



ISW NEW CITY / BACK OF THE YARDS  
47<sup>TH</sup> + ASHLAND CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS  
**PUBLIC MEETING | August 25, 2021**




# WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

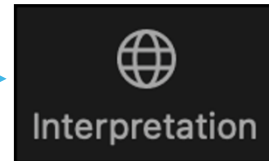
## We appreciate **YOU** taking the time to join us!

Thank you for joining us as we discuss the [47<sup>th</sup> Street + Ashland Avenue Corridor Improvements Project](#).

The [47<sup>th</sup> Street + Ashland Avenue Corridor Improvements Project](#) will revitalize the [47<sup>th</sup> Street + Ashland Avenue Corridors](#) and is a key element of the Invest South/West's recent initiatives to reinvest in the [New City/Back of the Yards Neighborhood](#).

We need [your](#) feedback today to [help advance the design](#).

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# ¡Bienvenido! ¡Bienvenido! ¡Bienvenido!

## Agradecemos que tome **SU** tiempo para reunirse con nosotros!

Gracias por reunirse con nosotros para hablar sobre el [Proyecto de Mejoras del Corredor de la Calle 47 + la Avenida Ashland](#).

El [Proyecto de Mejoras del Corredor de la Calle 47 + la Avenida Ashland](#) revitalizará [los Corredores de la Calle 47 + la Avenida Ashland](#) y es un elemento clave de las recientes iniciativas de Invest South/West para reinvertir en el [Vecindario de New City/Back of the Yards](#).

Necesitamos [sus](#) comentarios hoy para [ayudar a avanzar el diseño](#).

[TRADUCCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL EN VIVO](#) está disponible. Por favor, oprima el [SIMBOLO](#) para acceder la traducción.





## We don't want to miss anything!

Please be aware that this presentation will be recorded for note taking and record keeping purposes

Participation in this presentation acknowledges consent of this notification

## Everyone working together!



- 01 All attendees will be **MUTED**.
- 02 Please use the **Q&A FUNCTION** to submit questions to be answered during the designated question and answer session.
- 03 All questions and ideas are valid
- 04 All comments received will be recorded and will be part of the meeting record.
- 05 Respect all other participant opinions and perspectives.
- 06 Use the **CHAT** function if you need assistance.

- 01 Introductions
- 02 Project Overview
- 03 Streetscape Components
- 04 Existing Conditions
- 05 Corridor Observations + Opportunities
- 06 Input Activity – *have your smart phones nearby!*
- 07 Next Steps and Q&A



## Task 1

Introduce the project + preliminary findings.

## Task 2

Present streetscape opportunities and constraints.

## Task 3

Hear your feedback.



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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

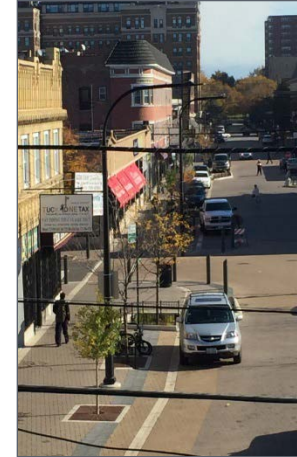
Supports the Invest South/West initiative to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of life amenities for residents.

Part of Chicago Works: Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot's five-year capital plan that will Invest in Communities Through Infrastructure.

Streetscapes consist of infrastructure, pedestrian safety, and placemaking improvements with the goal of creating unified, safe, walkable, and attractive street. The streetscape projects are comprehensive and include public right-of-way improvements from building face to building face.

## The Project Includes:

- Public Outreach
- Placemaking and urban design strategy
- Concept design & engineering
- Detailed design & engineering
- Construction of the corridor



## PROJECT SCOPE



## ISW New City/Back of the Yards

47<sup>th</sup> St, Loomis to Hoyne and Ashland, 43rd Street to 49th Street

### Scope

- Roadway geometry and intersection improvements
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- New sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Pavement markings and signage
- Potential paver parkways
- Side street improvements to the alleys as needed
- Site furniture and potential seating areas
- Light pole identifiers
- Gateway identifier
- Tree planting and potential landscaping
- Potential plaza space on the northeast corner of 47th & Ashland and McDowell





## Spring 2021

- Project Start-Up
- ISW Roundtable #1
- Existing Conditions Analysis

## Summer 2021

- ISW Roundtable #2
- Public Meeting #1
- Project Survey #1
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Preliminary Concepts

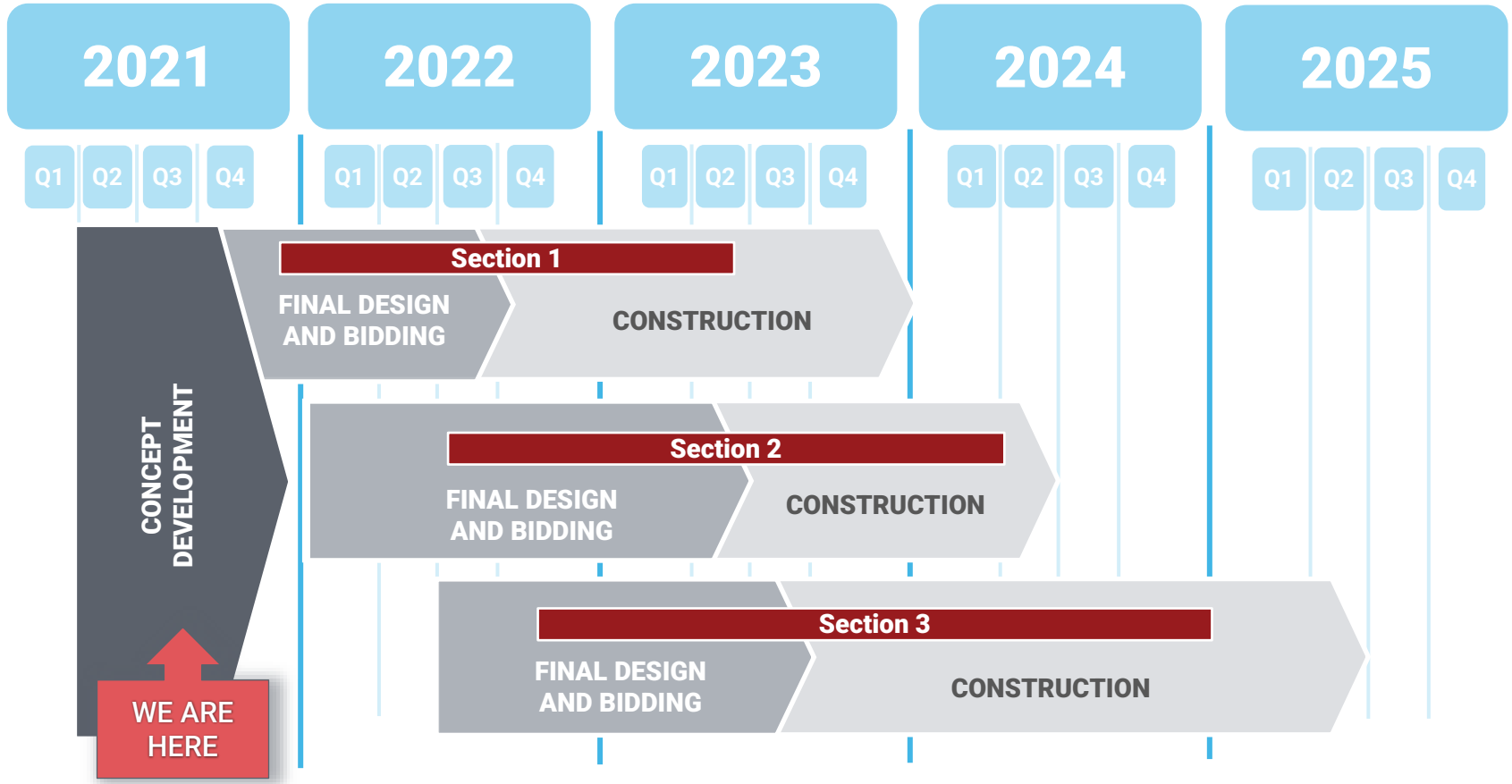
## Fall 2021

- ISW Roundtable #3
- Public Meeting #2
- Project Survey #2
- Preferred Concepts

## Winter/Spring 2022

- ISW Roundtable #4
- Public Meeting #3











## SEATING





UPGRADED CROSSWALKS, PAVER PARKWAYS, TREES







BUFFERED BIKE LANE



PROTECTED BIKE LANE



PROTECTED BIKE LANE



BIKE LANE



SHARED BIKE LANE



INTERSECTION MARKINGS



INTERNATIONAL  
CROSSWALK



PEDESTRIAN  
SIGNAGE



CURB RAMP



PEDESTRIAN REFUGE  
ISLAND



PEDESTRIAN  
COUNTDOWN TIMER



CURB EXTENSION



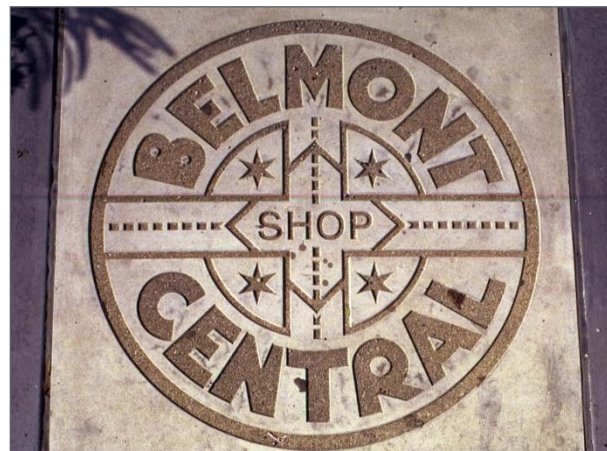
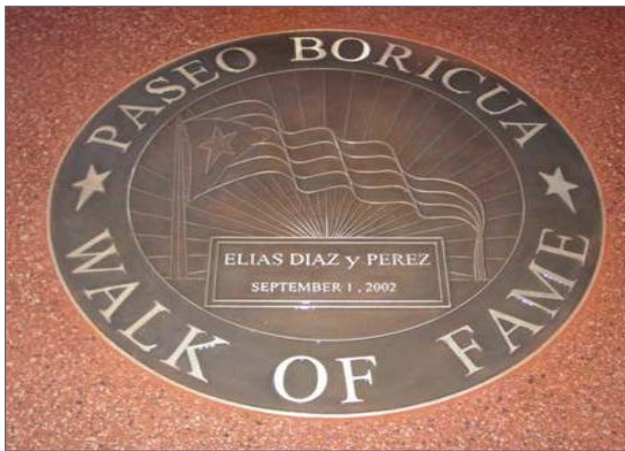
SCHOOL CROSSING  
SIGNAGE

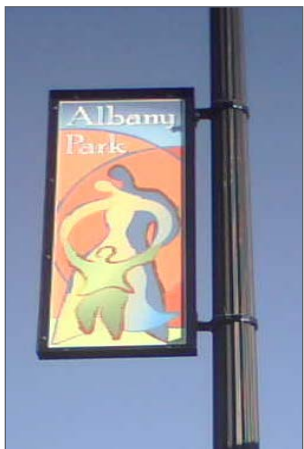


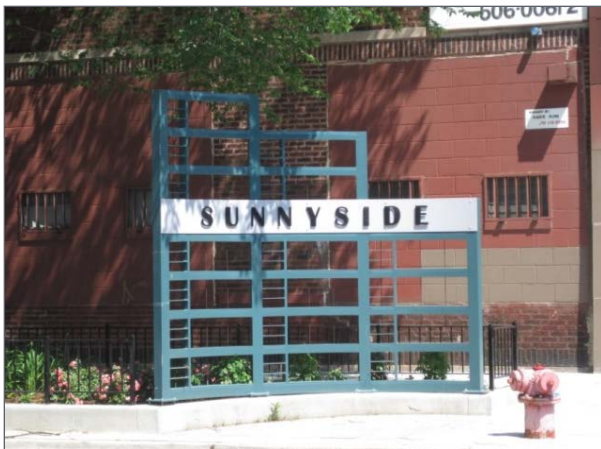
BUMP OUTS



INTERSECTION  
PAVEMENT









## ROADWAY LIGHTING



CHICAGO GATEWAY POLE



DAVIT POLE

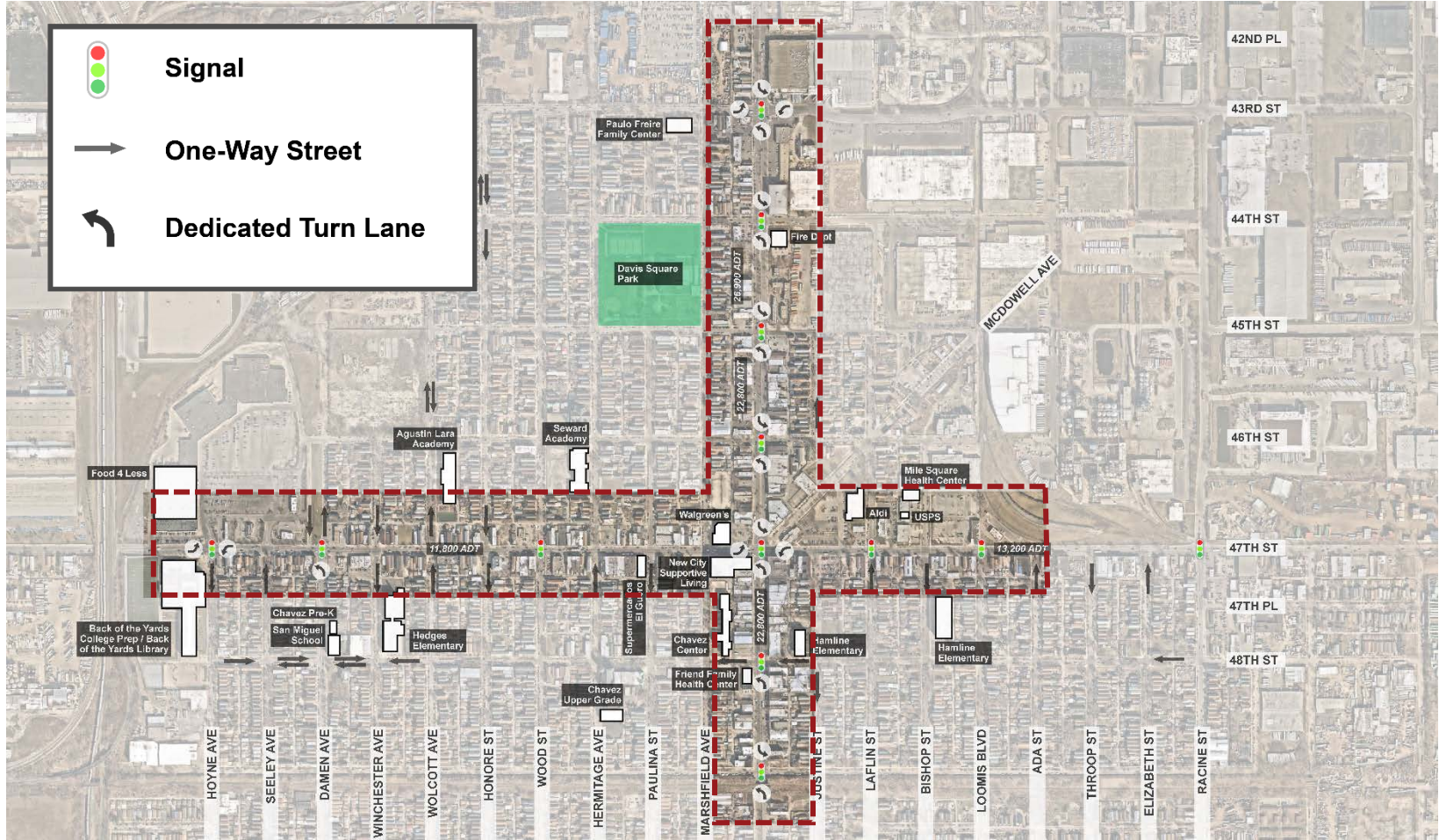
## PEDESTRIAN/SIDEWALK LIGHTING








DOUBLE ACORN

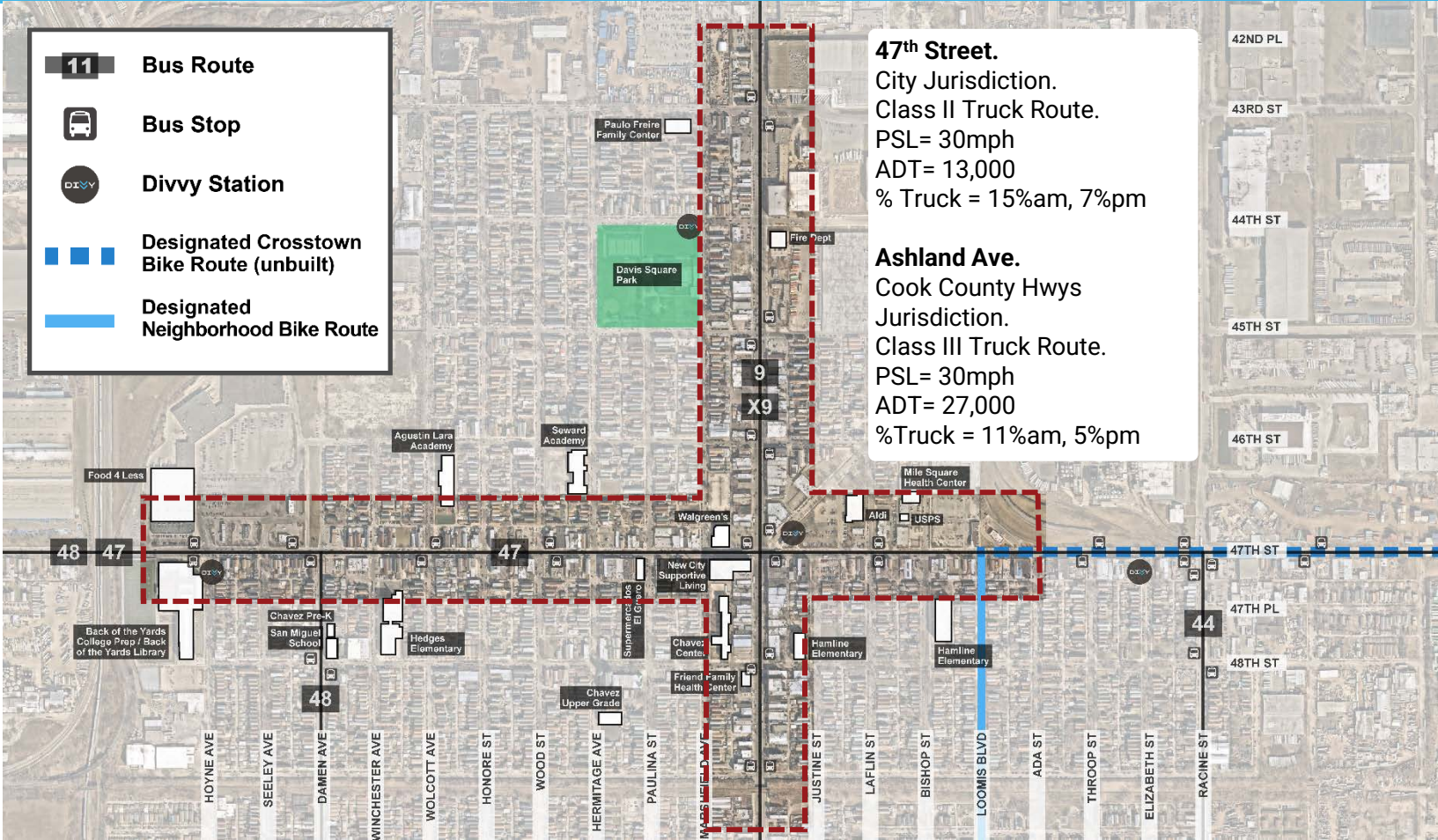


SINGLE ACORN





-  **11 Bus Route**
-  **Bus Stop**
-  **Divvy Station**
-  **Designated Crosstown Bike Route (unbuilt)**
-  **Designated Neighborhood Bike Route**



**47th Street.**  
 City Jurisdiction.  
 Class II Truck Route.  
 PSL= 30mph  
 ADT= 13,000  
 % Truck = 15%am, 7%pm

**Ashland Ave.**  
 Cook County Hwys  
 Jurisdiction.  
 Class III Truck Route.  
 PSL= 30mph  
 ADT= 27,000  
 %Truck = 11%am, 5%pm

## CRASH DATA | TOTAL CRASHES

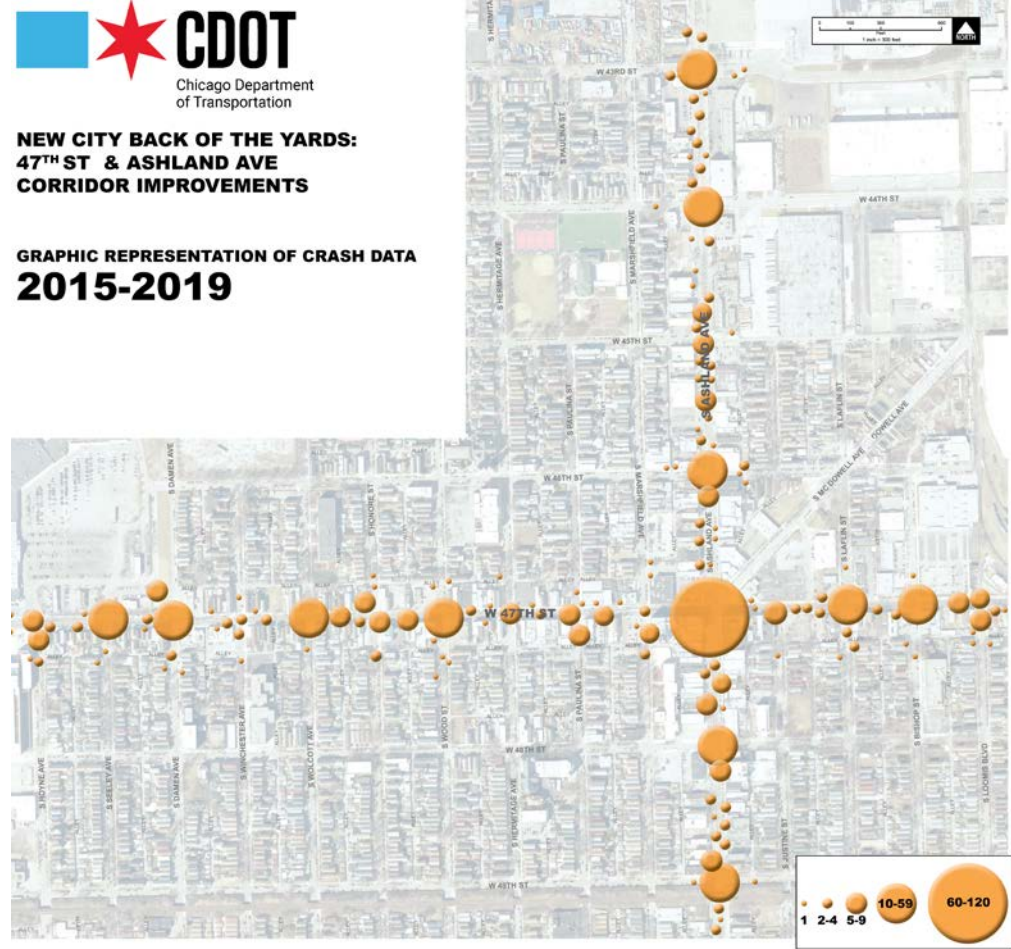
Approx. 63M vehicles crossed the 47th/Ashland intersection (2015-19) with 164 crashes occurring there

- 119 property damage only
- 30 injuries
- 3 incapacitating injuries (2 vehicle, 1 ped)
- 2 fatalities (1 vehicle, 1 ped)



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### GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF CRASH DATA 2015-2019



## CRASH DATA | PEDESTRIAN + BIKE CRASHES

Crashes involving pedestrians.

- Of the 42 crashes on 47th St (including the Ashland intersection) 2 were fatal and 5 were incapacitating.
- Of the 28 crashes on Ashland Ave (not at 47th intersection) 2 were fatal and 8 were incapacitating.

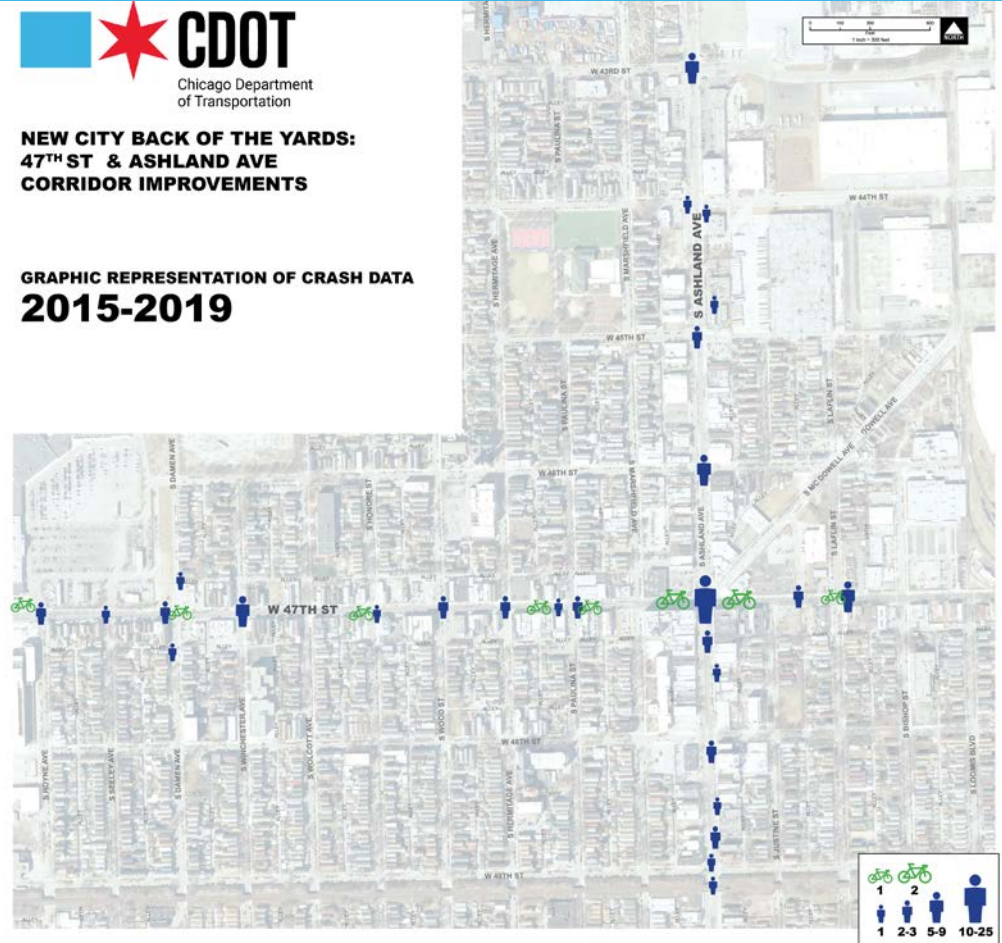
Crashes involving bicyclists.

- Of the 8 crashes on 47th St (including the Ashland intersection) none were fatal or incapacitating.
- There were no crashes on Ashland Ave (not at 47th intersection).

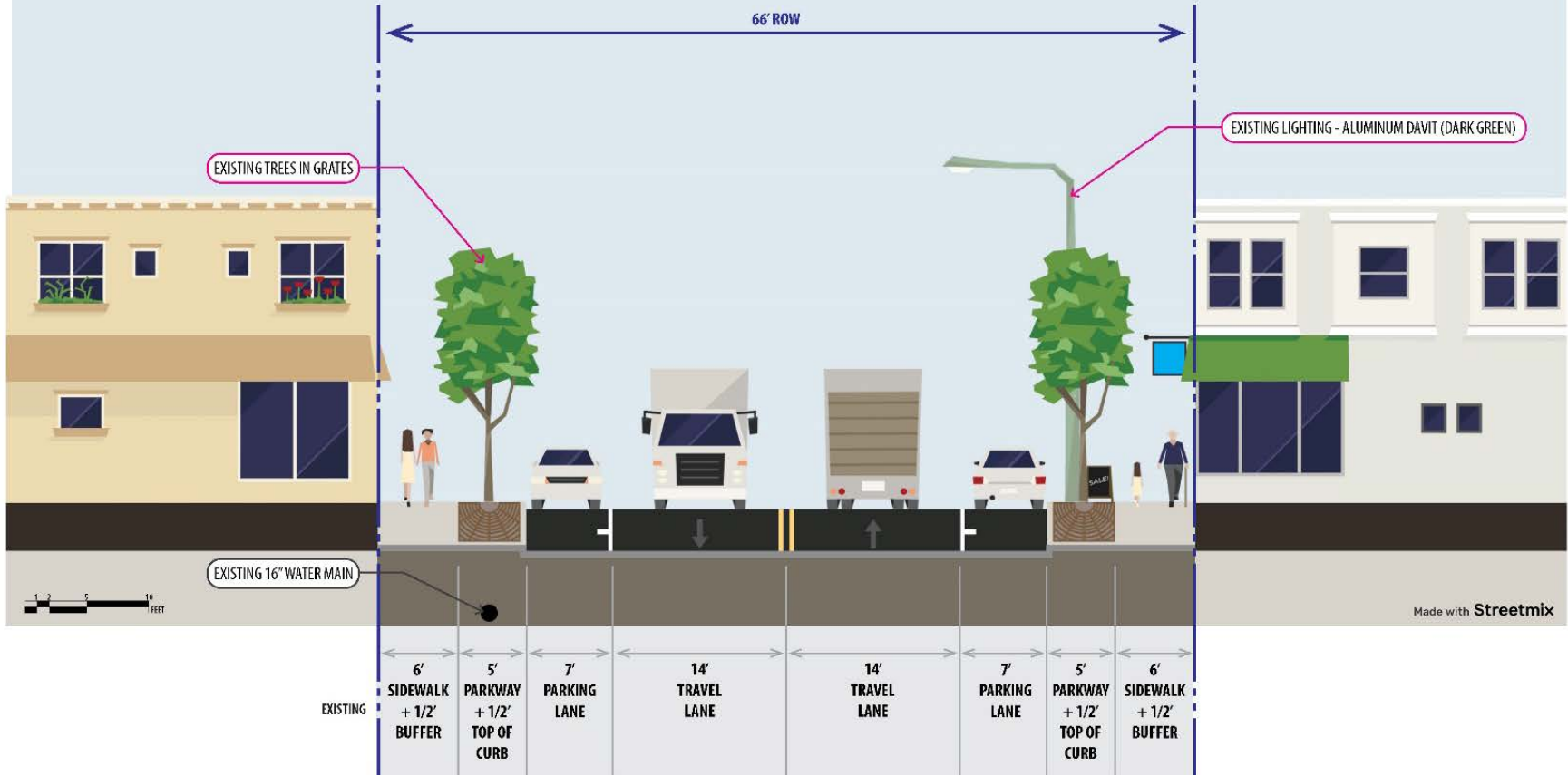


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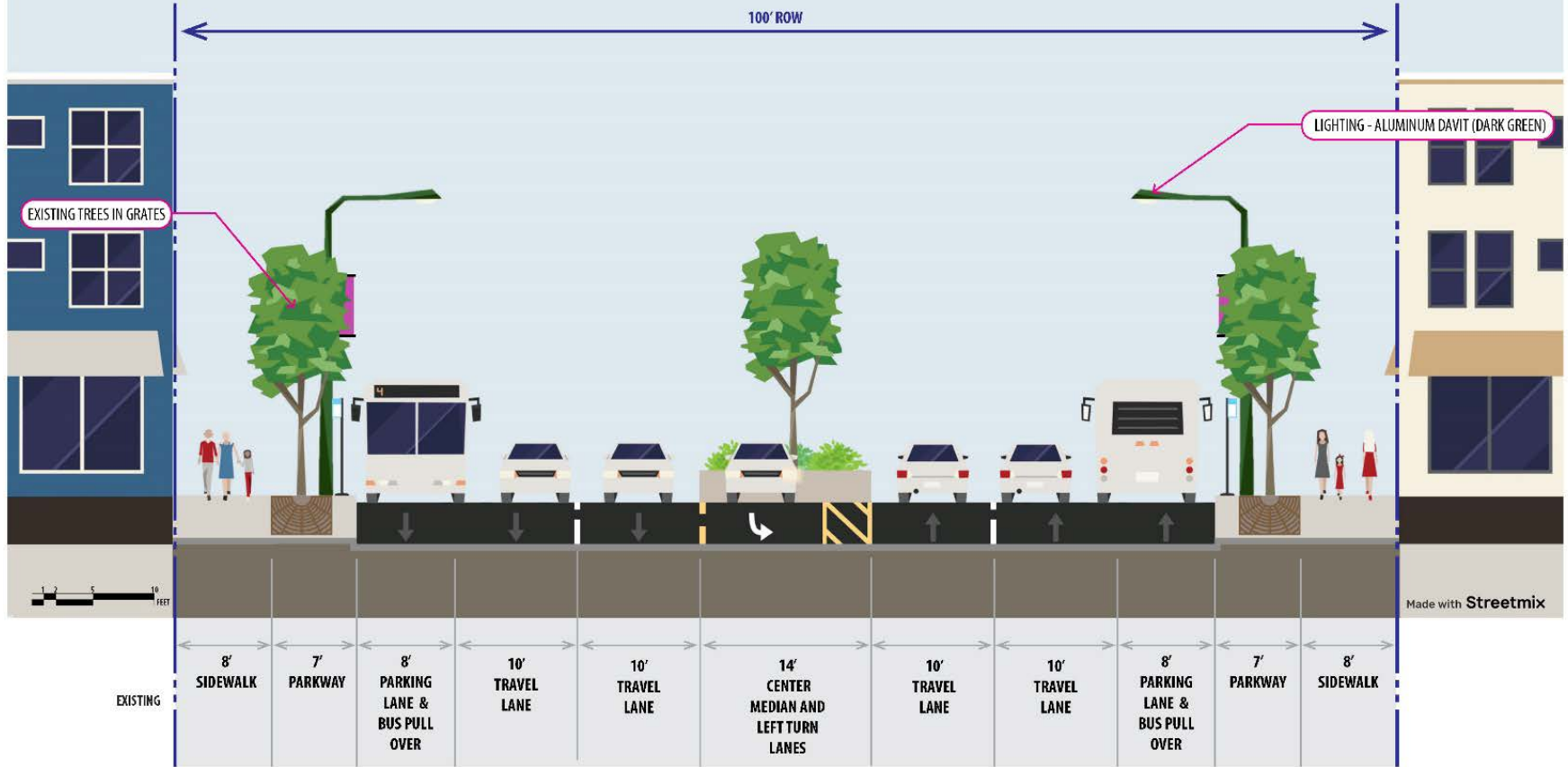
## 47<sup>th</sup> Street – existing section looking west



# EXISTING SECTIONS



## Ashland Avenue – existing section looking north





*Image credit: Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council, - Street pavements, trolley*

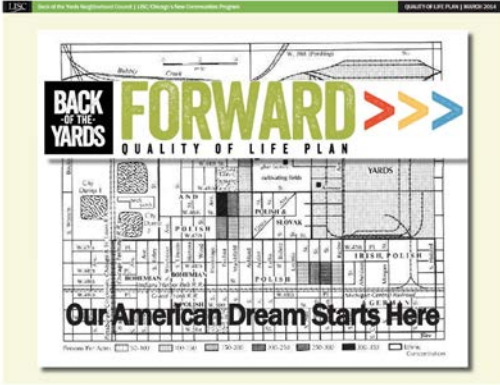


47th Street Looking West from Ashland Avenue  
Courtesy of Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council

*Zielinski Tavern, 1147 W 47th St, 1933, image credit: Chicago Historical Society - Alinsky School of Organizing, "We the people will work out our own destiny"*



*Peoples Theater + Gus' Snack Shop, 16230 W 47th St, image credit: ChuckmanChicagoNostalgia.wordpress.com - Streetlife, activity, glow of lighting in the evenings*



## Back of the Yards | Quality of Life Plan

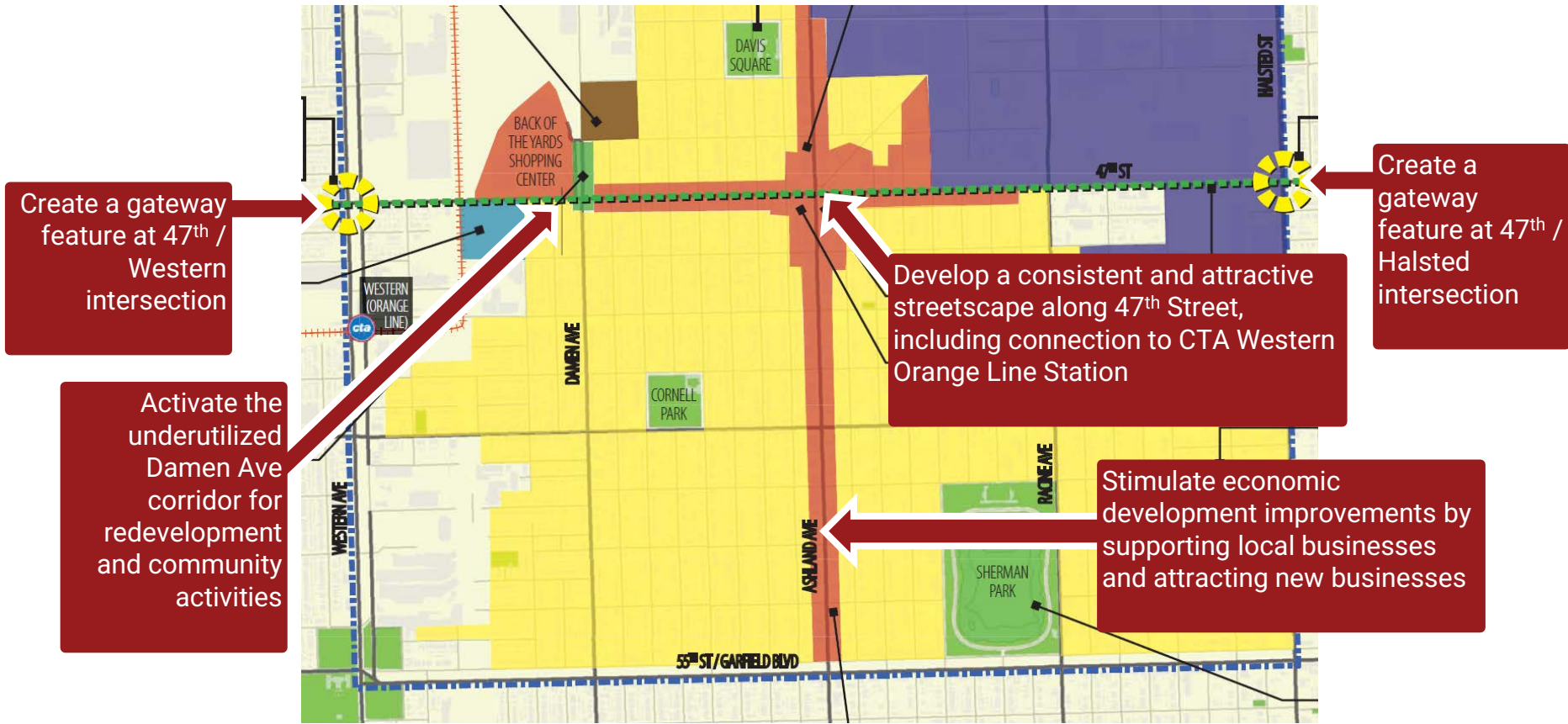
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Improve the physical appearance of the neighborhood through streetscape design.
- **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:** Enhance public safety; Improve the street + alley infrastructure to provide for a safe and accessible street network for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.



## Back of the Yards | Neighborhood Plan

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Enhance the character of Back of the Yards' main corridors (47<sup>th</sup> Street and Ashland Avenue); develop a branding strategy to draw in residents and visitors to the neighborhood's commercial core.
  - Develop a placemaking + identity campaign
  - Develop a consistent + uniform corridor identity





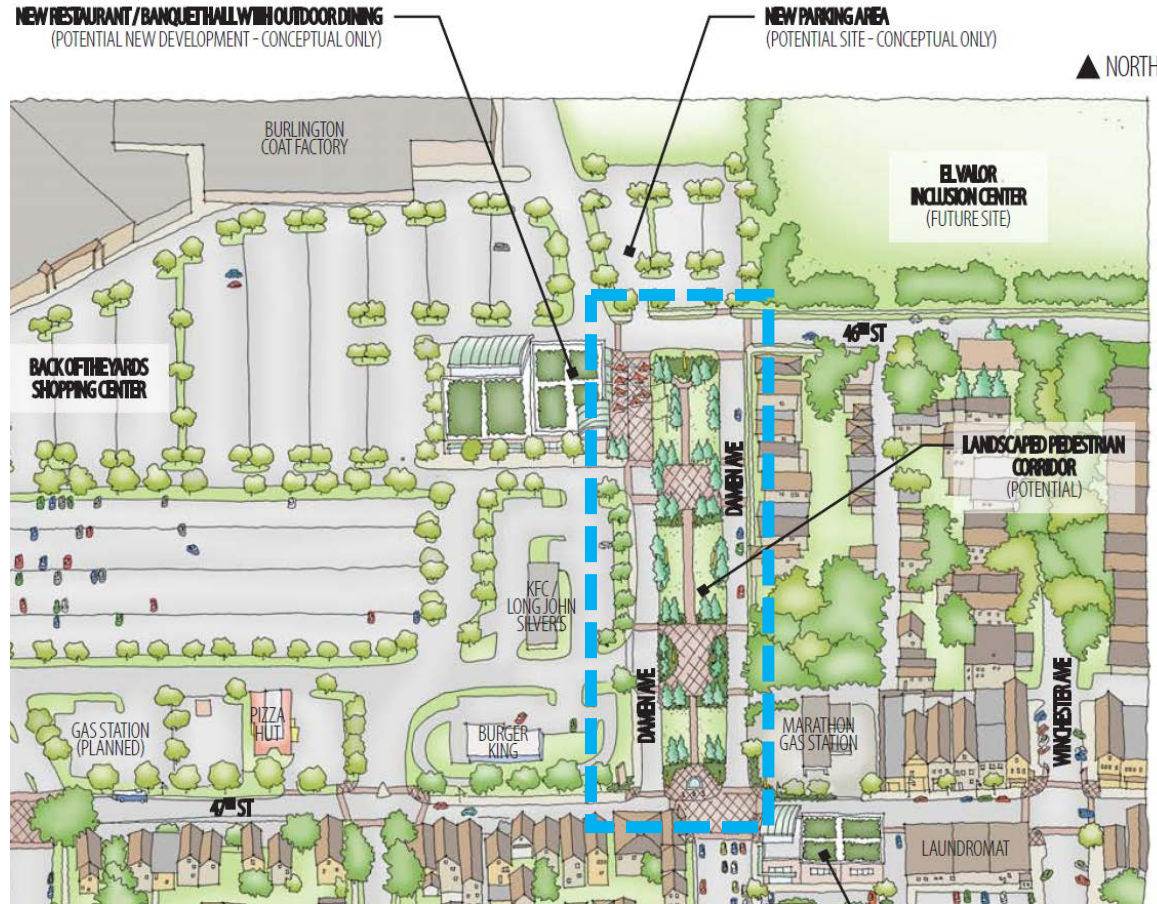
Neighborhood Improvement Strategies Map



## BACK OF THE YARDS NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

### PUBLIC WAY IMPROVEMENT STRATEGIES

Activate the underutilized Damen Ave corridor for redevelopment and community activities





## INTERSECTION INFLUENCE

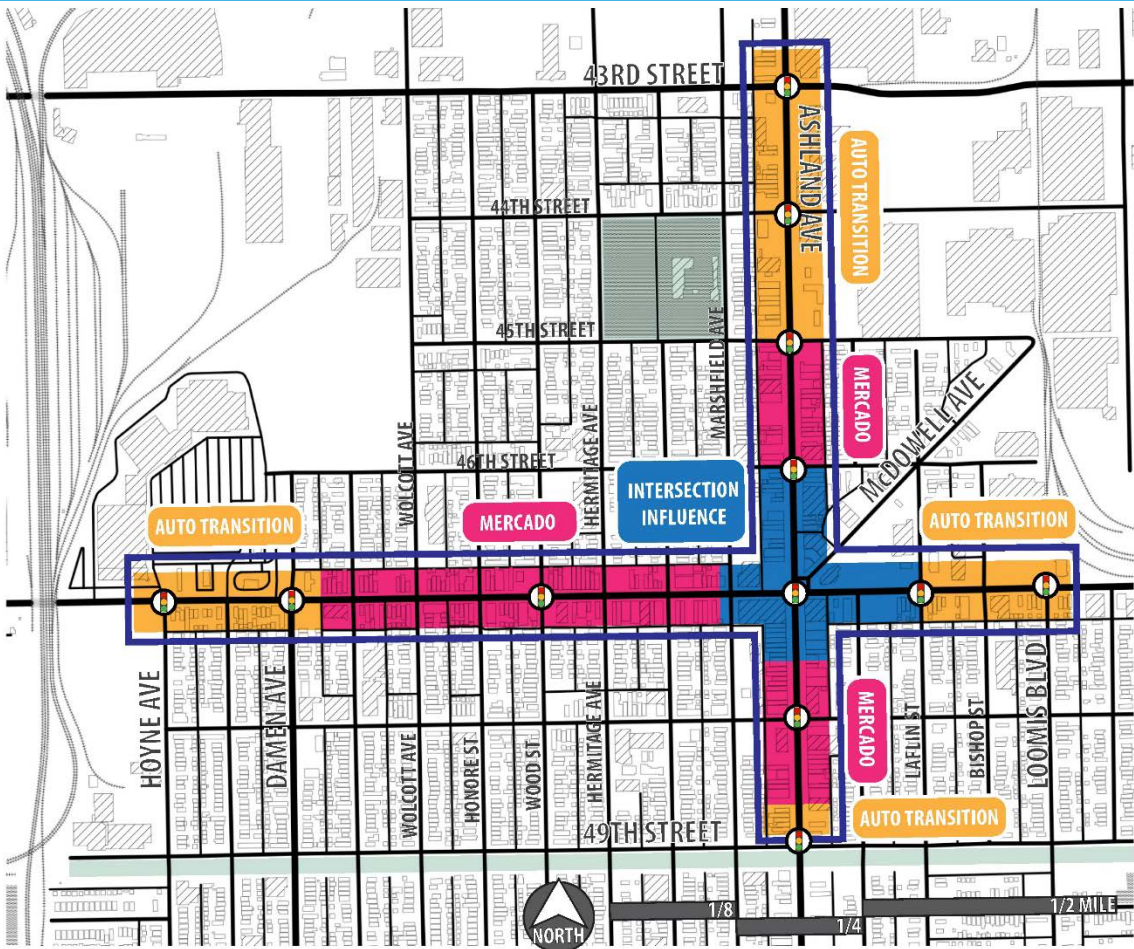
- Wide roadways, narrow sidewalks
- Need for safer pedestrian pathways + crossings

## MERCADO

- Walkable street with neighborhood shops, restaurants, businesses + street vendors
- Murals + community art

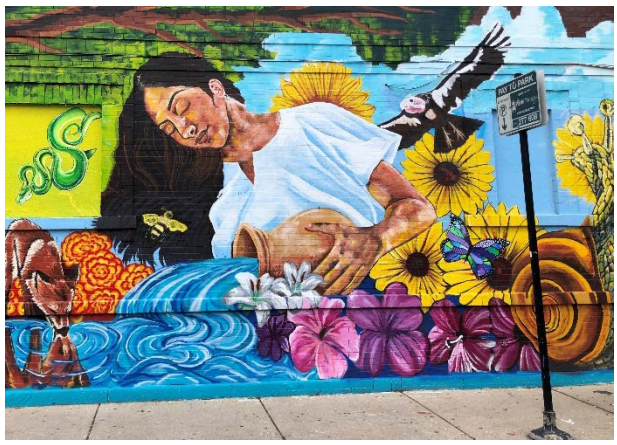
## AUTO TRANSITION

- Auto-oriented land uses
- Speeding traffic
- Need for traffic calming



## MERCADO AREAS

- Walkable streets with neighborhood shops, restaurants, businesses, + street vendors
- Murals + community art
- On-street parking



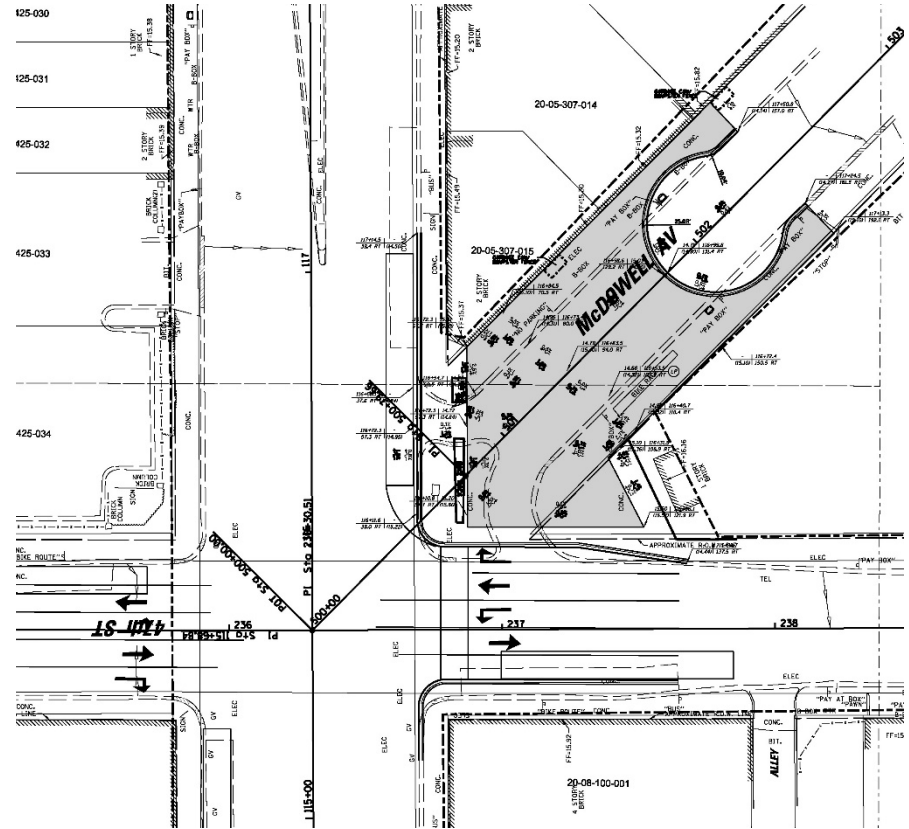
## AUTO-ORIENTED / TRANSITION AREAS

- Speeding vehicles:
  - Ashland Ave north and south of corridor
  - 47<sup>th</sup> Street, east and west of the corridor
- Trucks/ deliveries on 47<sup>th</sup> Street
- Local Schools
  - BOTY H.S., San Miguel School, CPS James Hedges School, CPS Lara Augustin Elementary School, CPS William Seward, CPS Cesar Chavez Arts Cntr, CPS Hamline
- Poor intersection alignment at Damen Ave
- Damen Ave green space opportunity



## 47th + ASHLAND INTERSECTION AND MCDOWELL AVENUE OPPORTUNITY

- CTA slow zone
  - East-west congestion at busy intersection creates delays for right-turning traffic and EB buses
  - Difficulty getting in and out of traffic, esp at busy NB stop
- Narrow sidewalks and long crossings are not pedestrian friendly
- Adjacent land uses include bank/parking and backsides of Ashland Ave businesses (dumpsters)
- Diagonal street complicates traffic flow and CTA bus efficiency
- Slip lanes should be closed for safety



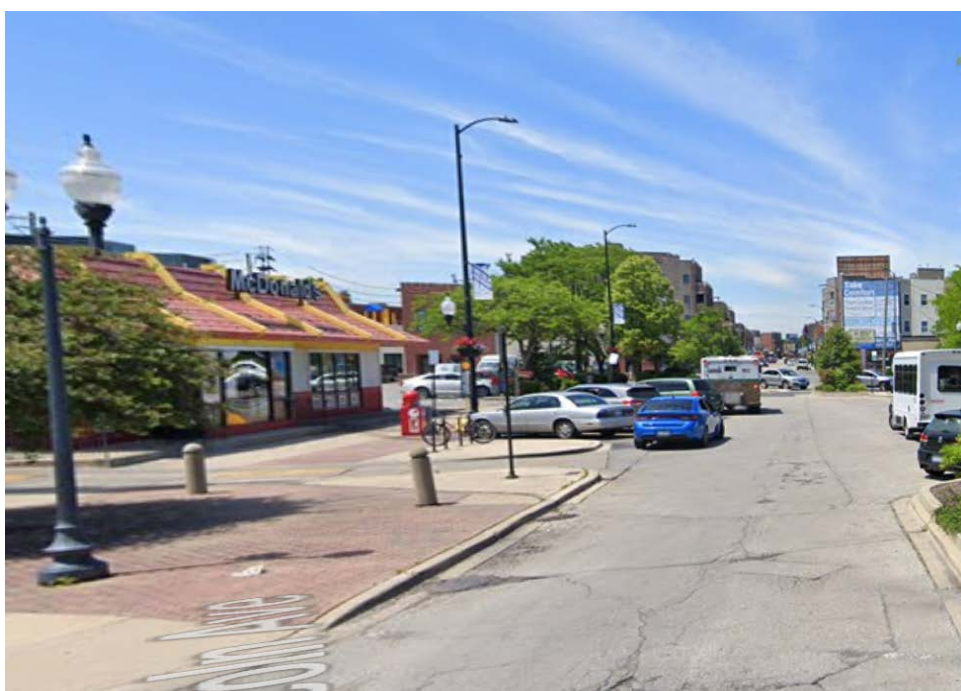
## INTERIM VS PERMANENT PLAZAS

### Fowler Square, New York



## INTERIM VS PERMANENT PLAZAS

### Ainslie Arts Plaza, Chicago







PLAYFUL  
ACTIVE





TRADITIONAL /  
HISTORIC



TRADITIONAL/HISTORIC THEMES





MODERN /  
CONTEMPORARY



# VISIONING ACTIVITY

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**Survey #1, Stakeholder Interviews, Roundtable Meeting,  
Public Meeting #2**

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**Develop Corridor Design Concepts**

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