



COMMUNITY MEETING #1

JUNE 25, 2020

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:05 P.M.

TODAY'S MEETING

- Introductions
- Study Overview
- Key Corridor Issues
- Input Activities
- Next Steps
- Question and Answer

Questions?

Please enter them in the Q&A box. The project team is monitoring all questions submitted and will respond to some during the Q&A period. Responses to all questions will be provided on the project website after the meeting.

PROJECT TEAM

- Chicago Department of Transportation
- Sam Schwartz, Prime Consultant – Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning
- Altamanu – Landscape Architecture & Urban Design
- Metro Strategies – Public Outreach
- Quigg Engineering – Engineering Data Collection and Cost Estimating



**Sam
Schwartz**



STUDY TEAM PANELISTS

- Lubica Benak, Chicago Department of Transportation
- Wade Van Nortwick, Chicago Department of Transportation
- Cindy Chan Roubik, Chicago Department of Planning and Development
- Sara Disney Haufe, Sam Schwartz
- Jane Wilberding, Sam Schwartz



PAST, PRESENT...



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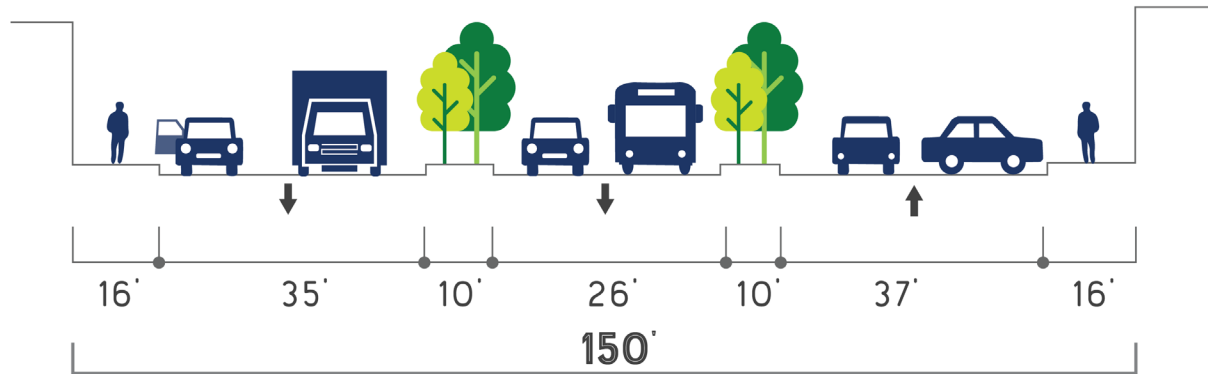
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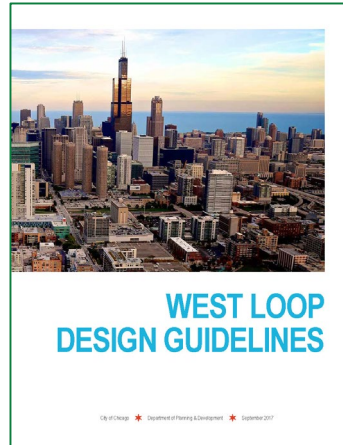
RANDOLPH STREET
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT STUDY

...AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Existing Randolph Street Cross-Section



Renderings of Potential Future Cross-Sections



STUDY OVERVIEW



- Establish an ongoing public involvement process to understand needs, a shared vision, and develop support and consensus for recommended corridor improvements
- Existing conditions data collection that includes a traffic study and a curbside and sidewalk use analysis with an emphasis on local business operations, parking, and loading
- Developing a design aesthetic, cross-sections, and conceptual renderings for corridor improvement alternatives
- Coordinating with utilities and other stakeholders

STUDY TIMELINE

PROJECTED STUDY SCHEDULE

Fall 2019	Winter 2019/2020	Spring/Summer 2020	Fall 2020	Winter 2020/2021	Spring 2021
Existing Conditions Observation and Analysis					
Collect Data along the Randolph Street Corridor	Community Advisory Group Meeting #1	Explore Potential Improvement Alternatives Virtual Community Meeting #1: Gather Information on the Corridor	Virtual Community Advisory Group Meeting #2 Virtual Community Meeting #2: Collect Feedback on Potential Improvement Alternatives	Select Preferred Improvement Alternatives Community Meeting #3: Present Preferred Alternatives	Finalize Preferred Alternatives



TYPICAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Preliminary Study:

Establish a vision and preliminary improvement alternatives

Typical timeframe: 18 months



Phase I Study: Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Impact Assessment

Typical timeframe: 18 months

Phase II Design: Detailed engineering

Typical timeframe: 18 months

Phase III Construction

Typical timeframe: 18-24 months

Public engagement to occur at each stage of the study



OUR PROCESS

- Review existing studies
- Complete field observations and analysis
- Review with study team
- Discuss with Community Advisory Group
- Receive your input!



Key Corridor Issues

- Safety
- Congestion
- Curbside Management
- Bicycle Infrastructure
- Pedestrian Experience
- Sense of Place

Key Issue:

SAFETY

LONG CROSSWALKS



Confusing layout, long crosswalks, and numerous conflict points result in crashes and a general sense that the corridor is unsafe for all users.

Injury-Causing Crashes Involving Vulnerable Users on Randolph Street: 2013-2017



77%

OF CRASHES ALONG THE RANDOLPH STREET CORRIDOR INVOLVING VULNERABLE USERS (PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS) OCCURRED IN THE MAINLINE TRAVEL LANE

Key Issue:

CONGESTION

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Commercial and passenger loading/unloading obstruct traffic flow and cause vehicles to create long lines, sometimes blocking traffic in intersections. This causes delays and frustration.

Traffic Flow Along Randolph Street



THE VOLUME OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DIMINISHES SIGNIFICANTLY ALONG RANDOLPH STREET WHEN FOLLOWED FROM EAST TO WEST. OVER HALF OF WESTBOUND TRAFFIC LEAVES RANDOLPH STREET AT THE KENNEDY EXPRESSWAY (I-90/94).

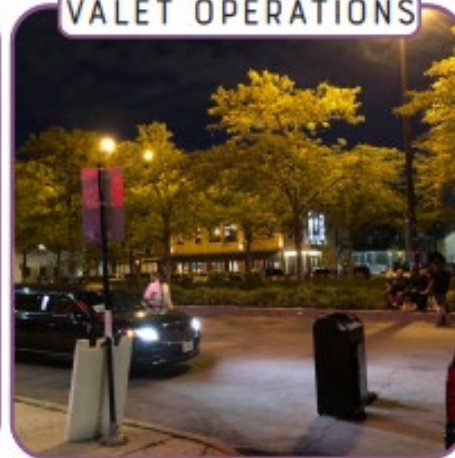
Key Issue:

CURBSIDE MANAGEMENT

ILLEGAL PARKING



VALET OPERATIONS



CURBSIDE CONES



Widely variable loading designations, valet operations, significant pick-up/drop-off activity, and a general lack of enforcement lead to inefficient use of curbside space.

Key Issue:

BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

NO BIKE FACILITIES



The absence of bicycle infrastructure and limited bicycle parking is incongruous with observed cyclist demand.

LACK OF BIKE RACKS



90%

OVER 90% OF BICYCLISTS TRAVELING ALONG RANDOLPH STREET WERE OBSERVED IN THE **SERVICE LANES**.

110%

RANDOLPH STREET CARRIES NEARLY 110% MORE BICYCLISTS THAN **LAKE STREET** IN THE PM PEAK HOUR.

Key Issue:

PEDESTRIAN EXPERIENCE

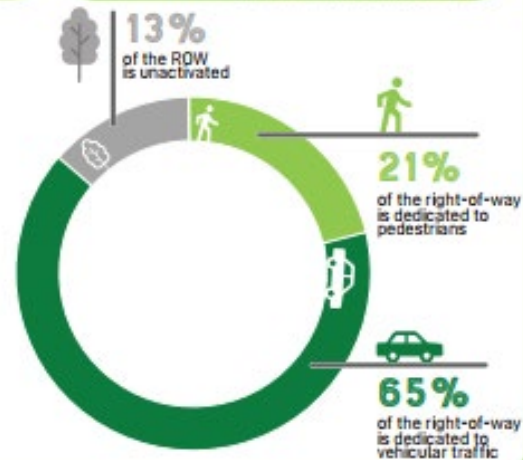
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OBSTRUCTIONS



Obstructions limit pedestrian space and contribute to an uncomfortable pedestrian environment.



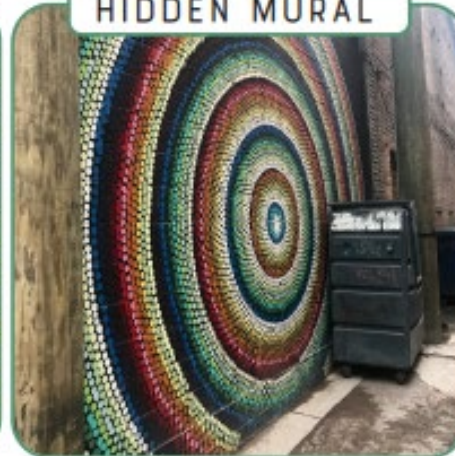
Key Issue:

SENSE OF PLACE

LONG CORRIDOR



HIDDEN MURAL



Lack of nodes or hubs of activity along the corridor. The linear corridor is focused on the movement of vehicles.

FEW BENCHES



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Randolph Street Corridor Improvement Study

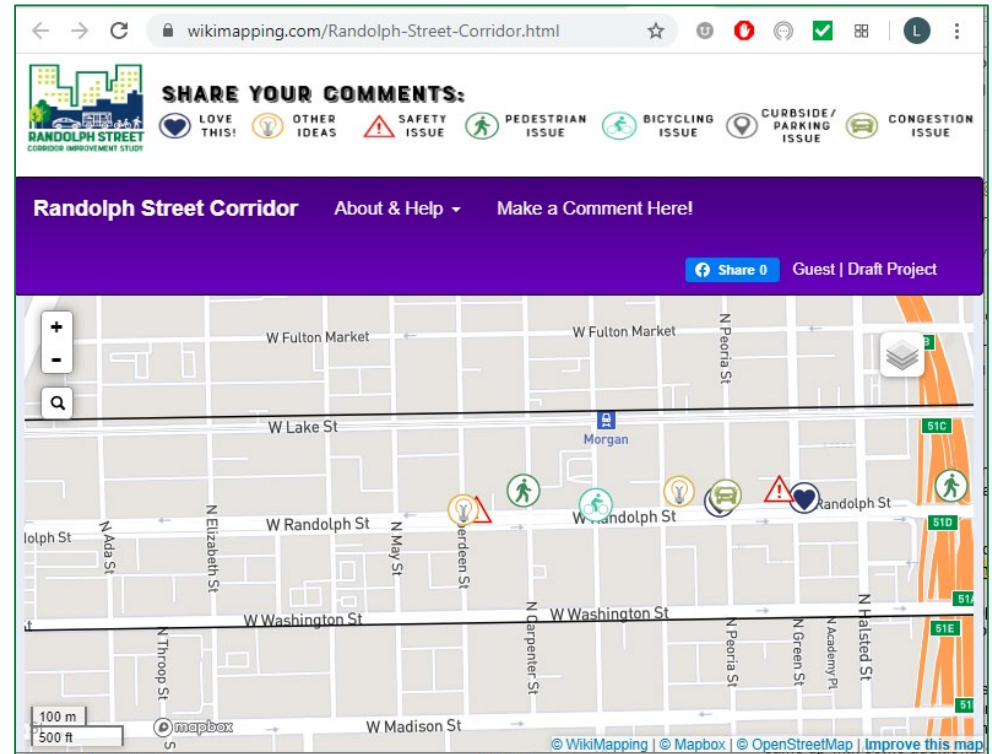
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PUBLIC INPUT THROUGH WIKIMAPPING

- Virtually walk through the corridor and identify issue areas, your favorite locations and other ideas
- Provide feedback on safety, congestion, pedestrian and bicycle experience, curbside management, and corridor character



PUBLIC INPUT THROUGH SURVEYMONKEY

Let us know:

- How you use Randolph Street
- Key issues and priorities in the corridor
- Streetscape elements you would like to see
- How you imagine Randolph Street in the future



Welcome to the Randolph Street Corridor Improvement Study

The Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) is conducting a corridor improvement study of West Randolph Street from North Desplaines Street to North Ogden Avenue. This section of West Randolph Street is an important corridor in Chicago's history of agriculture, innovation, and industry. It first served as an open-air market to allow farmers to directly sell their produce to the public. It no longer serves this function, but the wide street remains. The West Loop neighborhood, along with Randolph Street, continues to evolve as a hub of innovation as well as a destination for entertainment and dining. It is time to re-envision this historic corridor as an active, safe, and comfortable environment for all users.

Your responses to this survey will help inform the development of concept alternatives for the Randolph Street corridor, which will be presented for public comment in Fall 2020. Thank you for your feedback!

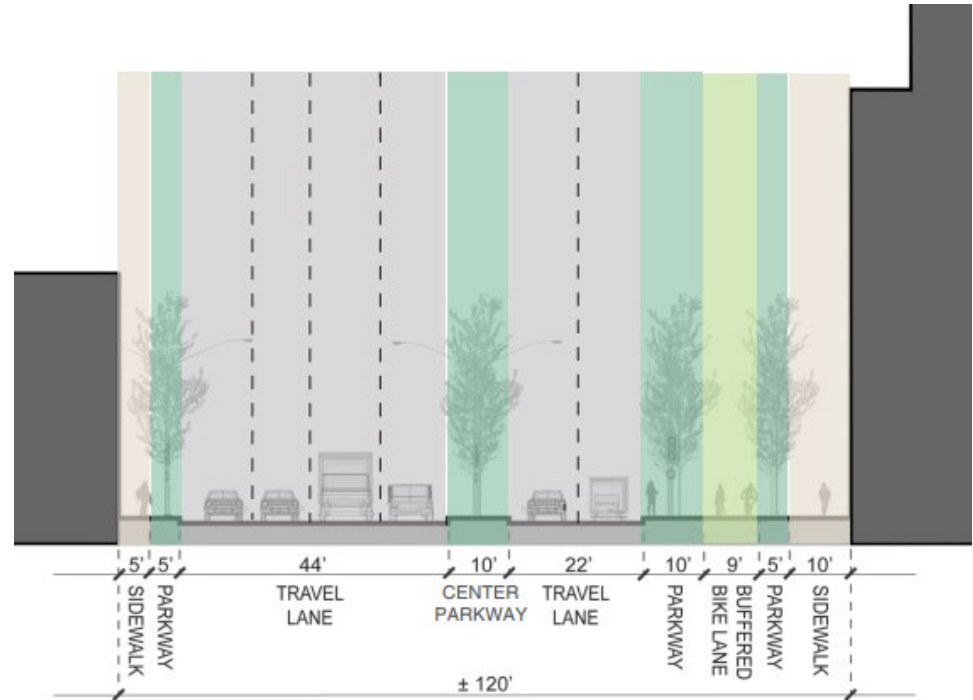
* 1. **What is your relationship with the Randolph Street Corridor?** *Check all that apply.*

- I am a resident
- I am a business owner
- I am a developer/commercial property owner
- I am an employee
- I am a customer/visitor
- Other (please specify)



INSPIRATION FROM ELSEWHERE

Roosevelt Road: Chicago, Illinois



User Priority for this Corridor:

AUTO > PEDESTRIAN > BICYCLIST > TRANSIT

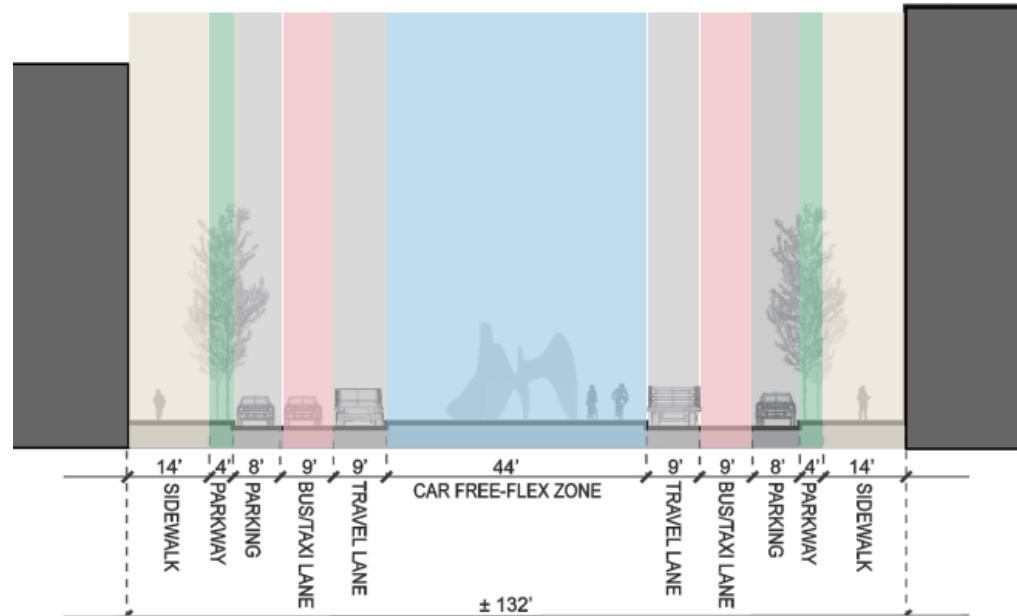
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- BUS LANE ONLY
- TRAVEL LANE
- SIDEWALK
- BIKE LANE
- PARKWAY
- FLEX SPACE









INSPIRATION FROM ELSEWHERE

Avinguda d'Icaria: Barcelona, Spain



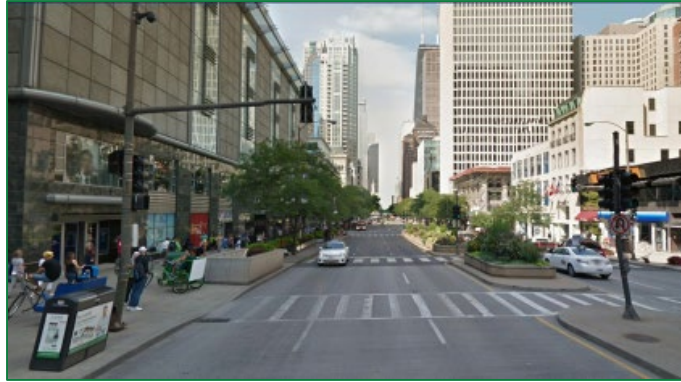
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User Priority for this Corridor:

PROGRAMMABLE SPACE > AUTO > PEDESTRIAN > TRANSIT > PARKING/LOADING > BICYCLIST

INSPIRATION FROM ELSEWHERE



Michigan Avenue: Chicago, Illinois



Cours Mirabeau:
Aix-en-Provence, France



Passeig de Gràcia:
Barcelona, Spain

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NEXT STEPS

- Receive your feedback and vision through community input activities! [Tinyurl.com/RandolphStreet](https://tinyurl.com/RandolphStreet)

Comment forms are also available at the West Loop Branch of Chicago Public Library (122 N. Aberdeen St., Chicago, IL).

- Community input activities and public comment period open through **Friday, July 17, 2020.**
- Comments and survey summary to be posted on study website in late Summer 2020.
- Study team to review input and develop improvement alternatives.
- Improvement alternative(s) to be shared at Community Meeting #2 in Fall 2020.



THANK YOU!

WE WILL NOW RESPOND TO QUESTIONS UNTIL 7:15 P.M.

