



DATE: June 1, 2025

FROM: Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

TO: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Historic Preservation Division of the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, other Section 106 Consulting Parties

REGARDING: Red-Purple Bypass Project Memorandum of Agreement

SUBJECT: Annual Summary Report

Reference is made to the Memorandum of Agreement among the FTA, ACHP, SHPO (formerly IHPA), and City of Chicago regarding the Red-Purple Bypass (RPB) Project, City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois dated September 28, 2015 (the "MOA"; capitalized terms used herein but not defined have the meanings set forth in the MOA). This notice is provided pursuant to Article III of the MOA. Updates are provided for Stipulations under Article I Treatment Measures. There are no updates to report on any other Article at this time. The signed MOA is available in Attachment C of the Finding of No Significant Impact for the Red-Purple Bypass Project published on October 29, 2015 and available for download under the Environmental Assessment section of the RPB Project webpage at <https://www.transitchicago.com/rpm/rpb/>

I. TREATMENT MEASURES

A. Elevated Track Structure

1. *This treatment measure is complete. See the 2019 RPB MOA Annual Report for details.*
2. The historic exhibit deliverables prepared by TYLin (panels, specifications, and drawings) for Belmont were finalized in October 2018 (see 2019 RPB MOA Annual Report for details). In February 2022 the Design-Build Contractor (DBC) provided design plans to the CTA which incorporated the previous exhibit deliverables. The design plans were finalized and issued for construction. The structural steel element was removed by the design build contractor in March 2022 and is currently being stored prior to incorporation into the final exhibit. The exhibit is anticipated to be installed in summer 2025 prior to completion of project construction.
3. *This treatment measure is complete. See the 2019 RPB MOA Annual Report for details.*

B. Vautravers Building and Newport Avenue District

1. *This treatment measure is now complete. See the 2022 RPB MOA Annual Report for details.*
2. *This treatment measure is now complete. See the 2021 RPB MOA Annual Report for details.*
3. As FTA and CTA have determined the relocation of the Vautravers Building as a viable option and prudent expenditure, CTA will implement Stipulations I.B.3.i-iii. as follows:
 - i. *This treatment measure is complete. See the 2022 RPB MOA Annual Report.*
 - ii. *This treatment measure is complete. See the 2020 RPB MOA Annual Report.*
 - iii. The DBC and CTA presented plans to Commission on Chicago Landmarks to move the Vautravers Building in the Newport Avenue Historic District. The presentation was made on July 9, 2020, during the meeting the Chairman requested that the boundaries of the Newport Avenue Historic District be adjusted to encompass the new location of the building and adjacent vacant lot. The Landmark Designation Report for the Newport Avenue District was amended to include the new boundaries of the Vautravers building. The Chicago Transit Board consented via Ordinance No. 024-101 to the proposed ordinance amendment of the Newport Avenue District on August 14, 2024. The District Boundary Amendment was approved by the Commission on Chicago Landmarks on September 12, 2024, and passed by City Council Ordinance # Or2024-0013662 to reflect the new location of the contributing building at 945-953 W Newport Avenue. As such, CTA considers this treatment measure complete.
4. *This treatment measure is complete. See the 2022 RPB MOA Annual Report.*

If you have any questions, please contact the project email at rpm@transitchicago.com.

Best regards,

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