



Streetcar CURRENTS



SPECIAL PHOTO SUPPLEMENT

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We're back in operation at Lake Harriet after being out of service for 81 days. There's still a lot of tasks that need to be done, both large and small, to get the full line back in operation, for example the work to make the passing siding operational. I thought it would be nice to send you a few photos to show what was done along the way and to recognize some of the people who worked so hard on all the aspects of this huge (for us) project.

IN THE BEGINNING . . .



The Tuesday guys started the whole process on May 31st when they took up the Lake Harriet and Lake Calhoun platforms. Here's **Ken Albrecht, Neil Howes, Jim Otto, Phil Settergren, Carl Barthelemy, Roy Harvey** and others doing this nasty work. (*Jim Vaitkunas photo*)



It didn't take the contractor long to take up the old rails and ties. Here's a photo of the 42nd Street crossing taken on June 3rd. (*Wendy Dunham photo*)



(Top) Cottage City and the "S-curve" after the track was lifted (6-3-05).

(Left) The deck of the pedestrian underpass is now in chunks on the ground as major demolition work continues (6-3-05). (*Both photos by Wendy Dunham*)

GET 'ER DONE!

Towards the end of the project, we started to do some things to get ready for reopening. Principal players in this phase of the project included **Keith Anderson**, **Scott Heiderich**, **Howie Melco**, **Bill Graham**, the **Tuesday gang**, **Ken Albrecht**, **Jim Willmore**, **Bob Webster**, **Bruce Gustafson**, and a bunch of others.



Here's the tamping machine taking the first cut at tamping our track. It took at least two passes of the tamper to get the track the way it is supposed to be. *(Jim Willmore photo)*



Scott Heiderich is tending to the welding equipment on one of our track carts (8-12-05). Scott was out at Lake Harriet virtually every day in August to check on the work and do whatever he could to make sure we'd be up and running as soon as possible. *(Jim Willmore photo)*



Here's **Keith Anderson** (left) and **Howie Melco** starting the work on 8-12-05 to install the necessary rail bonds. This photo was taken in front of the car barn. That's a ballast regulator machine in the right rear and a tamper in the distance. *(Jim Willmore photo)*



Cottage City with the track down but no ballast yet (7-10-05). The City and Park Board folks did wonderful work in restoring both this historic TCRT stop and the pedestrian underpass just north of our Linden Hills station. *(Wendy Dunham photo)*

WE OPERATE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 81 DAYS!



This crew consisting of (L to R) **Jim Willmore**, **Karl Jones**, **Roy Harvey**, **John Prestholdt**, and **Bill Graham** (behind the camera) worked hard on August 19th to get CHSL ready for service. They then made the first test run north and here they are at the Lake Calhoun end of our line. (*Bill Graham photo*)



On Saturday, August 20th the MSM Board met at the Lake Harriet carbarn for its meeting. An inspection trip was taken with Board members and others around 10:30 AM. The smiles on the faces of **Aaron Isaacs** (left) and the others is testimony to the improved roadbed and resultant ride that we now can enjoy. (*Jim Vaitkunas photo*)



Upper left. The morning of August 20th, work on temporary platforms at the Linden Hills station had begun. Here (left to right) **Bob Webster**, **Ken Albrecht**, **Bill Arends** and **Bud Goldstein** (out of the photo) work on the second platform.

Above. At about 12:40 PM on August 20th, the first passengers board No. 1300 under the watchful eye of Foreman **Karl Jones**.

Left. At 12:45 PM No 1300 pulls away from the temporary platform on the first run of the day, **Karl Jones** is the Motorman with **Brian Krynsinski** and **Corbin Kidder** as Conductors on the car.

(*All photos by Jim Vaitkunas*)