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• Introductions

• Present Existing Conditions

• Discuss Project Goals

• Show Proposed Concepts

• Present Project Schedule

• Obtain Stakeholder Feedback
Introductions

Alderman Walter Burnett
27th Ward

Alderman Jason Ervin
28th Ward

Alderman Emma Mitts
37th Ward
Project Background

- Chicago launched Vision Zero initiative
- CDOT identified Chicago Avenue as a high crash corridor and applied for grant funding
- The Illinois Department of Transportation conducted a Roadway Safety Audit on Chicago Avenue
- CDOT has received federal money to design and construct safety improvements
Questions to Consider

• What are your experiences on Chicago Avenue?
• How would you like to travel on Chicago Avenue?
• Are there any particular intersections you’d like us to focus on to improve safety?
• How important is Chicago Avenue on-street parking to you?
• How important is improving bus service to you?
INVEST South/West

- City initiative to reactivate 10 neighborhood cores
- Chicago Avenue is a priority corridor within the Austin and Humboldt Park Community Areas
Existing Conditions

Laramie Avenue to LeClaire Avenue (Looking East)

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Westbound

Eastbound

Laramie Avenue to LeClaire Avenue (Looking East)
Existing Conditions

LeClaire Avenue to Kostner Avenue (Looking East)
Kostner Avenue to Kedzie Avenue (Looking East)
Existing Conditions

Unorganized traffic flow

No left turn lanes at many intersections
Existing Conditions

Long crosswalks
Pedestrians crossing multiple lanes of traffic

High number of multiple-threat pedestrian crashes
People walk along and cross Chicago Avenue to access schools, parks, and libraries.
Chicago Avenue is an important corridor for neighborhood businesses
Existing Conditions

People bicycling
High bus ridership
• Third highest ridership in entire system
• More than 10,000 boardings and alightings within the project corridor on a typical weekday
• Most people getting on and off at major intersections (Laramie, Cicero, Pulaski, Kedzie)
• Fastest bus speeds are between Cicero and Pulaski
• Slowest bus speeds are between Pulaski and Kedzie
Existing Conditions - Speeds

Almost 3/4 of all drivers travel over the speed limit.

- **27.4%** below speed limit
- **33.1%** less than 5 mph over speed limit
- **22.7%** 5-10 mph over speed limit
- **16.9%** more than 10 mph over speed limit

Data gathered between Kilbourn and St. Louis
Existing Conditions - Speeds

If hit by a person driving at:

- **20 MPH**
  - 90% Person Survives the Collision
  - 10% Results in a Fatality

- **30 MPH**
  - 60% Person Survives the Collision
  - 40% Results in a Fatality

- **40 MPH**
  - 20% Person Survives the Collision
  - 80% Results in a Fatality

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Safety

1,487 Traffic Crashes (2014-2018)

- 5 fatalities and 49 serious injuries
- 101 pedestrian crashes
- 24 bicycle crashes
- 44% of all serious crashes included a person walking or biking getting hit
- High proportion of rear-end, turning, and sideswipe collisions
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Safety - Vision Zero

Chicago Ave Study Corridor
Vision Zero High Crash Corridor
# Safety - Vision Zero

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1. **IMPLEMENT & ENFORCE SAFER SPEEDS AND PRIORITIZE INVESTMENT IN PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ALONG CHICAGO AVENUE**

The Chicago Avenue commercial corridor would highly benefit from prioritizing investment to transform this street into a P-Street (see box). A Pedestrian Street (P-Street) includes sidewalks that are sufficiently wide for the full range of anticipated pedestrian activity, provides safe and short crossing opportunities, and includes features that contribute to pedestrian comfort and enjoyment, such as street furniture and trees.
1. Create a safer Chicago Avenue for all users:
   a) Pedestrians
   b) Bicyclists
   c) Motorists
   d) Transit Users
2. Improve mobility along Chicago Avenue
3. Reduce vehicular speeds on Chicago Avenue
4. Support economic development on the corridor
Space for People to Bike
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Potential Infrastructure

Bus Lanes
Traffic Signal Improvements

Repurpose Street Space
Space from lane removal allows:

- New left turn lanes at 22 intersections plus driveways
- Pedestrian refuge islands to be installed at crosswalks
- Bicycle lanes to be provided
Benefits of Repurposed Lanes

- Speeding will decrease
- Safety will improve for all modes of travel – up to 47% decrease in crashes
- Rate of severe crashes will decrease
- It will be easier to cross the street
- Walking along Chicago Ave. will be more comfortable
- Space could be provided for people bicycling
- Improve accessibility to local businesses
Potential Improvements

LeClaire Avenue to Kostner Avenue
(Looking East)

- Westbound: Sidewalk, Parkway, Parking Lane, Buffered Bike Lane, Through Lane, Median, Through Lane, Buffered Bike Lane, Parking Lane, Parkway, Sidewalk
- Eastbound: Sidewalk, Parkway, Parking Lane, Through Lane, Median, Through Lane, Buffered Bike Lane, Parking Lane, Parkway, Sidewalk

Special Features:
- Space for curb extensions
- Space for refuge islands
- Space for curb extensions

Dimensions:
- 6' Sidewalk
- 9' Parking Lane
- 8' Parking Lane
- 10' Through Lane
- 12' Through Lane
- 10' Median
- 12' Through Lane
- 10' Parking Lane
- 8' Parkway
- 9' Parking Lane
- 6' Sidewalk
Potential Improvements

LeClaire Avenue to Kostner Avenue
(Looking East)

Space for refuge islands

Westbound

Eastbound

Sidewalk
6'

Parkway
9'

Peak Hour Bus Lane / Parking
11'

Through Lane
8'

Buffered Bike Lane
11'

Median
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Parkway
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Sidewalk
6'
Potential Improvements

LeClaire Avenue to Kostner Avenue (Looking East)

- Space for curb extensions
- Space for refuge islands
- Space for bike lane barrier

Dimensions:
- Westbound: 9'-6"
- Eastbound: 9'-9"

Sections:
- 6' Sidewalk
- 9' Parkway
- 9' Protected Bike Lane
- 9' Parking Lane
- 11' Through Lane
- 12' Painted Median
- 11' Through Lane
- 9' Parking Lane
- 9' Protected Bike Lane
- 9' Parkway
- 6' Sidewalk
Potential Improvements

Kostner Avenue to Kedzie Avenue (Looking East)

- Sidewalk: 12'
- Parking Lane: 7'
- Buffered Bike Lane: 6'
- Through Lane: 10'
- Two-Way Left Turn Lane: 10'
- Through Lane: 10'
- Buffered Bike Lane: 6'
- Parking Lane: 7'
- Sidewalk: 12'

Space for refuge islands
Space for curb extensions

Westbound

Eastbound
Kostner Avenue to Kedzie Avenue  
(Looking East)

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- **12’ Peak Hour Bus Lane / Parking & Bike Lane**
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Schedule

2020
Planning & Design
Community Engagement

2021
Development of Construction Documents

2022
Construction
We Want Your Feedback!

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Your comments are valuable to us.

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• 37th Ward Office-4924 W. Chicago Ave.
• West Chicago Avenue Branch Library-4856 W. Chicago Ave.
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