within the Auburn Gresham neighborhood supports work located in a USDOT Transportation Disadvantaged and Historically Disadvantaged Community Tract. The bus routes served by the facility include the #8 Halsted and the #8A South Halsted bus routes, which provide connections between the Far South Side and the North Side of Chicago. These bus routes provide access to major job and human service centers via direct connections along Halsted and access to the Red Line rail rapid transit station on 79th Street.

I urge your full consideration of CTA's funding request for this project—one that enhances mobility and the accessibility of the transit system. Funding received through RTA's Access to Transit grant will enable CTA to fulfill its mission of delivering quality, affordable transit services that link people, jobs, and communities.

Sincerely,
Alderman David Moore



Alderman 17th Ward



December 15, 2023

Leanne Redden
Executive Director
Regional Transportation Authority
175 West Jackson Boulevard—Suite 1550
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: RTA Access to Transit Grant 2023

Dear Ms. Redden,

I am writing to express my support for the Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) application for the rehabilitation of the 79th Street and Halsted Bus Turnaround facility for the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) FY 2023 Access to Transit Grant for \$1,000,000.

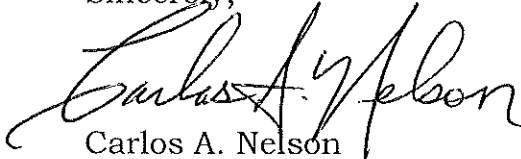
This project will provide the engineering and construction services for the reconstruction of the 79th Street and Halsted Bus Turnaround, which is located on the South Side of Chicago in the Auburn Gresham community. The current turnaround boarding areas are not accessible for wheelchair or other customers with disabilities, and the concrete pavement is fragmented, causing additional difficulties. The proposed efforts will include a new concrete boarding area with sufficient width and curb ramps for ADA boarding, improved pavement and walkways and technology upgrades to enable real-time bus information. Safety will be enhanced with cameras, public address speakers and a push button to call CTA's Control Center for assistance. These improvements will ensure that all customers are able to access bus service at this location.

Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation uses comprehensive community development strategies to foster and promote revitalization of Auburn Gresham and other nearby communities on the South Side of Chicago. The turnaround facility is in close proximity to the new Auburn Gresham Healthy Lifestyle Hub Facility at 839 West 79th Street, a redevelopment project bringing quality community health and education services to the area. Leveraging this significant investment along with the new Evergreen Imagine mixed-use development on 79th Street, the rehabilitation of the turnaround facility will continue to catalyze investment and bring vibrancy to Auburn Gresham.

The bus routes served by the facility include the #8 Halsted and the #8A South Halsted bus routes, which provide important connections between our community and the Far South Side and the North Side of Chicago, as well as the CTA Red Line.

Enhancing mobility and accessibility of transit services in the Auburn Gresham community promotes a better quality of life for area residents. Thank you for considering CTA's application for the 79th Street and Halsted Bus Turnaround facility to ensure that public spaces in our community are safe, attractive, and accessible to people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carlos" being more prominent.

Carlos A. Nelson
Chief Executive Officer

Detailed Estimate of Project Costs

CTA is requesting \$1 million and will provide an overmatch.

Project Cost Summary

The Halsted and 79th Street Bus Turnaround - ADA and Site Improvements project are intended to be combined with a larger project CTA has planned to also improve the entire bus turnaround pavement area and provide ADA and facility upgrades to the operators welfare facility. The larger project for the entire site improvements are estimated to cost \$7,906,000.

The below tables provide a project cost summary as well as a detailed project cost breakdown for both the Eligible Items associated within the Access to Transit Grant as well as the overall project costs for the larger CTA project within the site.

Table 1 - Project Cost Summary

Element	Access to Transit Eligible Cost	**Larger Project Cost
*Estimated Phase II Engineering cost	\$ 225,000	\$ 1,360,000
Estimated construction cost	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 6,540,000
Estimated total project budget:	\$ 1,305,000	\$ 7,900,000

Table 2 - Project Cost Breakdown

Element	Access to Transit Eligible Cost	**Larger Project Cost
Phase II - DoR Design	\$ 135,000	\$ 812,000
Construction Manager	\$ 118,000	\$ 716,000
Program Manager	\$ 32,000	\$ 198,000
Construction	\$ 699,000	\$ 4,232,000
Contingency	\$263,000	\$1,592,000
CTA Support	\$ 58,000	\$ 350,000
Project Total	\$ 1,305,000	\$ 7,900,000

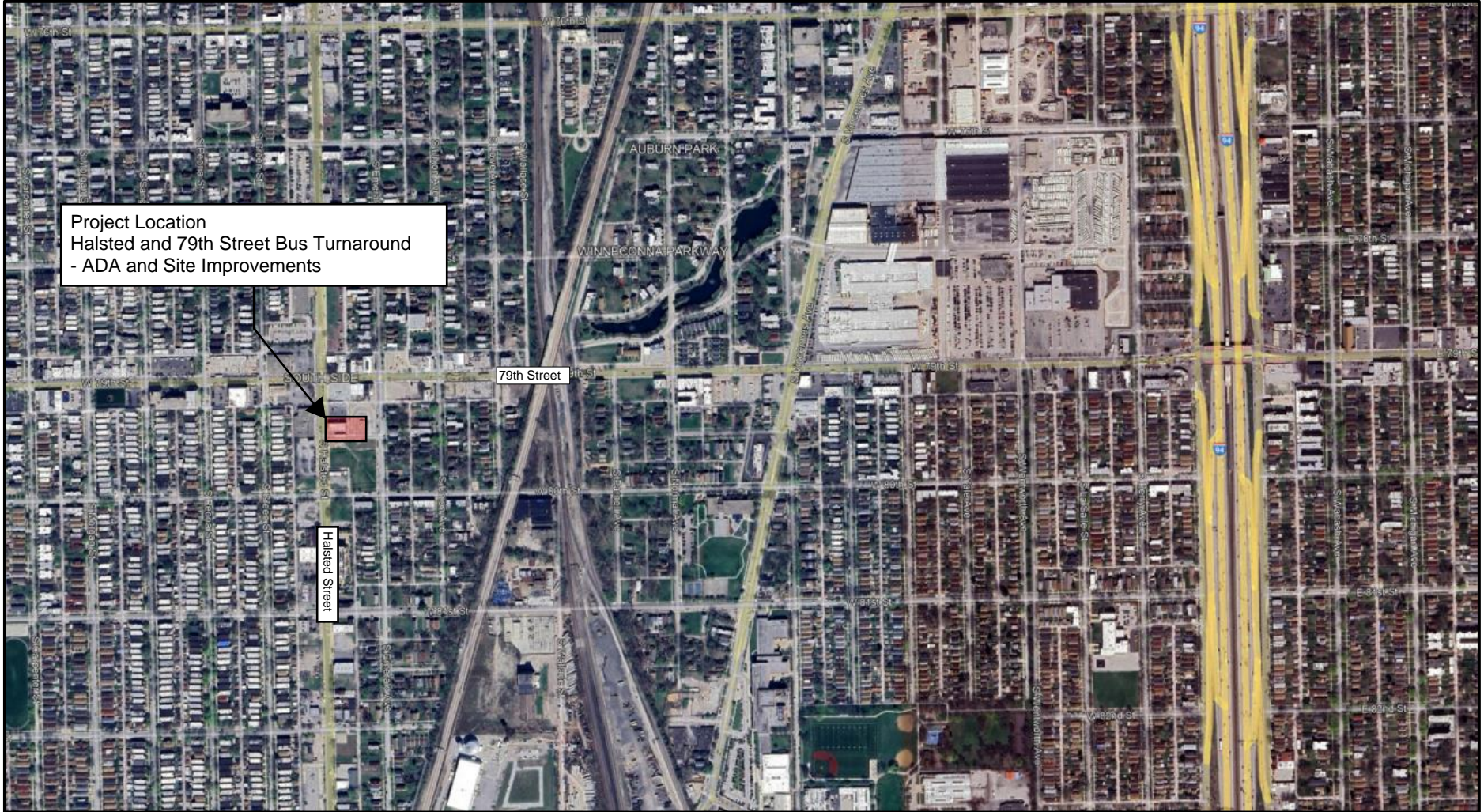
*Note that estimated Phase II engineering cost in the project cost summary includes Phase II DoR Design, Program Manager, and CTA Support costs.

** Project Costs associated with the larger site project beyond the \$1,305,000 in items eligible for the Access to Transit Grant will be supported by other CTA funds.

Project Location Maps

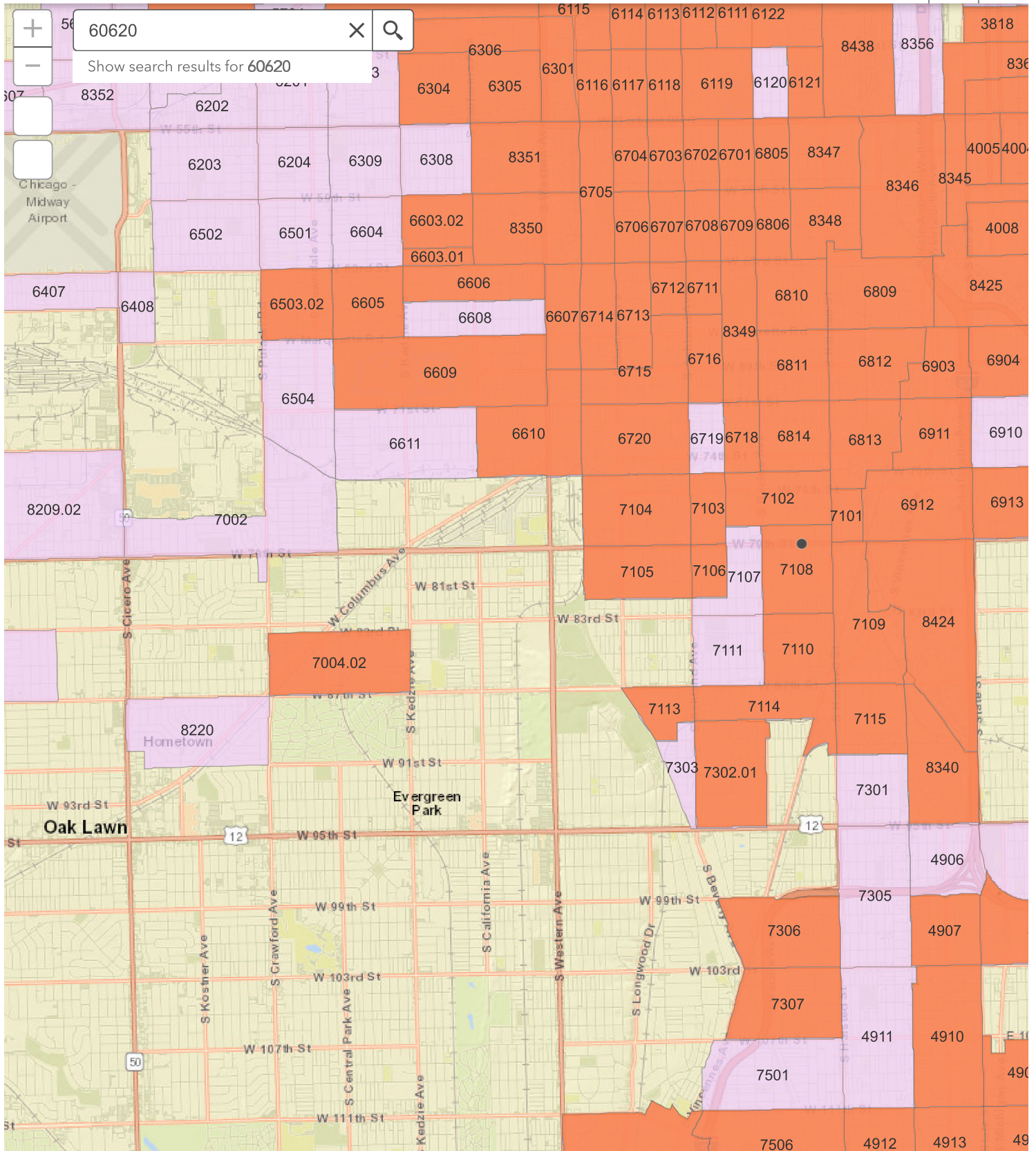
Project Location

Areas of Persistent Poverty -- Historically
Disadvantaged Map





Grant Project Location Verification



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Project Concept Plan

Proposed Improvements



Concept Planning Rendering



Proposed Improvements



Concept Planning Rendering



Photos of Existing Conditions

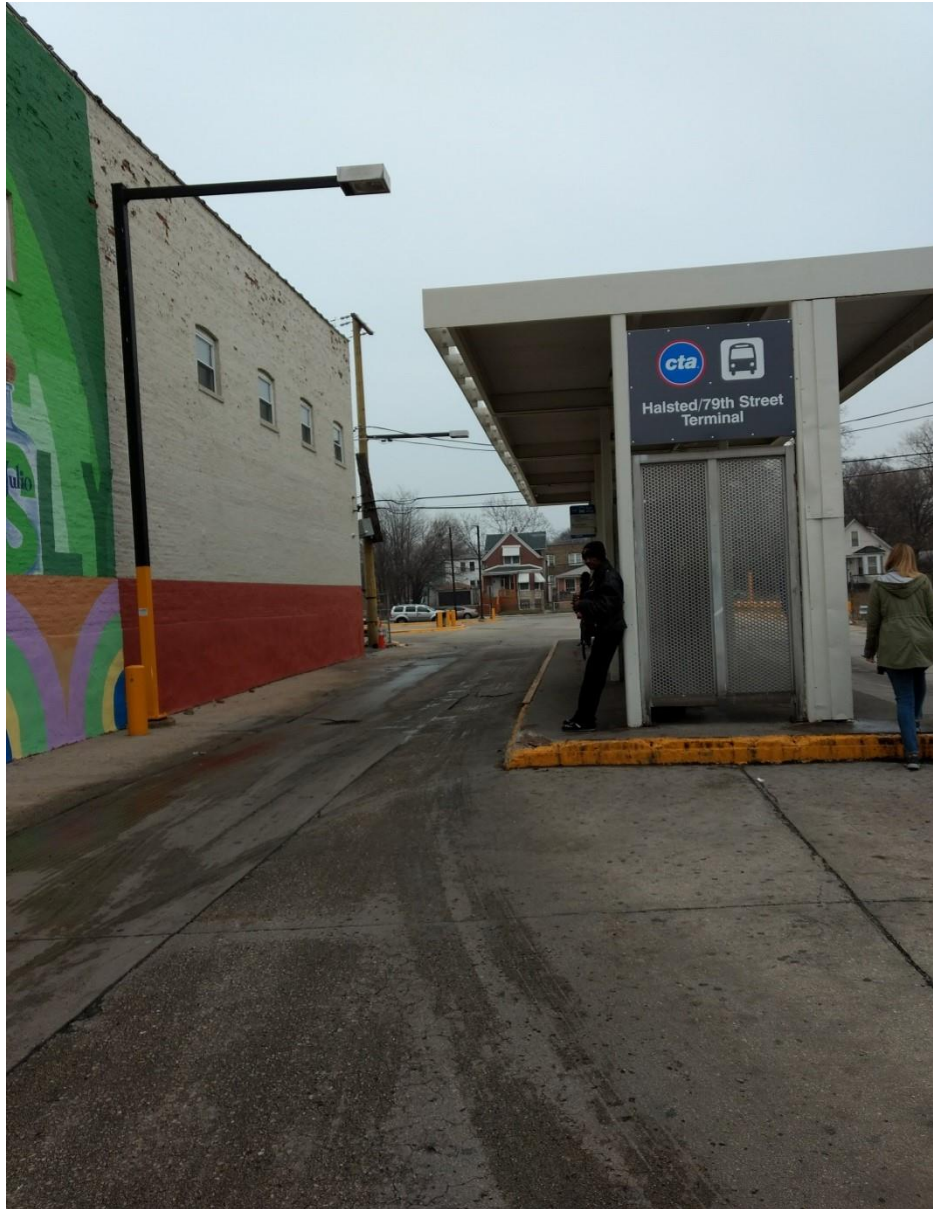


Photo 01- Bus Stop Island



Photo 02- Bus Stop Approach and Driveway

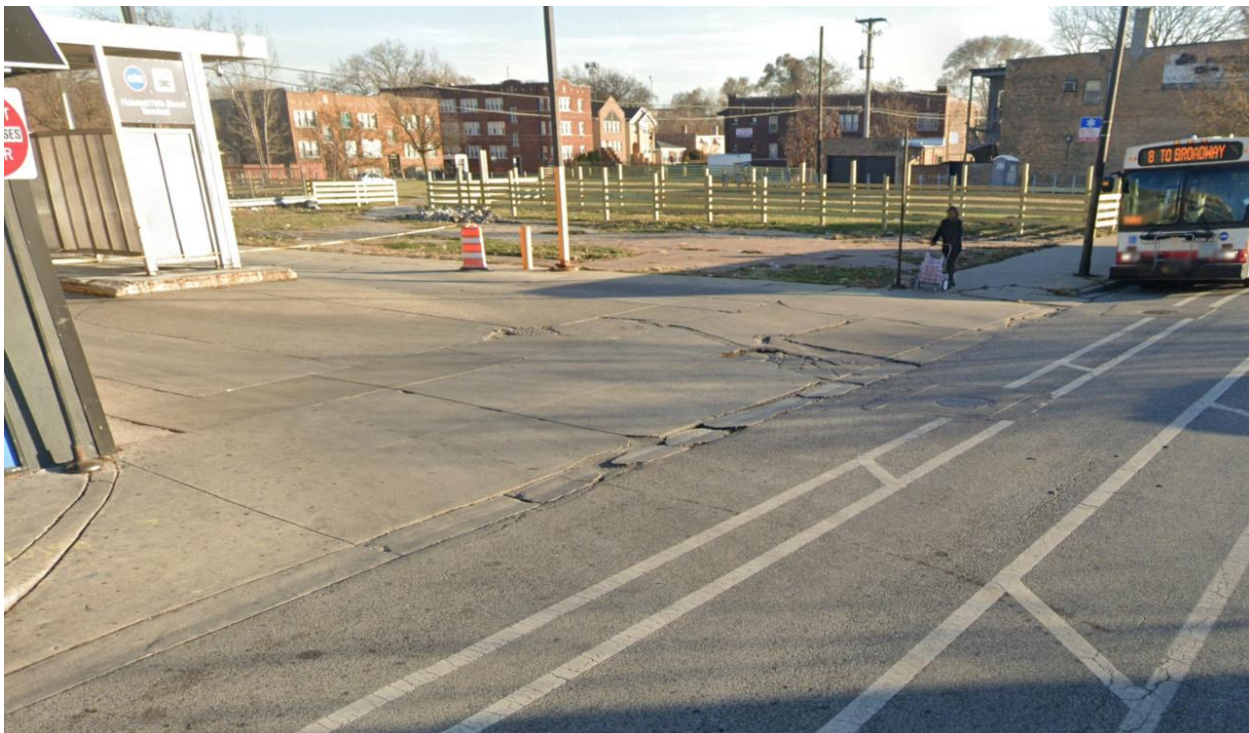


Photo 03- Bus Stop Approach and Driveway