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## Upcoming CTA Community Meeting

### Tell the Mayor and the CTA What You Think!

#### CTA Community Meeting

**Thursday**  
**March 15, 2007**  
**6PM - 8PM**  
**Agassiz School**  
 2851 N Seminary

We are looking for volunteers to help LVCC get the word out at the Belmont and Addison "L" Stops this Wednesday and Thursday about Thursday's CTA community meeting. We will distribute meeting flyers and postcards addressed to Mayor Daley (see below image). We want everyone to know how important public transportation is to Lake View!

**Attn: Chicago Transit Authority**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Select all that apply

I currently ride the red, purple, or brown line "L" to work and **will not** benefit by additional buses along Lake Shore Drive.

I currently do not own a car but **am considering** getting one because of the lack of **reliable/realistic** public transportation options to the loop.

I would be willing to **pay more** for public transportation if that meant better frequency, reliability, and community involvement in transportation decisions.

I am **frustrated** by the lack of community involvement in planning and lack of responsiveness to the community by the CTA.

I am calling for the **immediate resignation** of Carol Brown (CTA Chairperson) and Frank Kruesi (CTA President).

I think my home value will **decrease** because purchasers will be concerned by the lack of viable transportation to the loop.

**Some LVCC suggestions include adding rush hour and Cubs Game buses:**

**add new ROUTE 8X Halsted Express**, which would begin at Addison stopping at Belmont, Diversey, Wellington and Fullerton then EXPRESS to/from Madison (the Ogilvy Center/Union Station),

LVCC understands the importance of track replacement and station renovation, but our lack of viable options is not acceptable. Come to the "CTA Community Meeting" this Thursday at 6PM and tell the CTA what you think!

**add new ROUTE 22X Clark Express**, which would begin at Irving Park stopping at Addison, Belmont, Diversey, Wellington and Fullerton then EXPRESS to loop, and

**add new ROUTE TBD Sheffield**, which would run along Sheffield from Fullerton to Irving Park during rush hours.

- Shame on the CTA for not discussing optional routes with the community well in advance of the 3-track plan implementation.
- According to the CTA website, there are 184,000 riders each day along the Red, Brown and Purple lines. 25% of them or 46,000 riders will be displaced.
- Due to the longer commuting times, more riders will turn to their cars further congesting our streets.
- The CTA has not shared any plan with the community to move 40,000 people to and from each Cubs game.
- "Leave Early. Leave Late. Alternate." is not realistic with most employers.
- Lake Shore Drive Express is not an option if you live on Racine (or further west).

**Quick Links**

[LVCC Website](#)

[CTA Brown Line](#)

Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about Thursday's meeting and to look for volunteers passing out postcards addressed to the Mayor this Wednesday and Thursday at Belmont, Addison and Sheridan Red line "L" stops.

Sincerely,

[Lake View Citizens' Council](#)

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