



Illinois Department
of Transportation

METRA CLYBOURN STATION FEASIBILITY STUDY

STUDY OVERVIEW

The Metra Clybourn Station Feasibility Study is a collaborative effort led by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) to investigate feasibility of modernizing the Metra Clybourn Station, located near Ashland and Armitage Avenues in Chicago's North Branch Corridor.



PURPOSE AND NEED

The Metra Clybourn Station Feasibility Study is being undertaken to address the physical, operational, and accessibility constraints of the existing Metra Clybourn Station and to explore opportunities for modernization and improved multimodal connectivity.

The current station configuration presents challenges related to capacity, ADA accessibility, and regional mobility. With significant growth and redevelopment occurring within Chicago's North Branch Corridor, a modernized Clybourn Station will support enhanced accessibility, capacity, and overall passenger experience, while supporting equitable, transit-oriented, and sustainable development that strengthens regional mobility and economic growth.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



Evaluate and modernize

Assess existing conditions, constraints, and options for modernizing the Metra Clybourn Station, including potential station relocation.



Improve accessibility

Advance full ADA compliance and capacity expansion to meet current and future ridership needs.



Enhance multimodal connectivity

Integrate bike and pedestrian networks, bus and rideshare connections, and parking access to strengthen regional mobility.



Engage and plan strategically

Collaborate with riders, public officials, businesses, and community stakeholders to identify and evaluate feasible modernization concepts, and develop associated cost estimates, funding strategies, and implementation timelines.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

► Aging Infrastructure and Comfort Concerns

Outdated platforms, shelters, stairs, lighting, and amenities.

► Accessibility Gaps

Station lacks full ADA compliance and barrier-free access for people of all ages and abilities.

► Limited Connectivity

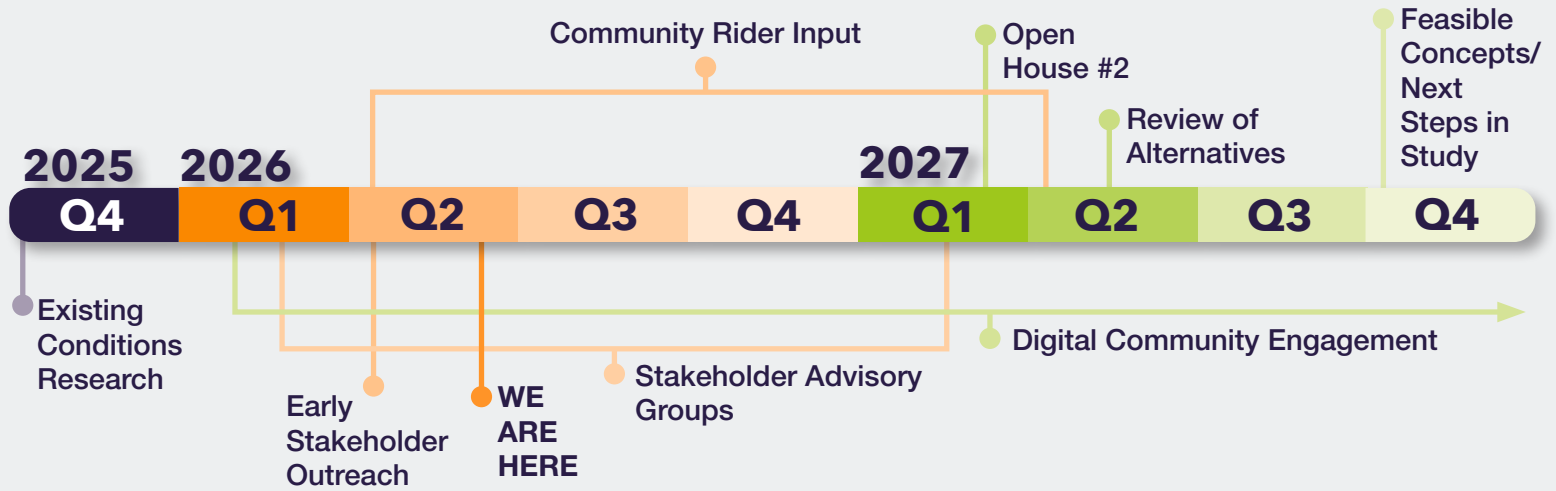
Few comfortable pedestrian and bicycle routes link nearby neighborhoods and jobs.

► Evolving Surroundings

Growth around Foundry Park, and nearby redevelopment increases demand for multimodal access and improved parking.



STUDY TIMELINE



FUTURE STATION CONCEPTS

-  **Accessibility**
Elevators, ramps, tactile wayfinding, and accessible paths from street to platform, expanded parking, increased seating areas.
-  **Modern passenger facilities**
Weather-protected platforms, digital signage, improved lighting, and enhanced security.
-  **Multimodal integration**
Seamless connections to CTA bus routes, bike lanes, micro-mobility hubs, and rideshare zones.
-  **Enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access**
Improved sidewalks, crosswalks, and protected bike infrastructure linking to Elston, Ashland, and Armitage corridors.
-  **Transit-oriented development (TOD) opportunities**
Coordination with adjacent redevelopment projects (Lincoln Yards, Foundry Park) to support retail and mixed-use development near the station.
-  **Sustainability**
Incorporation of energy-efficient materials, green infrastructure, and stormwater management features.
-  **Operational improvements**
Optimized track configuration, platform capacity for both UP-N and UP-NW lines, and improved passenger flow.



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