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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Marisol R. Simon
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Federal Transit Administration
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RE: Invitation to be a Participating Agency for the FTA proposed Tier I EIS on a Chicago CTA Red and Purple Lines Modernization Project, Belmont to Linden

Dear Ms. Simon:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has received your invitation letter of March 8, 2013, regarding the above project. Because the U.S. EPA has expertise concerning the nation's natural resources and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents, we still have an interest in this project.

Pursuant to the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU and the Moving Ahead for the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), and in keeping with our responsibilities under NEPA and Section 309 of the Clean Water Act, we reaffirm our letter of January 6, 2011, accepting your invitation to be a participating agency on this project to the degree time and resources permit. We understand this will be a standard Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, based upon the July 26, 2012 Supplemental Notice of Intent. We are aware of earlier vision studies, which produced materials for this project. We would appreciate receiving such materials as appropriate. Our participation in this project will specifically include:

1. Providing meaningful early input to defining the purpose and need, range of alternatives, methodologies, and level of detail for alternatives analysis;

2. Participating in coordination meetings, conference calls, joint field reviews and other activities as appropriate;

3. Providing timely review and comment on pre-draft and subsequent environmental documents.

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Our agency's point of contact will be Norm West of my staff [(312)-353-5692 or west.norman@epa.gov]. We look forward to reviewing any NEPA documents and related information for this project.

Sincerely,

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