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## Chicago: the transit innovator

Chicago, which for more than a century has ranked as a leader and innovator in transit, is moving ahead on many fronts in modernizing and improving its public transportation system.

This important on-going program is being carried out by the Chicago Transit Authority, which is upgrading and renewing existing facilities, and the City of Chicago, which long has served as the prime mover or project manager for building new transit facilities.

For the most part, the improvement projects have been made possible by funding from the federal government through the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and from the state government through the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Highlights of the latest Chicago developments are:

### State Street Transit Mall

Dedicated on Oct. 29, 1979, the State Street Transit Mall was developed for two reasons: to give a new look to this renowned shopping thoroughfare and to provide more convenient and efficient transit service. The CTA serves State Street with more than 2,300 bus trips and 2,600 subway car trips each weekday. These buses and subway cars bring more than 55 million riders to State Street each year.

Among the new transit features of the nine-block Mall are 18 bus passenger shelters, 16 enclosed subway stairways, and 16 enclosed escalators

from the street to the mezzanines of the State Street Subway stations. The CTA operates 16 major bus routes in State Street. The subway is the downtown segment of the CTA's heavily travelled North-South route.

The State Street Transit Mall, which includes many other features such as new lighting and landscaping, was created at a cost of \$17.2 million by the State Street merchants and property owners, the City of Chicago, and the Urban Mass Transportation and Federal Highway Administrations of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

### Rapid transit to O'Hare

This important eight-mile rapid transit extension linking O'Hare International Airport with the CTA's Jefferson Park Transit Center to provide fast trips to and from Chicago's downtown is expected to be completed by the spring of 1982. This two-track extension is being constructed mostly in the median strip of the Kennedy expressway and the Airport access road. It will reach the airport's terminal area in a 3,500-foot tunnel.

Between the airport and Jefferson Park, there will be stations at Harlem Avenue and Cumberland Road and a third station known as Rosemont at Des Plaines River Road. The Cumberland and Rosemont stations will have parking facilities for 1,400 cars. The running time of the CTA's trains between the airport and the downtown Dearborn Street Subway stations will be about 35 minutes.

The extension is estimated to cost \$150 million. The U.S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration is providing 80 per cent of the funds, with

Front cover: Mayor Jane M. Byrne alights from CTA Big Bend articulated bus at dedication of State Street Transit Mall, Oct. 29, 1979.

the remainder coming from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the City of Chicago. The city's Public Works Department is the project manager.

### 300 new rapid transit cars

The year 1984 has been set as the completion date for the delivery of 300 new rapid transit cars ordered by the CTA from The Budd Company, which was the lowest of three bidders with a bid of \$133,288,500. Under the contract, the CTA has an option to purchase an additional 300 cars.

Under a new procedure developed with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the contract price will be subject to escalation of both labor and material costs as determined by indices published by the federal government.

The cars are to be similar in interior and exterior design to the 200 cars recently built by the Boeing Vertol Company for the CTA.

### Rapid transit radio

All motormen, conductors, supervisors, and yard and management personnel will be equipped with two-way portable radios giving them instant communications with the Control Center at the CTA's headquarters in the Merchandise Mart. For motormen and conductors, the radio units also will have a silent emergency alarm. This new radio communications and train supervision system is scheduled to be completed for above ground operations by late 1979.

For below ground in 10 miles of

subways, the new communications system is scheduled to become effective in the summer of 1980 after the installation of a coaxial cable for receiving and transmitting. The installation in the subways also will provide separate radio communications for the police and fire departments. The new radio system is costing \$9,175,000.

With the installation of the radio system for rapid transit, all of the CTA operations--both train and bus--will have the latest in communications. The equipping of all of the CTA's 2,400 buses with two-way radios was completed in late 1978. The bus installation includes a silent emergency alarm and an automatic bus-locator system.

### 125 more articulated buses

In 1980, the CTA is planning to order 125 more articulated Big Bend buses at a cost of approximately \$25.5 million in federal and state funds. These will be in addition to 20 articulated buses which were delivered early in 1979. The new articulated buses will replace overage CTA equipment. However, the older buses will not be scrapped, but will be held in reserve to meet possible increased rider demand related to the energy crisis.

### Action plan for winter

Chicago's worst winter in history during January and February of 1979 prompted the CTA and the City of Chicago to take the leadership among rail transit systems of the snow belt

cities of the United States and Canada to develop better means for combatting snow and ice emergencies. As a result, a special task force for this important effort was set up by the American Public Transit Association.

To prepare for the winter of '79-'80, the CTA, using limited existing funds, also developed its own immediate action program. This program included the creation of six "Snowfighter" trains with specially built five-foot-high plows, the equipping of 200 regular passenger cars with under-the-coupler plows, the installation of electric heaters on the third rail at inclines, the acquisition of 100 additional electric motors as spares, an accelerated project of weatherproofing existing motors, an expansion of the inventory of motor repair parts, the installation of more sleet scrapers, more extensive use of de-icing chemicals for the third rail,

the acquisition of 162 portable snow blowers for station stairs, platform and walk snow removal, and the acquisition of 10 heavy duty snow blowers on tractors for the yards and driveways of bus garages.

In addition, under a plan announced by Mayor Byrne of Chicago and Governor Thompson of Illinois, the CTA is being provided approximately \$16 million in Interstate Transfer funds to expand the winterization program with such vital projects as installing electric heaters on 40 additional miles of third rail.

### Station public address system

Realizing a need for better communication with riders, the CTA has awarded a \$3.5-million contract for the design and installation of a modern public address system for all of its 140 rapid transit stations. The full installation will take two years,

although major portions will be placed in use as the work progresses. With the new system, ticket agents and supervisors will be able to make announcements at individual stations; and announcements for groups of stations or the entire system may be made from the CTA's Control Center. Meanwhile, the CTA will utilize an older public address system at 42 stations, and follow a practice of assigning extra personnel to stations to make service announcements in emergencies.

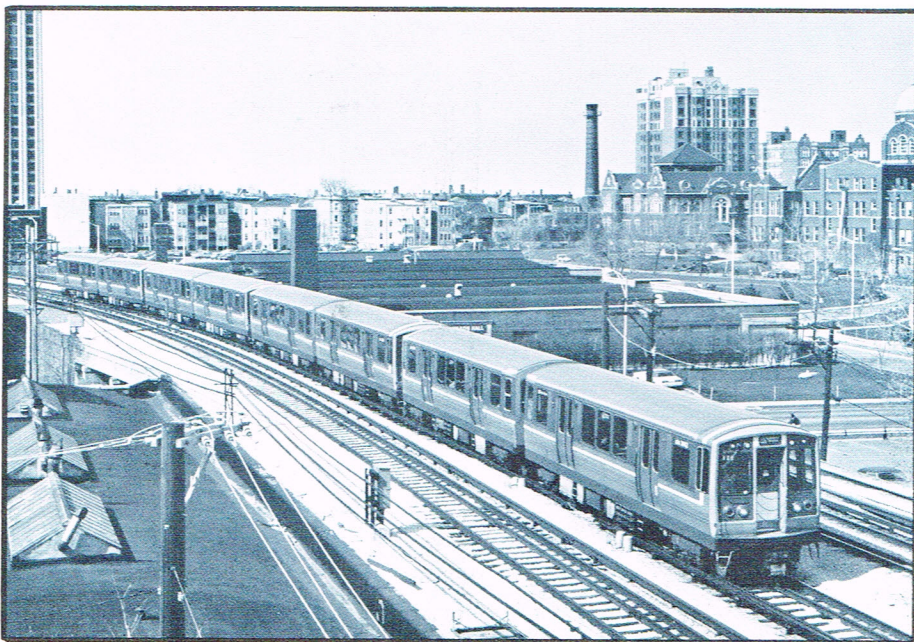
### Station modernization

Featuring an open-plan design concept, the CTA is rebuilding five major rapid transit stations which will have escalators and elevators for the convenience particularly of the elderly and handicapped. The design provides for maximum visibility, easy movement of people through fare con-

trol areas, and a high level of illumination. Under construction are a new terminal at Des Plaines Avenue, Forest Park, for the service operating in the Eisenhower expressway, an enlarged station at 79th Street on the Dan Ryan expressway route, elevated stations at Loyola and Granville on the North (Howard) route, and an elevated station at Western Avenue on the Ravenswood route.

### Computers for maintenance

The CTA has entered the computer age by adopting this new technology for greater efficiency in the maintenance of its large bus fleet. In addition to recording the repair and servicing needs and corrective action for each vehicle, this new system also provides instant communication for supervision by maintenance management. The CTA is expanding this technology to the maintenance of rapid transit equipment and plant facilities.



CTA's newest rapid transit cars (2400 series), with lakefront campus of Loyola University in background.

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January 1980

39th street and Cottage Grove avenue  
Looking north, 1903  
Chicago Historical Society



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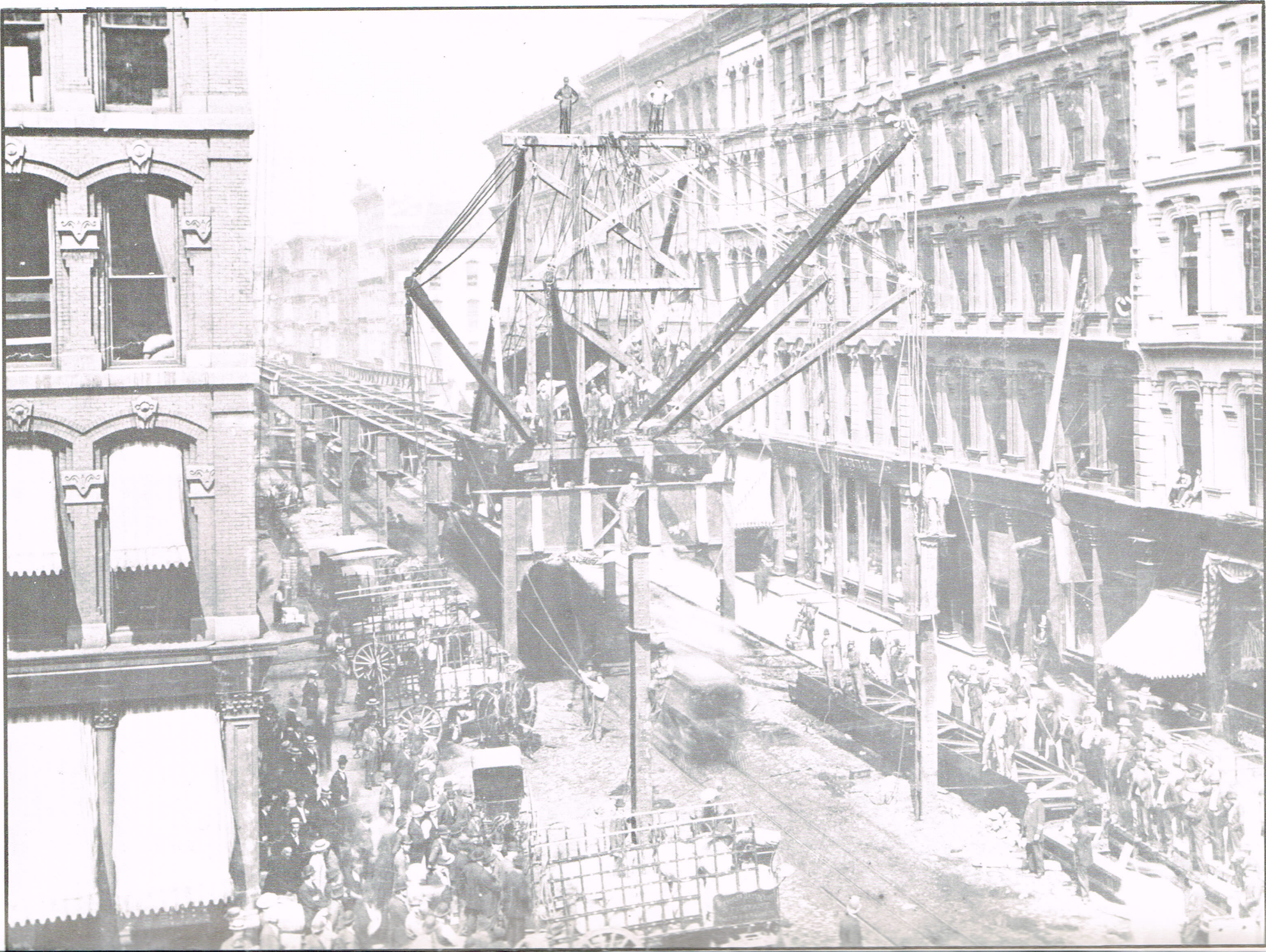
February 1980

Pulaski and Irving Park roads  
Looking south, 1936  
*George Krambles' collection*



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March 1980

Lake street and Wabash avenue  
Looking west, 1896  
George Krambles' collection



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April 1980

Michigan avenue at the Water Tower, 1924



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May 1980

Lake street and Oakley boulevard  
Looking north, 1893



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June 1980

63rd place and Narragansett avenue  
Looking east, 1948  
*George Krambles' collection*



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July 1980

Shirley Temple at the controls of an "L" train, 1938



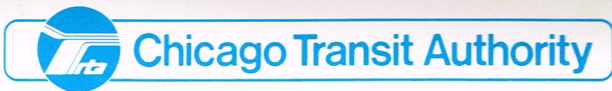
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August 1980

64th and Halsted streets  
Looking north, 1955



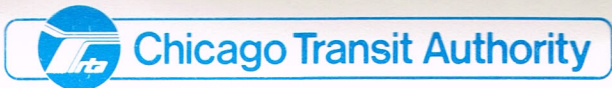
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September 1980

Hyde Park boulevard  
at Harper avenue, 1928  
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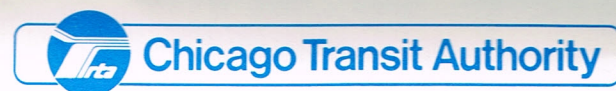
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# October 1980

Wacker drive at Wells street  
Looking east, 1928



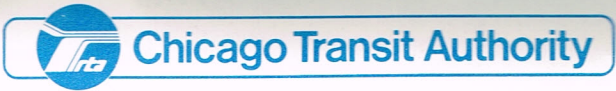
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November 1980

State and Madison streets  
Looking north, 1910  
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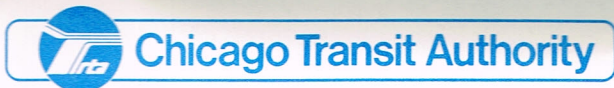
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December 1980

State street Christmas Parade, 1974  
1862 Bobtail Horsecar



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