

Development of Vacant Land Adjacent to CTA Station

Proposed Commercial Venues at Harlem-O'Hare Blue Line



Proposed Venues

The Alderman's office proposed developing the two adjacent lots into a Starbucks (Coffee venue) and a Car Wash.

The community reacted unfavorably.

The most common businesses near other train stations are the most likely to be successful at Harlem

Based on this premise, venues adjacent to all 144 train stations in the CTA system were examined.

Stations along the O'Hare blue line branch were examined.

Stations found to be similar to Harlem were examined.

The Top 10 venue categories within 250 meters of a CTA station are:

1. Coffee
2. Sandwich
3. Pizza
4. Mexican
5. Gym
6. Bar
7. Chinese
8. Donut
9. Hotel
10. Italian

Harlem currently
has the following
venues:

Mexican

Bar (x2)

Chinese

Donut Shop

Recommendation:

Therefore, the Starbucks coffee shop should be approved.

There are zero car washes within 250 meters of any CTA station, therefore it should be rejected.

Instead, one or more Sandwich, Pizza, Gym, or Italian venues should be developed.