Creating a Vision For the Trail
Rebranding the line to reflect community

The Altenheim Line is the existing name of the CSX Rail line. The aim is to collaborate with the community to develop a new identity for the line that aligns with the community and the project vision. Share your thoughts and help shape the vision.

What name do you think would be ideal for the line?

- K-Town Connection
- Peaceful Way
- Out West Trail
- Trails of the west
- North Lavaltrie Trail
- Local Trail

- The 812
- Improved Accessibility
- Trails for all ages

- What vision do you have for how the line would impact the community?

- Peaceful outing
- Fun, scenic, and nearby
- Safe, clean community
- Encourage a new way to get through Laval

- Totally useful to the community
- Support the rail trail to downtown
- Create a network connecting existing places and businesses
- Improving bike infrastructure and pedestrian access

- Please involve CSUL students in planning and construction phases
Identifying Opportunities

How would you define a catalytic site for new development or adaptive reuse?

- REVIVE ROOSEVELT ROAD
- Supporting North Lawndale residents to build their own businesses
- Provide neighborhood to bus service
- Appropriate housing for next 100 years
- Pedestrian friendly

How can the trail spark positive economic growth in the community?

- Just like the 606 has proven
  - Can same principle work here?
- We pay attractive wages 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM
  - People like this to work
  - They will come
- It will be nice to have people want to move here and stay
- People need well-paying jobs
- Neighborhoods
  - Amenities, retail, businesses
- Bike trails will attract entertainment industry
  - Industry, restaurants, space for adult entertainment
  - Can do comedy shows

- Low risk pop-up
  - Includes local investment
- Renovate our park site
  - Douglas Park
- Community spaces for people by the people
  - Recreation
  - Library
  - Tech worker

Development is nice.
- The community needs pedestrian-friendly housing
- Rent
- The trail will host arts
- Arts will support businesses with bringing trees and community connection
Neighborhood Investment Residential Objectives

What type of housing would you like to see more of in the neighborhood?

5,162 CURRENT HOUSEHOLDS

62% HOUSEHOLDS EARN UNDER $35K ANNUALLY

2.92 AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE

32.2 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLDER AGE

Existing housing stock

Detached Single Family
Attached Single Family
Multifamily 2-4 Units
Multifamily 7+ Units
Mixed-Use

Cicero
Pulaski
Kedzie
Kostner AVE
Pulaski AVE
Roosevelt Rd

ALTEHEIM LINE

[Map of the neighborhood showing various types of housing and a map of the area.]
Neighborhood Investment
Commercial Objectives

What kinds of commercial **buildings** would you want to see more of along the line?
- Target
- Whole Foods
- Trader Joe's
- PLAZA OWNED COL-OP
- Nice Cafe
- Sit-down restaurants

What kinds of commercial **uses** would you want to see more of along the line?
- Grocery store
- Bookstore
- Toy store
- Reopen the Central Park Theater
- Bike shop

What commercial space do you currently use in the neighborhood?

Map showing commercial zones and streets.
How do you want to see vacant properties used in the study area?

- Incentive to save 92 properties and avoid fear to build down homes
- $1 lots along the lake
- Nursing program and gender that don't look negatively on impact of Covid (job loss, low rent)
- City has been willing to sell 11 acres for 1$ to developers. How about 1$ lots to longtime renters and victims of Redlining?
- Systemic inequality has prevented generational wealth. What policies can address those?

- More gardens and green spaces for relaxation.
- Food options, restaurants, stores, quality, at least a Target
- Rent & Property tax control? Policies
Potential Activities Along the Trail

Nature and Garden
What type of nature experiences are you interested in creating along the line?

- Mystery nature trail
- Enchanted forest
- Concerts
- Feel safe to walk, bike on the trail + to the park
- Brick Park will carry many of residents past / present
- Lakes for fishing, biking, railer skating
- North India Hicks Park
- Outdoor art: 7 steps to outdoor art
- Water walk similar to northbrook park and area

Arts and Culture
How can we leverage arts and culture to make unique experiences that represent community?

- Public art murals along the trail done by local artists
- Musical festivals
- Q R Code cultural tales on nature, history of area
- Yes!
- New Orleans style Trolley on rails
- North India Hicks History
- New Orleanean History
- Historic Areas (Geneve)
- Seasonal activities like live in Chicago!
- Neighbors
- Washrooms
- Yoga Bar

Neighborhood Park
Arts and Culture
How can we leverage arts and culture to make unique experiences that represent community?

- Public Art/ murals along the trail done by local artists
- QR Codes containing links on artists, history of area or act
- New Orleans style tools on rails
- North Lawndale History
- Creating paths that bring a little agility (nature)
- Community History Piece
- Washrooms
- Seasonal activities
- Historical Areas (seeds)

YES!
Nature and Garden
What type of nature experiences are you interested in creating along the line?

- Space for residents to cultivate plants along the line
- Brick Path w/ Carved Names of Residents Past & Present
- Lanes for:
  - Scattering
  - Biking
  - Roller Skating
- North/Lawndale History:
  - Past & Present
  - Stories of migration & cultural exchange
- Outdoor Classes:
  - Gardening
  - CLC
  - GPConservatory
  - Bird watching
  - Bees (green)
- Artist walk similar to Wabash Walls in Chicago
How do you stop the imaginary point where it goes from enjoyable to not (ie: high cafe + walking)
90% low income wiped out.

400% tax increase

360% increase in property value.
Potential Activities Along the Trail

Recreation and Activity
What type of activities would you like to see along the trail?

- Fitness area
- Health and Fitness area
- Sound Garden Quiet area
- Little Free Library
- Community Centers
- Info about rich history along the trail (N. Lawndale History Project)
- Chicago Calling Mission for youth
- Trails of Play
- Treat the Trail like a museum

Access and Gateways
What type of experiences do you imagine at the entrances to the trail?

- Friends of the Trail
  - Development pickup
  - Fundraising events

- Lots of entrance points
- Safety
- Lots of graded seating

- Imagine Westside
- Vibe Street
- Public Safety House/Bathrooms
- Public Restrooms
- Scavenger Hunt for fun and history
- 3035 CR trail
Access and Gateways

What type of experiences do you imagine at the entrances to the trail?

- Friends of the Trail
  - Permanent Pop-Up
  - Fundraising Entity

- Lots of entrance points for safety
- Lots of shaded seating

- Public Restrooms
- Public Bathrooms

- Scavenger Hunt or Art and History using QR codes

- Imagine Westside on a bike ride 1st on 7th Ave
  - Park the bikes
Recreation and Activity
What type of activities would you like to see along the trail?

- Fitness area for DRW College Prep students:
  - Yoga
  - African dance
  - Zumba
  - Health: Free for the Public

- Story walk along the path with a page of a book on each post

- Little Free Library

- Community Centers

- Info about our rich history along the trail:
  - N. Lawndale History

- Hip-Hop Corners
  - Poetry reading area

- Trails of Flowers

- Treat the trail like a museum event

- Chicago Children's Museum: Partner w/ Public art for installation
- Falls along box
- Better quality grocery store
- Quality grocery store
- Reopen theaters
- Shops & restaurants
Transportation Mobility Hub
To create programs and training for freight transportation jobs

Target New Market: Premier Stores

Trader Joes

Need: grocery store? Aldi possibly?

Re: Roosevelt Redevelopment
Do the condo residents really want parking?

Empty lots unused into pretty

Incorporate affordable housing
black recruitment of home owners ALL over