



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

## Church Street, Dodge Avenue to North Shore Channel

### North-South Corridor, Harbert Park to Beck Park

### Welcome

The City of Evanston welcomes you to this public meeting for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements to Church Street, Dodge Avenue to North Shore Channel and North-South Corridor, Harbert Park to Beck Park. This meeting is an open house format. We invite you to review the exhibits, provide feedback or ask questions of project team members, and complete a comment form.

### Public Information Meeting 1

**July 27, 2021**  
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Evanston Ecology Center  
2024 N McCormick Blvd  
Evanston, IL 60201

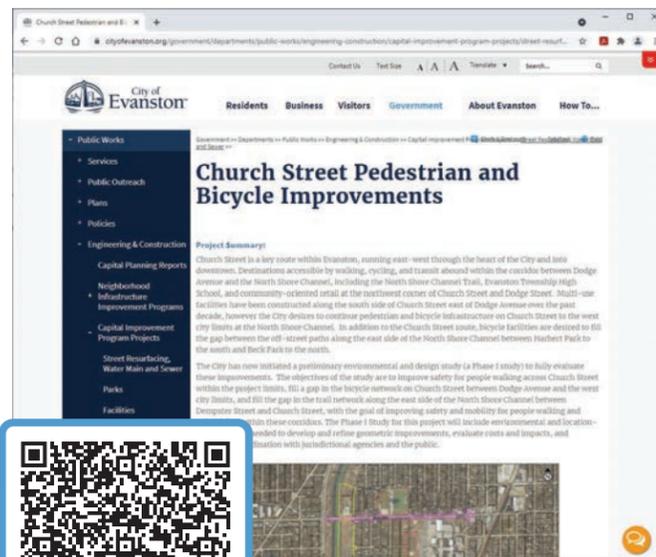
## Questions, Comments and Information

Your comments are valuable to us.

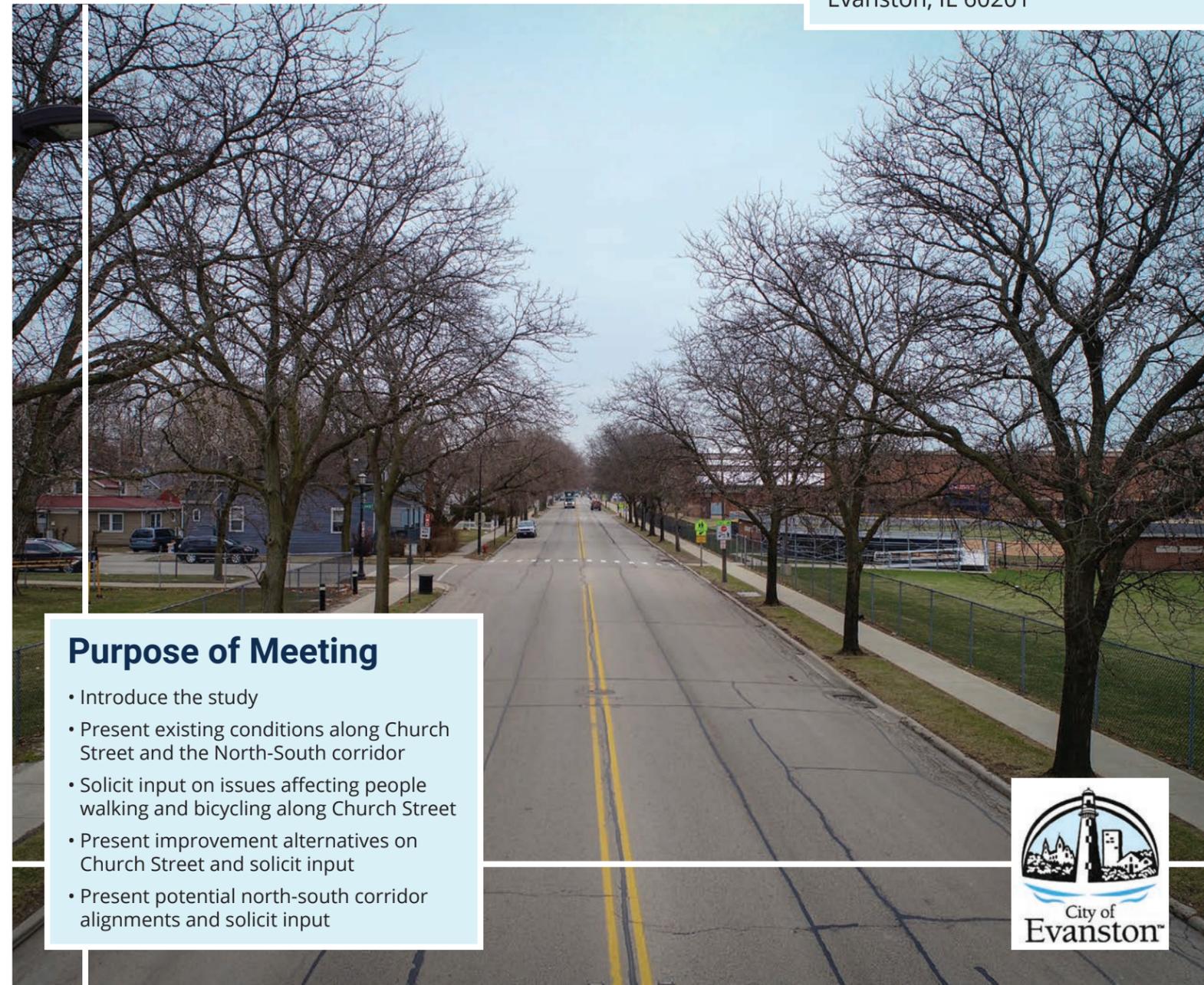
Written comments may be submitted during the public information meeting or mailed to the address below by August 11, 2021.

Any questions or comments regarding the study should be directed to:

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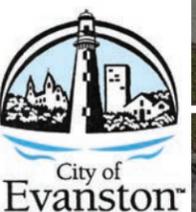


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### Purpose of Meeting

- Introduce the study
- Present existing conditions along Church Street and the North-South corridor
- Solicit input on issues affecting people walking and bicycling along Church Street
- Present improvement alternatives on Church Street and solicit input
- Present potential north-south corridor alignments and solicit input



# Project Study Area



## Study Goal & Objectives

**Goal**  
 Improve safety and mobility for people walking and riding bikes on Church from Dodge to west city limits and along the North Shore Channel between Church and Dempster.

- Objectives**
- Improve safety for people walking across Church Street between Dodge Avenue and the west city limits.
  - Fill a gap in the bicycle network on Church Street between Dodge Avenue and the west city limits.
  - Fill a gap in the trail network along the east side of the North Shore Channel between Dempster Street and Church Street.

## Federal-aid Project Phases

Any transportation project involving the use of Federal funds must follow a project development process consisting of three phases.



Phase I includes extensive environmental and design studies and is described in the schedule on the back of this brochure. After a preliminary improvement plan is approved, Phase II Engineering (Contract Plans) and Right-of-Way Acquisition/Temporary Easement Coordination would begin. During this phase, detailed construction plans would be developed and any necessary land would be acquired for the project. Temporary easements for construction access and grading will be necessary and are currently being evaluated and will be presented at the next public meeting. Phase III is the physical construction of the project.

Federal funding will be used by the City of Evanston for the construction of the project.

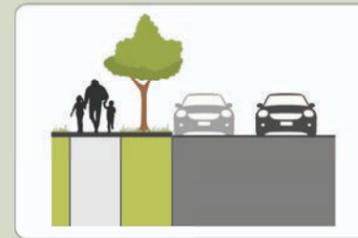
## Potential North-South Bike Path Alignment



- Project Study Area
- Traffic Signal
- Existing Shared Use Path
- Potential Off-Street Bike Path
- Potential Church St Facility

# Church Street Potential Alternatives

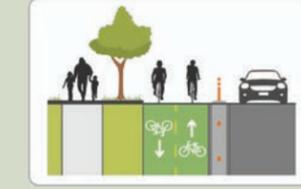
## EXISTING



## BIKE LANES



## TWO-WAY CYCLE TRACK

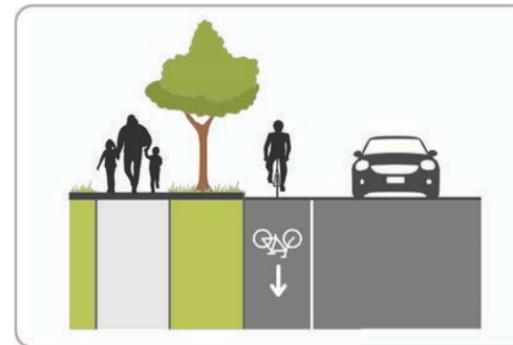


## SIDEPATH



Looking west along the south side of Church Street near Evanston Township High School

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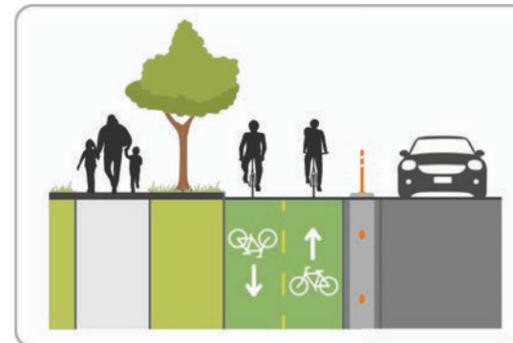
### Advantages:

- Provides separation between people walking and biking
- Relatively inexpensive

### Trade-offs:

- Less comfortable for inexperienced bicycle riders
- Potential for standing eastbound vehicles to block bike lane

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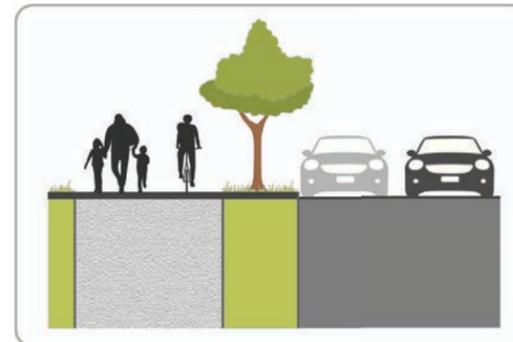
### Advantages:

- Separates cyclists from pedestrians
- Fairly comfortable for inexperienced bicycle riders
- Better consistency of facility type (McDaniel to east of Dodge)
- Provides traffic calming effects

### Trade-offs:

- Requires parking restrictions on south side of Church Street
- Increased lane blockages for eastbound traffic

## SIDEPATH



### Advantages:

- Most comfortable for inexperienced bicycle riders
- Path exists east of Wildkit Drive

### Trade-offs:

- People walking would be in the same space as people riding bikes
- Reduces green parkway space
- Crosses Church Street at Pitner
- Property or easement required from Dist. 202