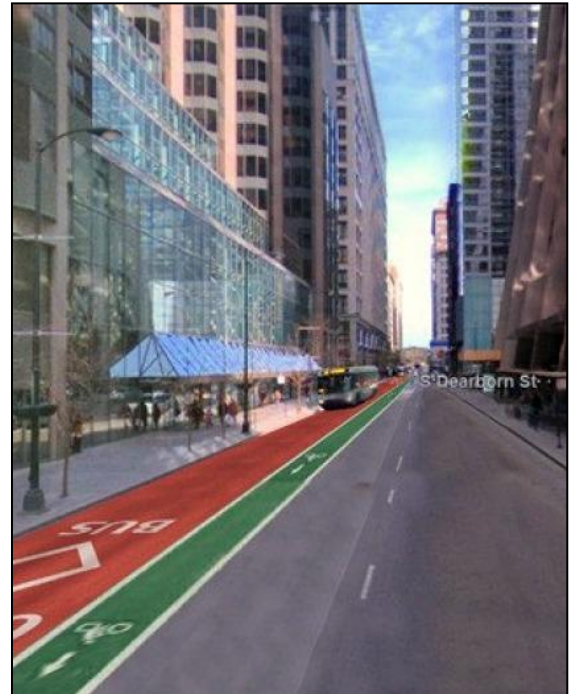


**CHICAGO CENTRAL AREA TRANSITWAY  
EAST-WEST CORRIDOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT**

Chicago Department of Transportation – Chicago, IL

**The Chicago Central Area Transitway: E-W Corridor Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** project will consist of designated bus priority lanes on two miles of downtown surface streets to expedite service on seven Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus routes. The project includes bus signal priority, “next bus” information, and bus shelter branding. The project will connect three Metra commuter rail stations (Union, Ogilvie, Millennium) with a number of other CTA routes and districts in and nearby the downtown Loop. These areas include a new transportation center at Union Station, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, the Lakeshore East residential development, Streeterville, and the Illinois Center office-hotel-retail development. Bicycle lanes and streetscape enhancements are also expected to be provided as part of the project.



The key component of the project is the creation of faster, more reliable circulation within the downtown area. Bus priority lanes will be established or upgraded on three blocks of the Canal and Clinton pair of one-way streets, which run north-south, and the Washington Boulevard/Madison Street pair, which run east-west across the loop. This combination will serve three of the busiest railroad stations in Chicago and every CTA rapid transit route entering downtown Chicago.

The grantee for the project is the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT). CDOT is responsible for overseeing design of the system. CDOT will enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the CTA regarding all facets of the project. The CTA will operate the buses.

**PROJECT FUNDING**

Urban Circulator Grant	\$ 24,650,000
CMAQ	\$ 5,544,000
Other Funding (TIF)	\$ 8,298,500
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$ 38,492,500</b>

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Improves transportation choices and expand travel options, providing better connectivity from outlying neighborhoods and suburban areas to many parts of the Central Area.
- Connects from three major commuter rail terminals and all of CTA rapid transit lines to some of the major activity centers – including Millennium Park, the mixed-use Lakeshore East, the Northwestern Medical Center, and Navy Pier, Chicago’s most-visited tourist attraction

**PROJECT MILESTONE DATES**

	2011	2012	2013	2014
NEPA Decision		May		
Final Design		—————		
Construction			—————	
Revenue Service				November



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