Metro Transit D Line Chicago and 48th Station

Final Station Plan Ongoing Outreach

Community Meeting Comment Board Summary

This document contains written comments given to Metro Transit at our September 13th, 2018 Community Meeting.
“What would a D Line station positively contribute to 48th and Chicago?

1. “I would ride it and use the stop by myself and with my kids”
2. “It connects people to an important commercial node and will drive business”
3. “I live near the proposed D Line in the North Loop and would frequent this station”
4. “The D Line doesn’t branch, reducing wait times for transfers unlike current Route 5 bus line”
5. “More foot traffic means better density for businesses prosperity. Buses bring good foot traffic”
6. “I want to go to my gramma’s house”
7. “I am excited for tighter corners that are more pedestrian friendly and safe”
8. “Safer bus stops= Safer communities”
9. “Station is needed as a middle point between 46th and 52nd. Too far to walk otherwise”
10. “A great place to get off and easy access to stores and neighbors”
11. “Quicker access to businesses at 48th”
12. “Public Transit is the future- let’s invest in it while we can”
14. “Lack of parking/increased traffic is not likely to deter customers who really want to patronize these businesses”
15. “I ride the Rt. 5 about 5 to 7 times per week and would appreciate a more streamlined and efficient experience”
16. “I would patronize businesses on this corner coming from further along the line- wouldn’t otherwise”
17. “Nicer looking bus shelters make for a more attractive street front”
18. “Increasing access to major areas will drive business”
19. “Stopping the D Line will not stop current issues from happening”
21. “Safer with cameras”
22. “Buses already stop at 48th and Chicago so I don’t understand why the D Line would change existing conditions/environment”
23. “Better service= better life for transit riders”
24. “Shorter walk to station and businesses”
25. “Only #5 would see a reduction in service”
26. “Useful transit. It must go where people want to go”
27. “More customers for businesses”
28. “Close the 48th street intersection and put stops there so shelters don’t interfere with storefronts”
29. “Bus instead of car trip to turtle bread”
30. “Reduced automobile vehicle miles traveled -> reduced emissions -> improved public health”
31. “People who live in the neighborhood going to/from downtown more likely to stop at local businesses on the way back if there is a stop at 48th st!”
32. “Improved access to this wonderful, vibrant business node with very minimal additional noise or intrusion”
33. “Reduces CO2 footprint of businesses”
34. “No complaints here!”

“What are your concerns about a station at 48th and Chicago?”

1. “How would it affect the businesses?”
2. “Clogs up an already busy intersection”
3. “Slows down progress of “rapid” transit”
4. “Safety for children going to park? Also for residents walking in neighborhood.”
5. “Will the stopped bus cause dangerous intersection with the way stop lights work?”
6. “No need for a 48th St. stop. I will take this bus line and excited about it! But 46th will be a better flow- no business interruption, bike lane problems on the corner of 48th.”
7. “I am concerned that without this stop, bus service to this intersection (my neighborhood) will be REDUCED.
8. “Concerns: Noise with increased buses, more people more safety issue, Takes increase or devalue of property”
9. “Shelter will be located in front of a small business opening shortly. Will be taking up parking as well as visibility. We have concerns about what kind of effect that will have on us.”
10. “What are the advantages for residents? Living in this area. We are in the city, no problem.”
11. “How do bikes navigate around stopped bus?”
12. “Duplication of services unnecessary cost.”
13. “Increase parking on the residential streets due to decreased ability to park for existing businesses”
14. “The proposed shelters are too big”
15. “Proposed spot opposite Ken and Norms will interfere with traffic, parking, ingress, and egress of vehicles, deliveries and will block signage for Pedego Bikes, Rock Paper Scissors, and Town Hall Tap”
16. “None <- rebel rule breaker!”
17. “Noise, traffic, blocks businesses, loitering”
18. “Rapid bus stops are good. Concerns are BAD.”
19. “Dining enjoyment outside will be difficult with buses”
20. “Congestion at an already busy area”
21. “NONE this will be a huge improvement”
22. “It will devastate businesses by taking multiple parking spots and blocking visibility”
23. “Connection to other lines is lacking”
24. “Agree” (references #18)
25. “Corner is very busy with bike, pedestrian, and car traffic. Bus stops will be a serious safety hazard”
26. “Detriment to sidewalk dining as buses start and stop”
27. “Bumpouts work with 2 lanes of traffic each way. This intersection already has a dangerous parking lot. This will be very hazardous to bikers!”
28. The 47th Street stop is the best option. It is only 1 block. We are arguing about 1. Substitute the word parking and this argument would be flipped to what are people complaining about walking 1 block from their parking spot.”
What would a D Line station positively contribute to 48th & Chicago?

- It connects people to important community spaces and will attract business.
- It's close to other stations that are more pedestrian-friendly and safe.
- Station is needed as a middle point between multiple communities.
- Public transit is the future and we want to embrace it.
- I would prefer businesses on both sides of the tracks.
- What other services do you want to see provided by the D Line?
- Bus instead of car trip to turtle pond.
- Reduces CO2 footprint of businesses.
What are your concerns about a D Line station at 48th & Chicago?

- I am concerned that without this stop, bus service in this intersection will be reduced.
- Noise, traffic, blocks, bus stop, littering.
- Agreed.
- Agreed.
- Detriment to sidewalk dining, bus stop, etc.
- Congestion at an already busy area.
- NONE of these will be a major inconvenience.
- What are the advantages to having a station here, major disadvantages to having a station here.
- The proposed station is too big.
- I agree the sidewalk dining will be an issue.
- I am very happy with the location of the station.
- What is the purpose of the proposed station?