



Transit Facility Improvement Area Designation ("Transit TIF") Red and Purple Modernization Project Phase One Chicago Transit Authority

In 2016, Johnson Research Group, Inc. (JRG) teamed with SB Friedman and Christopher B. Burke Engineering to implement the first Transit Facility Improvement Area or "Transit TIF" in Chicago, Illinois as a means to fund critical infrastructure improvements on the nearly 100 year old Red and Purple lines of Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) rail system. This innovative funding tool was adopted by the Illinois legislature in June 2016 and the Transit TIF was implemented in record time through the combined efforts of the consulting team, the City of Chicago and CTA. In achieving this aggressive timeline, the City was able to leverage \$1.1 billion in federal grant funds. The Transit TIF encompassed 3,126 acres of land and extended for nine linear miles of rail line.

JRG was integrally involved in the project, serving a key role in drafting the Transit TIF Redevelopment Plan and contributor to the development of the TIFIA feasibility study. JRG was responsible for managing the public notification process involving time sensitive and legislatively required mailings to more than 300,000 recipients. The Transit TIF was successfully adopted in December 2016.