



City of Evanston  
**Chicago Avenue**  
MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

**ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING #1**



**DECEMBER 3  
2020**

# TODAY'S AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. IDOT Phase 1 Process
4. Stakeholder Engagement & Communication
5. Project Schedule & Meetings
6. Corridor Context
- 7. Your Vision and Thoughts for the Corridor**
8. Next Steps



# INTRODUCTIONS

Project Staff & Consultant Team	Advisory Group: Aldermen, City of Evanston Staff, & Key Stakeholders	
<b>Sat Nagar</b> Senior Project Manager	<b>Ald. Melissa Wynne</b> 3rd Ward	<b>Victoria Jacobson</b> Evanston Climate Action Group
<b>Lara Biggs</b> , Bureau Chief Engineering and Capital Planning	<b>Ald. Donald Wilson</b> 4th Ward	<b>Liz Durham</b> Evanston Bike Club & GO Evanston
<b>Tim Gustafson</b> Epstein	<b>Ald. Ann Rainey</b> 8th Ward	<b>Annie Coakley</b> Downtown Evanston
<b>Mike Kerr</b> Christopher Burke Engineering	<b>Paul Zalmezak</b> , Manager Economic Development	<b>Katherine Gotsick</b> Main Dempster Mile
<b>Jodi Mariano</b> Teska Associates	<b>Jessica Hyink</b> Mobility Coordinator	
<b>Lea Pinsky</b> Art Encounter	<b>Cade Sterling</b> Planning	

# PROJECT GOALS



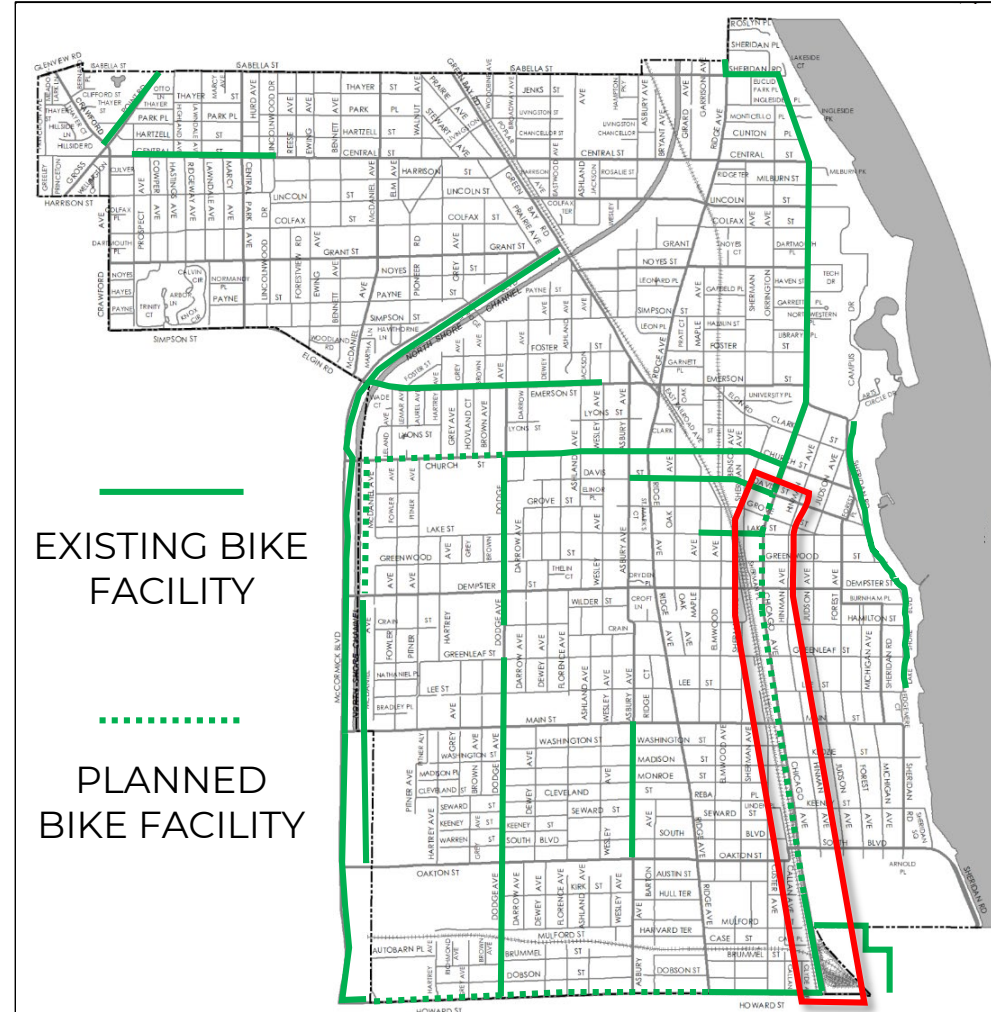
## Improve the Chicago Avenue corridor between Howard Street and Davis Street

- Create a Complete Street for Multimodal Transportation Including Walking and Biking
- Improve Safety for **All** Users
- Focus on Transit Access (CTA, Metra, Pace & Northwestern Shuttle)
- Incorporate Streetscape & Activate Public Spaces
- Underground Utility improvements
- Upgrade Street Lighting
- Roadway Resurfacing



# WHY NOW, AND WHY CHICAGO AVENUE?

- Create a “Comfortable Corridor”
  - High-Quality
  - Low-Stress
  - Design for **all** Roadway Users
- Develop Logical Connections



# IDOT PHASE 1 PROCESS

- Corridor Jurisdiction
- Traffic Operations
- Historic/Cultural Resources investigation (Nature Preserves, Wetlands, Parks, Waterways, Floodplain, Threatened & Endangered Species and Air Quality)
- Soil Structure, Soil Quality (Special Waste)
- Lighting Analysis
- Public Engagement Process
- Comply with Design Criteria (IDOT, AASHTO, NACTO, etc.)
- FHWA & IHP Coordination
- Report Format, Required Documentation & Exhibits

## Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Manual



Illinois Department of Transportation

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# IDOT PHASE 1 PROCESS

AGENCY	COORDINATION ITEMS
IDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project liaison for Local Roads project development</li> <li>• State-owned ROW (east leg of Chicago/South intersection)</li> <li>• Cultural Resource and Historic Property impact investigation (Evanston Lakeshore Historic District)</li> </ul>
CTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purple Line Stations (South Boulevard, Main), Purple Line Flyover</li> <li>• Chicago Avenue over the Yellow Line</li> <li>• Bus Route 201 (Chicago Avenue at Davis)</li> </ul>
Pace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bus Route 210 (Chicago Avenue between Howard and Davis)</li> </ul>
Northwestern University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intercampus Shuttle Stops</li> </ul>
(There will be <b><i>SOME</i></b> engagement with these groups now, but the majority of this is done in Phase 2)	
Evanston Historic Preservation Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evanston Lakeshore Historic District</li> </ul>
Evanston Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Art Opportunity Identification</li> </ul>

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION PLAN

1. Project Brand
2. Digital Communications
  1. City Website
  2. Online Survey
  3. Newsletters & Social Media
3. Printed Communications
4. Your Participation as Project Ambassadors

## 5. Key Stakeholder Interviews

- School District 65
- Property and Business Owners along Chicago Avenue with assistance from:
  - Main Dempster Mile
  - Downtown Evanston
- First Presbyterian
- Lake Street Church of Evanston

**Who else visits the Chicago Avenue corridor that we haven't already discussed? (we will come back to this)**



# PROJECT SCHEDULE, MEETINGS

Meeting	Topic	Date
Project Initiation	Scope, Schedule	August 2020
Data Collection Begins		September 2020
IDOT Initial Coordination	Confirm Process Requirements	September 2020
Agency Coordination Begins		September 2020
<b>Advisory Committee #1</b>	<b>Project Introduction, Vision</b>	<b>Today</b>
Stakeholder Engagement Begins		January 2021
Advisory Committee #2	Design Criteria, Proposed Concept	TBD
Public Information Meeting #1	Existing Conditions, Stakeholder Engagement Feedback	Spring 2021 (TBD)
Advisory Committee #2	Preferred Alternative, Revisions	TBD
Public Information Meeting #2	Preferred Alternative	TBD
IDOT Reporting, Review, and Design Approval		TBD

# CORRIDOR CONTEXT



## LEGEND

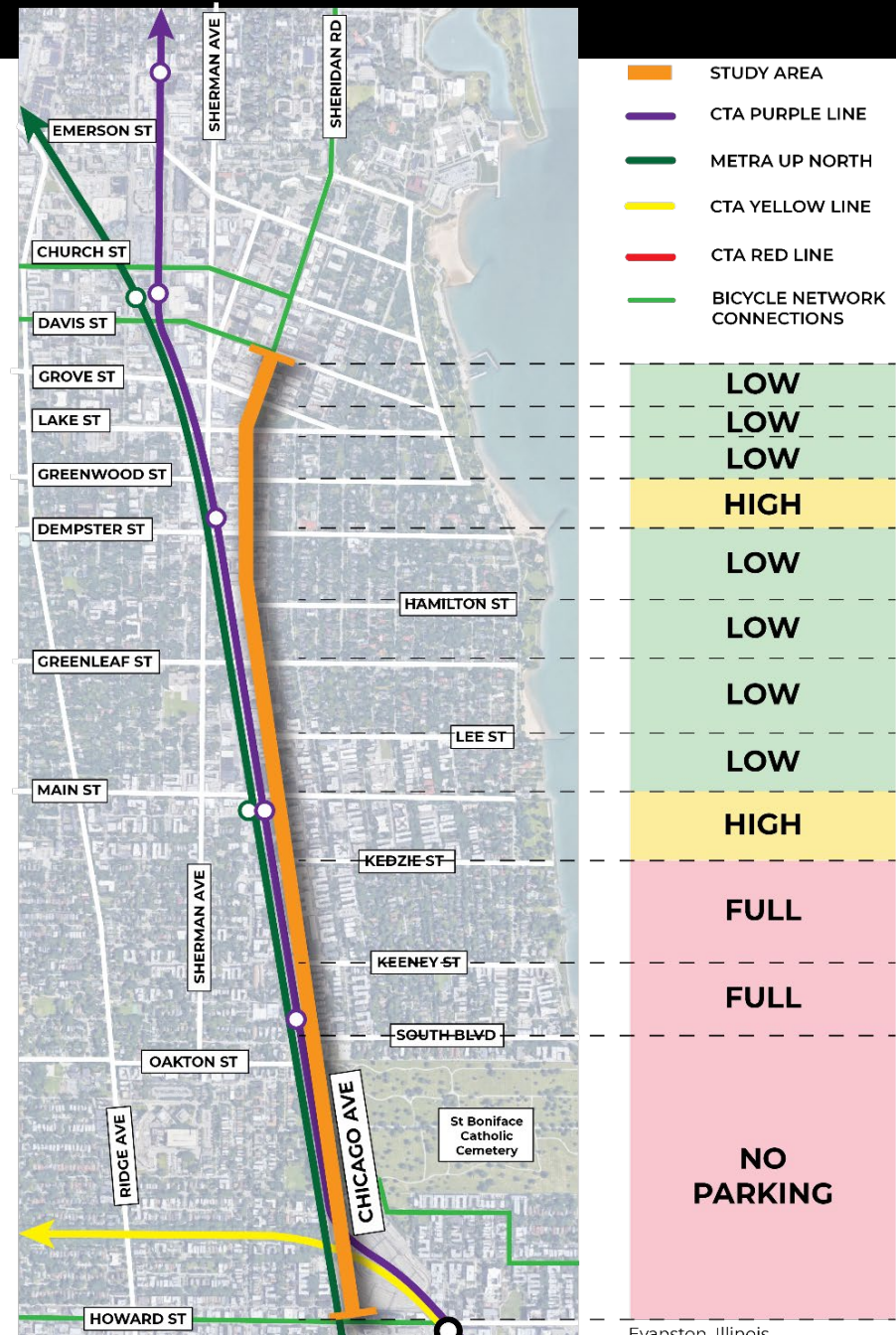
- STUDY AREA
- CTA PURPLE LINE
- METRA UP NORTH
- CTA YELLOW LINE
- CTA RED LINE
- BICYCLE NETWORK CONNECTIONS
- TRAFFIC SIGNALS
- PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS
- BUS STOPS
- DIVVY STATIONS
- EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
- US POSTAL SERVICE
- EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
- MUSIC INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO
- LAKE STREET CHURCH OF EVANSTON
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- RAYMOND PARK
- ST PAUL PARK



# CORRIDOR CONTEXT: PARKING

FROM	TO	Capacity	WEEKDAY UTILIZATION				WEEKEND UTILIZATION		
			10am - 11am	12pm - 1pm	3pm - 4pm	7pm - 8pm	10am - 12pm	12pm - 1pm	6pm - 8pm
DAVIS	GROVE	26	8%	35%	31%	8%	50%	31%	50%
GROVE	LAKE	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
LAKE	GREENWOOD	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
GREENWOOD	DEMPSTER	30	60%	60%	43%	57%	50%	70%	57%
DEMPSTER	HAMILTON	28	18%	18%	25%	54%	7%	61%	32%
HAMILTON	GREENLEAF	28	4%	7%	11%	4%	0%	4%	0%
GREENLEAF	LEE	38	29%	42%	37%	16%	32%	58%	29%
LEE	MAIN	29	21%	38%	35%	10%	29%	52%	24%
MAIN	WASHINGTON	15	50%	50%	67%	80%	33%	67%	58%
WASHINGTON	KEDZIE	14	50%	29%	64%	50%	43%	43%	64%
KEDZIE	MADISON	1	100%	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%
MADISON	KEENEY	26	23%	15%	8%	8%	23%	42%	62%
KEENEY	SOUTH	30	70%	77%	43%	47%	57%	57%	53%
SOUTH	JUNEWAY/MULFORD	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
JUNEWAY/MULFORD	HOWARD	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
KEENEY, FROM CHICAGO TO HINMAN		25	76%	88%	68%	84%	80%	72%	92%
SOUTH BOULEVARD, CHICAGO TO HINMAN		20	45%	40%	35%	65%	45%	40%	55%
HINMAN AVENUE, SOUTH BOULEVARD TO KEENEY		70	86%	90%	90%	91%	96%	93%	96%

# CORRIDOR CONTEXT: PARKING



# YOUR THOUGHTS & VISION

1. The Chicago Avenue context varies
2. Each section or “outdoor room” is different
3. Your unique perspective is valuable
4. What would you like Chicago Avenue to accomplish?
5. What other stakeholders should be involved that have not already been discussed?





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THANK YOU, NEXT STEPS