



61st Street Master Plan Visioning Session

S. Prairie Ave to S. Blackstone Ave
Public Meeting
June 19, 2018

Agenda

- Introduction
- Small Group Workshop
- Large Group Report Out

Project Schedule



Streetscape Masterplan Goals

Develop a plan for the public right of way that addresses:

- Infrastructure improvement needs
- The safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system
- The pedestrian experience and sense of place
- Connectivity throughout the corridor
- Transit needs
- Sustainable best practices
- Long term maintenance

Benefits of a Streetscape Masterplan

A streetscape masterplan is a prioritized and phased implementation document that outlines the proposed right of way improvements, including cost estimates, and potential funding sources.

How does the plan get implemented?

- Federal, state, or city funding
- Leveraging public and private utility upgrades
- Leveraging private development

Meeting Goals

- Briefly review the results of the previous meeting
- Develop a list of the main issues and concerns related to the project corridor
- Understand how the community uses the project corridor
- Discuss the possibilities for the project corridor
- Develop an understanding of how the community wishes the project corridor to function

61st Street Streetscape Master Plan Project Limits



April 2, 2018 Meeting Results

Discussion area: Cottage Grove Ave. to Blackstone Ave.

- **Use infrastructure elements to create a more cohesive and symmetrical street**
 - Widen the sidewalk on the south side of the street.
 - Increase the roadway and pedestrian lighting on 61st street.
 - Improve drainage system along 61st street.
 - Add more greenery to make the south side of 61st street appear more welcoming
- **Develop a community identity**
 - Blend the lines between the north and south sides of 61st street.
 - Thoughtfully build long-lasting Woodlawn community identifiers.
- **Improve pedestrian accessibility**
 - Incorporate bump outs to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety.
 - Increase the number of and visibility of crosswalks.
 - Safety concern that traffic moves too fast down 61st Street.
- **Bicycle Accommodations**
 - Mixed reviews on adding bike lanes.
- **Transit Accommodations**
 - Mixed reviews on expanding/ modifying bus stop and shelter infrastructure (for both CTA busses and University of Chicago shuttles).



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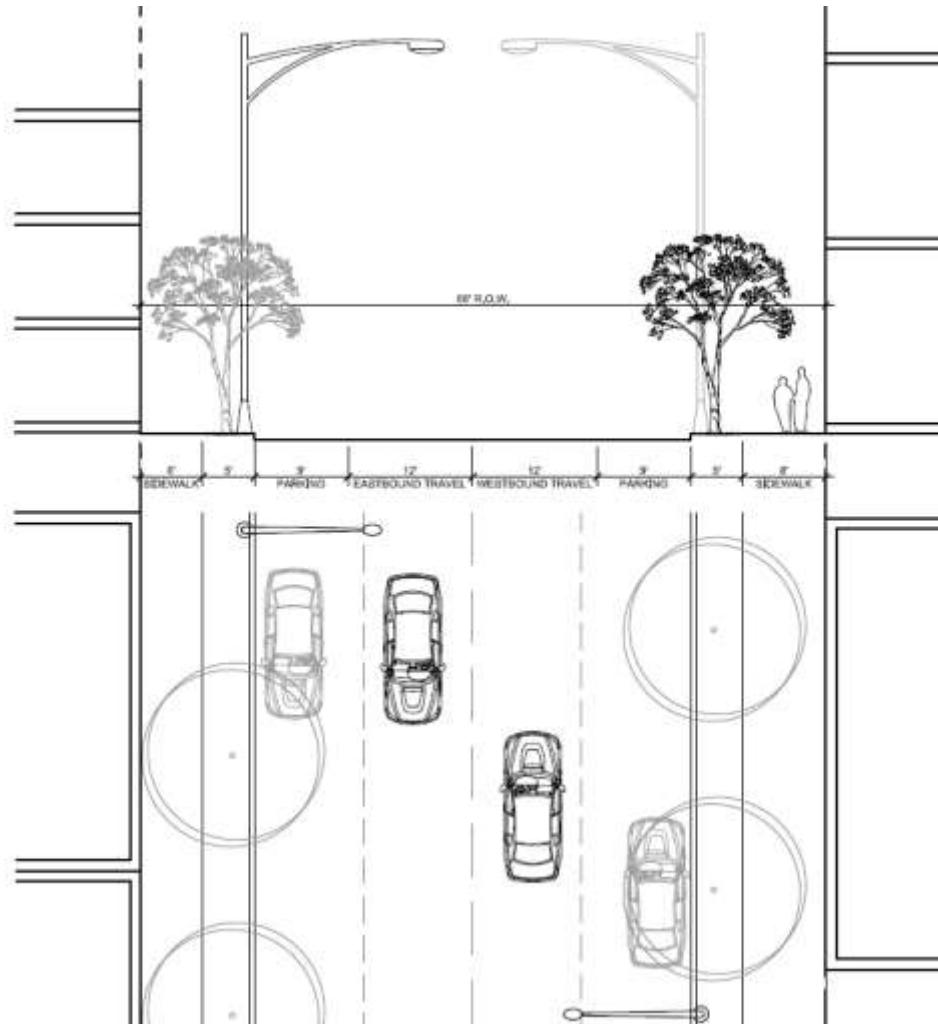
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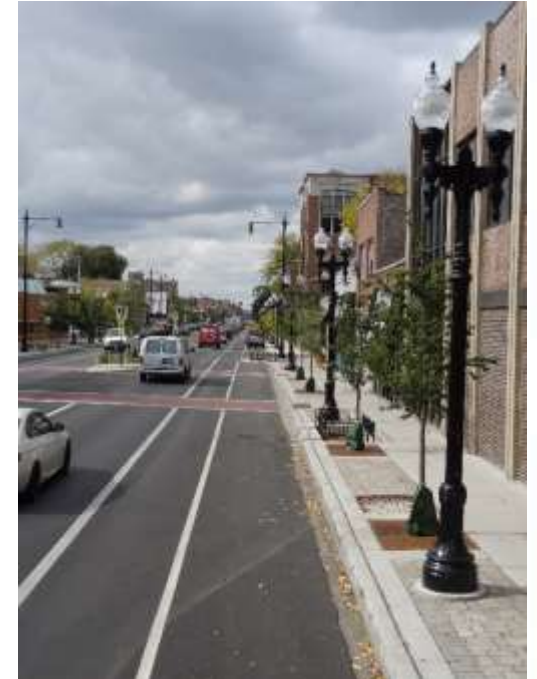
Streetscape Tools

- New sidewalks & ADA ramps
- Improve drainage: curb and gutter reconstruction, catch basin replacement
- Street resurfacing
- New lighting
- Unique community light pole and sidewalk identifiers
- Landscape Improvements: Trees and tree grates, planters, hanging baskets
- Stamped and textured crosswalks
- Streetscape furniture: benches, trash receptacles, bike racks
- Bump-outs and seating areas on side streets
- Bike lanes

61st St cross section and plan view



Pedestrian and Bicycle Accessibility



Street Furniture



Lighting

Roadway Lighting



Pedestrian/Sidewalk Lighting



Aesthetics/ Landscaping



Community Identity/ Placemaking



COMMUNITY CONTEXT WORKSHOP

COLLABORATE IN SMALL GROUP

- What are some positive attributes of 61st Street?
- What would you like improved on 61st Street?
- What amenities would you like to see on 61st Street?



30 minutes

- No limit to the number of issues and concerns
- Keep an open mind, there are no wrong answers

COMMUNITY CONTEXT WORKSHOP

LARGE GROUP REPORT-OUT

Representative of each small group will read aloud the most prominent issues and concerns

- What is the issue? (Topic)
- Why is the issue considered among the most pressing needs? (Briefly explain topic)
- Where is the issue observed? (Specific location or corridor-wide?)



30 minutes

Q&A – How can I stay involved?

- **Sign-In Sheet** – *Please provide your email address for notifications regarding future meetings.*
- **Comment Form** – *Forms may be dropped in the box today or returned via email by July 3, 2018.*
- **Email Us** at 61stMP@burnsmcd.com

