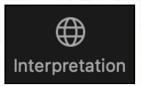
ISW NEW CITY / BACK OF THE YARDS

47TH + ASHLAND CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS **PUBLIC MEETING #2 | February 3rd, 2022**



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WELCOME! WELCOME! WELCOME!

We appreciate YOU taking the time to join us!

Thank you for joining us as we discuss the 47th Street + Ashland Avenue Corridor Improvements Project.

The 47th Street + Ashland Avenue Corridor Improvements Project will revitalize the 47th 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.









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.
- O2 Please use the Q&A FUNCTION to submit questions to be answered during the designated question and answer session.
- O3 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.
- Use the CHAT function if you need technical assistance.







MEETING AGENDA

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Community Outreach Key Takeaways
- Preliminary Concepts + Recommendations
- Visioning Activities Keep your smart phones nearby!
- 06 Next Steps









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WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH TODAY

Task 1

Share key community feedback received to date.

Task 2

Present preliminary streetscape themes, concepts, and alternatives.

Task 3

Receive your feedback.







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.

Streetcapes 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















ISW New City/Back of the Yards

47th 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 / Fall 2021

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

Winter 2022

- ISW Roundtable #3 + #4
- Public Meeting #2
- Online Survey #2
- Preferred Concepts

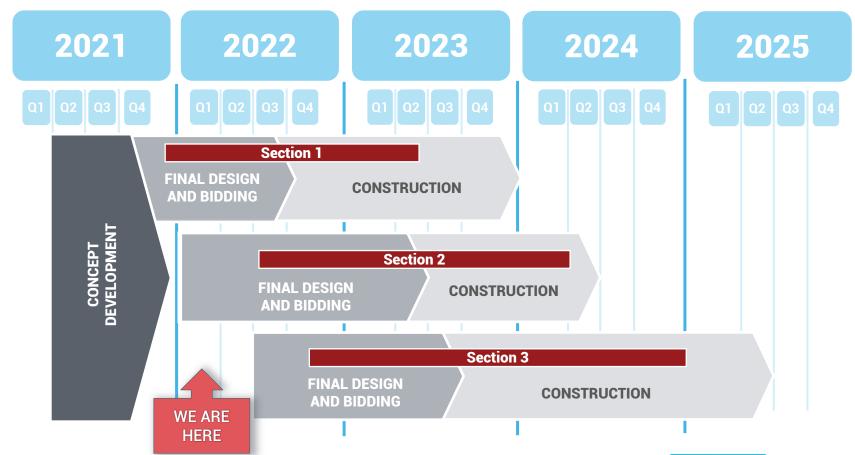
Spring 2022

- ISW Roundtable #5
- Public Meeting #3















May 20, Aug 5, Sept 16, Nov 18

Sept 16 – October 15

October 18-19 Businesses

October 26-27, Residents

February-March 2022

Spring 2022

Spring 2022

August 25, 2021, zoom videoconference

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ISW Roundtables:

Public Meeting #1

Online Survey #2

Public Meeting #3

Additional Focus Groups

Online Survey #1

Focus Group Meetings

UPCOMING

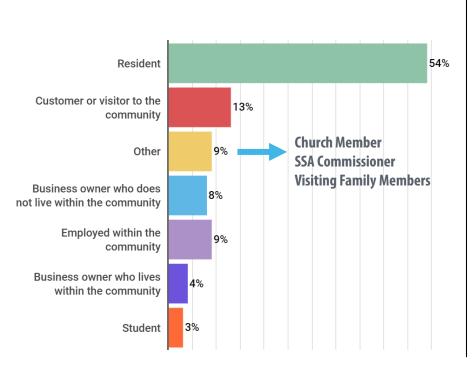
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KEY TAKEAWAYS

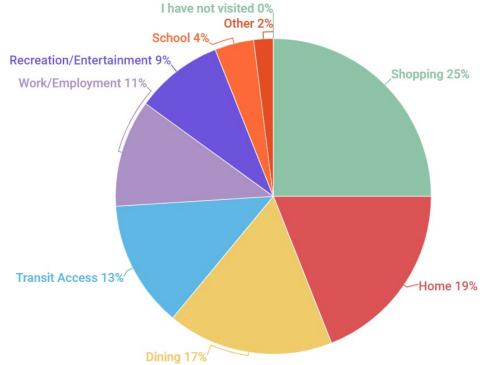
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EVENTS

How are you connected to New City/Back of the Yards?



Select the reasons for your trips during the past year to the 47th Street/Ashland Avenue Corridor









When traveling along 47th/Ashland, how often do you use the following modes of transportation?

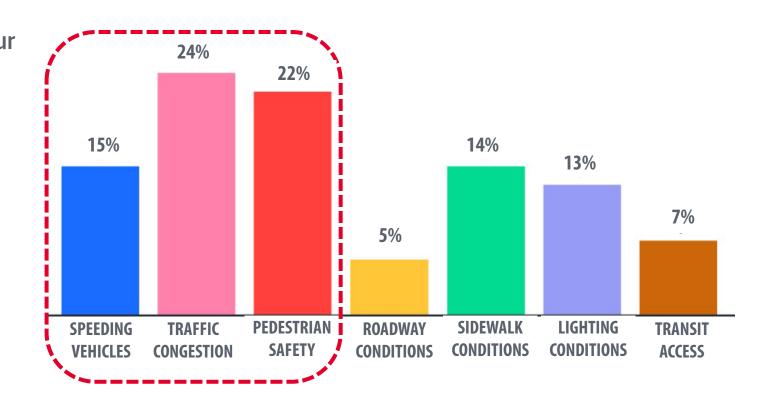
	Daily	At least once per week	At least once per month	Rarely	Never
Walk	28%	34%	7%	23%	8%
Bike	2%	7%	10%	16%	65%
Ride a bus	6%	9%	21%	33%	31%
Drive/ride in a vehicle	60%	26%	9%	4%	1%
Use rideshare	0%	6%	23%	33%	38%





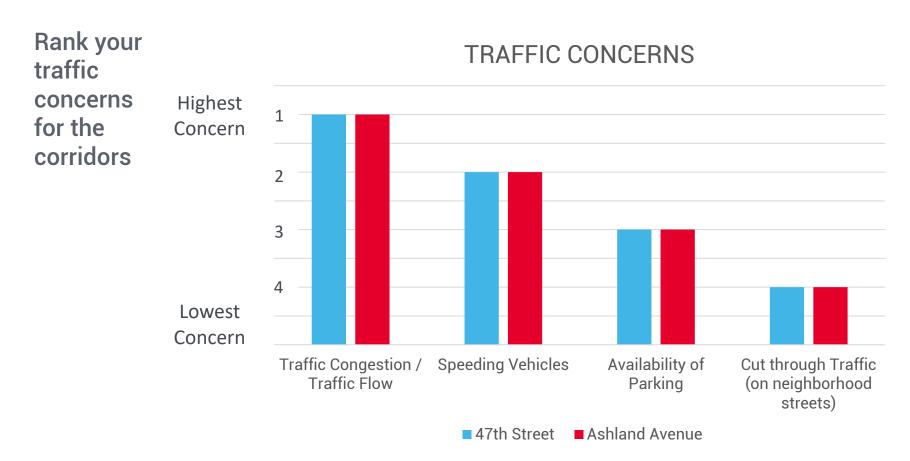


What are your main CONCERNS about the corridors? (select 3)









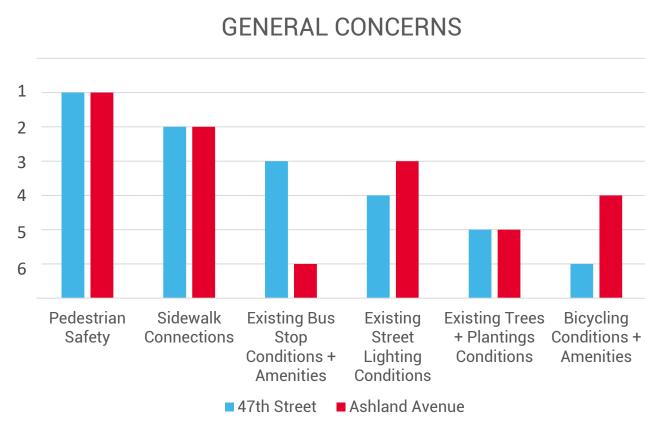






Rank your general concerns for the corridors











KEY TAKEAWAYS: ROADWAY FEATURES

1 Transportation concerns include speeding cars, doubleparked vehicles, and congestion. Streetscape design should balance traffic flow with more pedestrian friendly sidewalks.

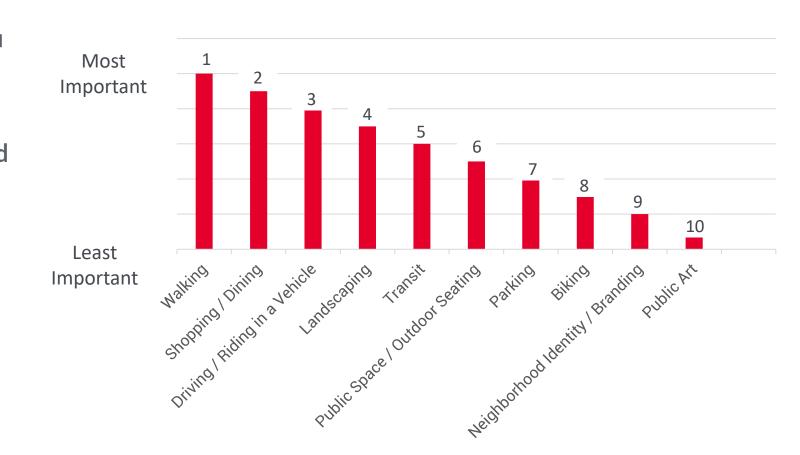
- 2 There is a concern about lack of lighting. More lighting is desired along the corridor.
- 3 More trees, greenery, and beautification are desired along 47th and Ashland.







What do you want to see prioritized for the 47th/Ashland Corridor project?

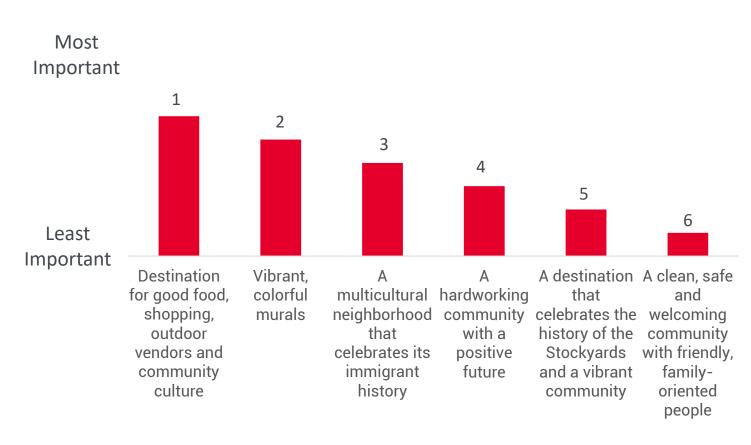








What do you want the corridors to be known for?





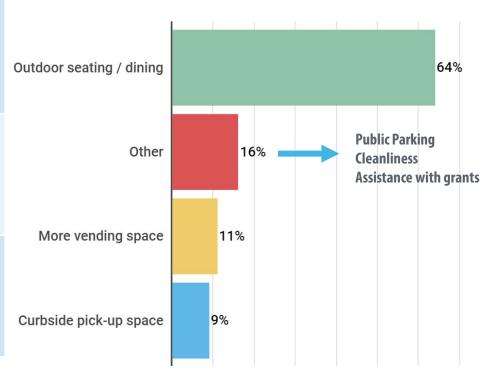




KEY TAKEAWAYS: PLACEMAKING

- 1 The 47th Street / Ashland Avenue / McDowell Avenue intersection is challenging for pedestrians. There is support to close the McDowell Ave slip lanes and reclaim portions of the street for public gathering and community expression.
- 2 The 47th Street / Damen Avenue green space is used for holiday tree lighting events. There is interest to further support public gathering, walking paths and green spaces.
- 3 Sidewalks and open spaces should be reclaimed for public seating, gathering, greening, and community expression, especially at side street areas adjacent to businesses.

Along 47th STREET, what types of improvements would support businesses?

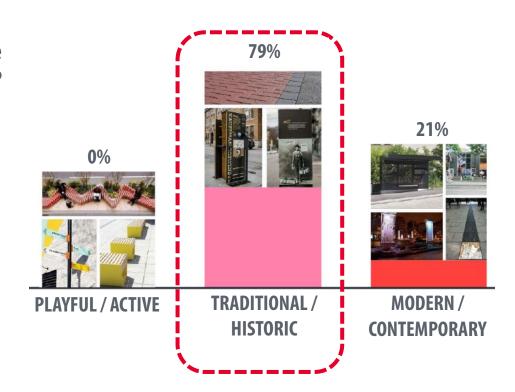








What is your preferred aesthetic theme for the corridor?

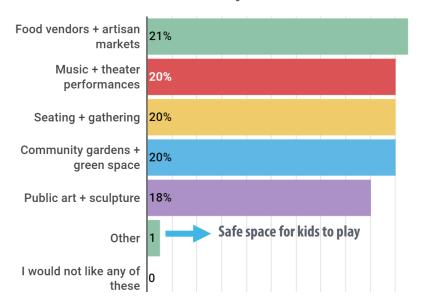


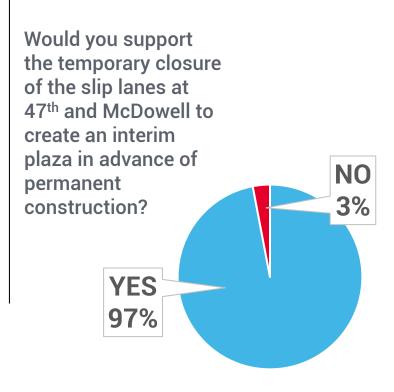






If McDOWELL AVE were to become a plaza, what types of activities / functions would you like to see?











other ideas should we explore?

What

- 1. McDowell Plaza is an opportunity to showcase neighborhood history + culture
- 2. Provide better accessibility for everyone
- 3. Maintain cleanliness throughout the corridors
- 4. Incorporate sustainability, including bioinspired methods, clean energy, recycling, composting + native plantings
- 5. Establish designated bus and bike lanes with better access to the Western Orange Line Station; more Divvy Stations
- 6. More community related garden spaces and art, including murals and painted benches
- 7. Plant more trees along 47th Street
- 8. People here are hard working and care a lot for each other





Key Takeaways

- 1. BOTY's mix of Mexican, Latin American, and African American cultures contribute to a unique shopping district full of vibrant businesses, street cart vendors, and colorful murals.
- 2. Corridor challenges include speeding traffic, double-parked cars, traffic congestion, light level concerns, and a lack of pedestrian friendly sidewalks.
- 3. Sidewalks and open spaces should be reclaimed for seating, gathering, greening, and community expression.
- 4. There is a desire to express where BOTY came from, including references to important moments in history, such as the Union Stockyards, The Jungle, railroad history, Mary McDowell Settlement House, Church Towers, and Saul Alinsky. ("We are missing our history")
- 5. The streetscape can help "put BOTY in a positive light and change perceptions so that outsiders feel safe, and insiders feel connected".







ASHLAND AVE CHALLENGES

- Speeding traffic
- Poor lighting
- 47th / McDowell intersection traffic congestion
- Narrow / uneven / patched sidewalks

ASHLAND AVE RECOMMENDATIONS

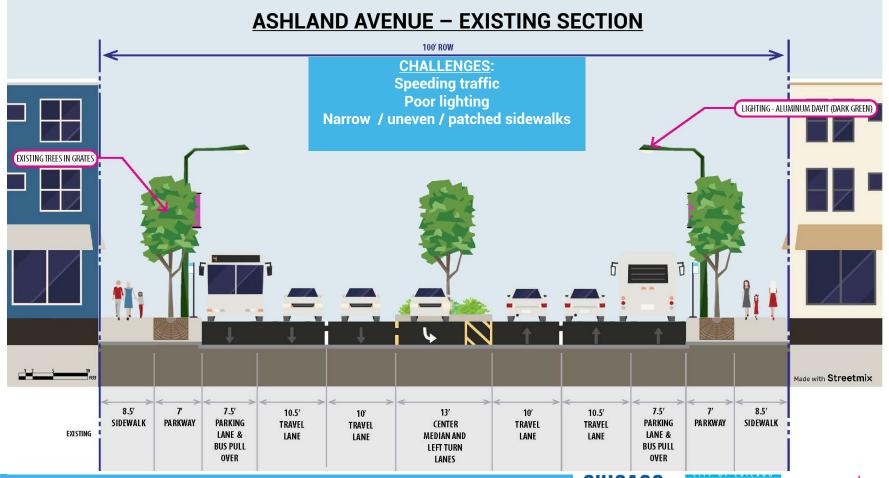
- Add bus bulbs (more predictable bus movements, calms traffic, shortens crosswalk lengths)
- New lighting (currently being installed)
- Redesigned intersection at 47th/McDowell/Ashland (close McDowell slip lanes, widen sidewalks at south corners of 47th + Ashland)
- Replace all sidewalks and parkways, including decorative pavers in-between trees











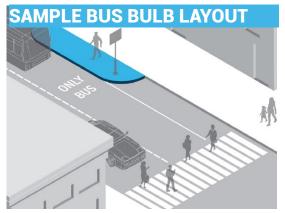
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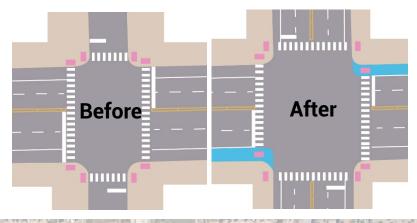


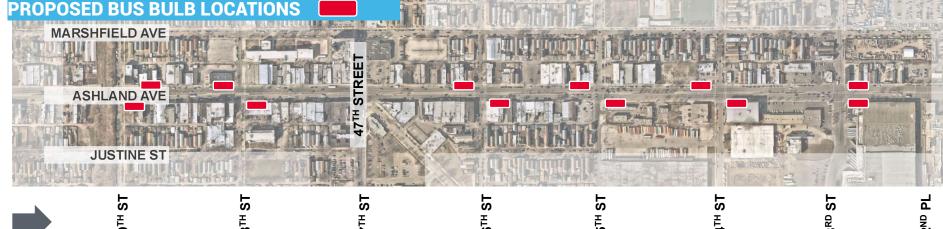




























47TH STREET CHALLENGES:

- Poor lighting, located on north side of street only due to underground utilities at south side of 47th
- Lots of truck traffic
- Lack of trees
- Uneven / patched sidewalks

47TH STREET RECOMMENDATIONS:

- New bright/consistent lighting, anticipated on both sides of the street
- Reduced lane widths (more predictable vehicle movements, calms traffic)
- Study feasibility to close some side-streets
- Enhance sidewalk bumpouts with plantings, furnishings, + shade
- Protect mature trees, install new trees on both sides of the street
- Replace all sidewalks and parkways, including decorative pavers in-between trees

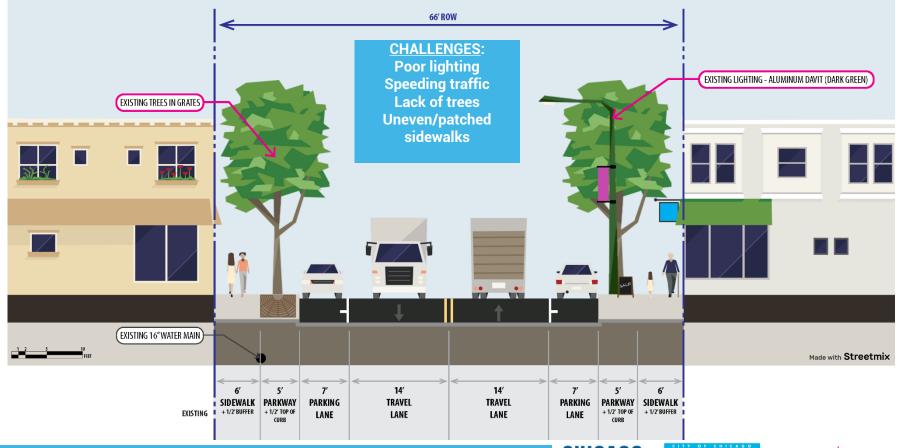








47TH STREET – EXISTING SECTION LOOKING WEST

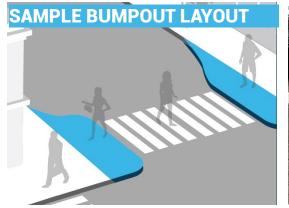


47TH STREET EXISTING CONDITIONS



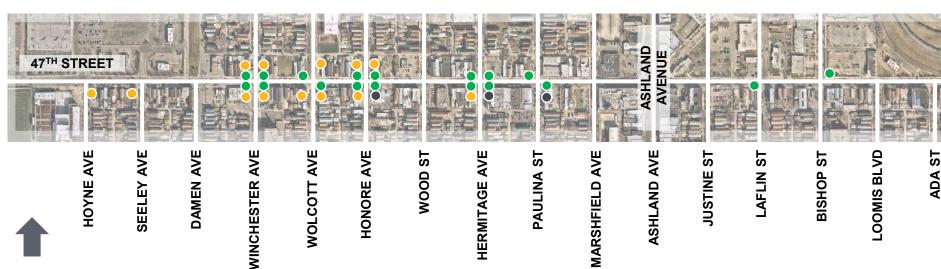








BUMPOUTS + AMENITIES 47th Street Bumpouts with Landscape Amenities Side Street Bumpouts with Landscape Amenities Side Street Bumpouts with Landscape Amenities + Shade Structures No impacts to on-street parking spaces are anticipated



47TH STREET PROPOSED BUMPOUTS



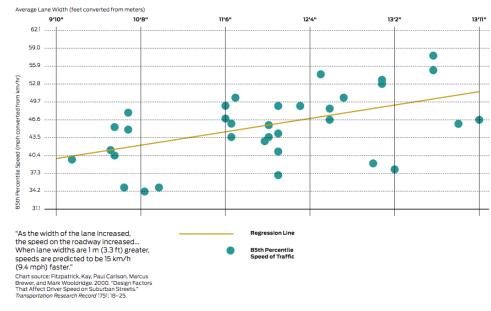


Wider travel lanes are correlated with higher vehicle speeds without limiting traffic flow.

Per the National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO):

- 10-foot lanes are appropriate on major streets in urban settings.
- 11-foot lanes may be preferred where there are larger vehicles (such as transit or truck traffic) but should be restricted to the outside lane of a multi-lane roadway.
- There is no measurable decrease in urban street capacity when through lane widths are narrowed from 12 feet to 10 feet.

Lane width (x-axis) vs. Speed (y-axis)



Source: National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)







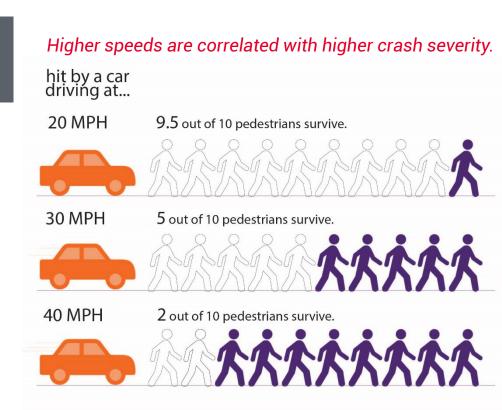
Narrowing travel lanes can reduce drivers' speed and increase safety for all roadway users and for pedestrians in particular.

Narrower travel lanes:

- Fewer opportunities for speeding and aggressive driving, thereby decreasing the instances and frequency of crashes.
- Decrease exposure and crossing distance for pedestrians at intersections.

Slower travel speeds:

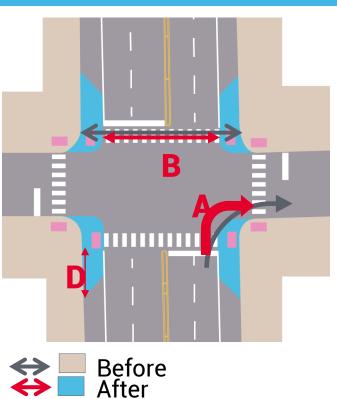
- Mitigate the potential severity of crashes.
- Give pedestrians greater opportunity to cross.

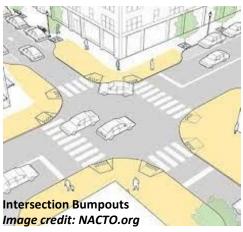












Intersection bumpouts should be installed whenever on-street parking is present in order to increase visibility, reduce the crossing distance, provide extra queuing space, and support design enhancements (such as seating or landscaping).

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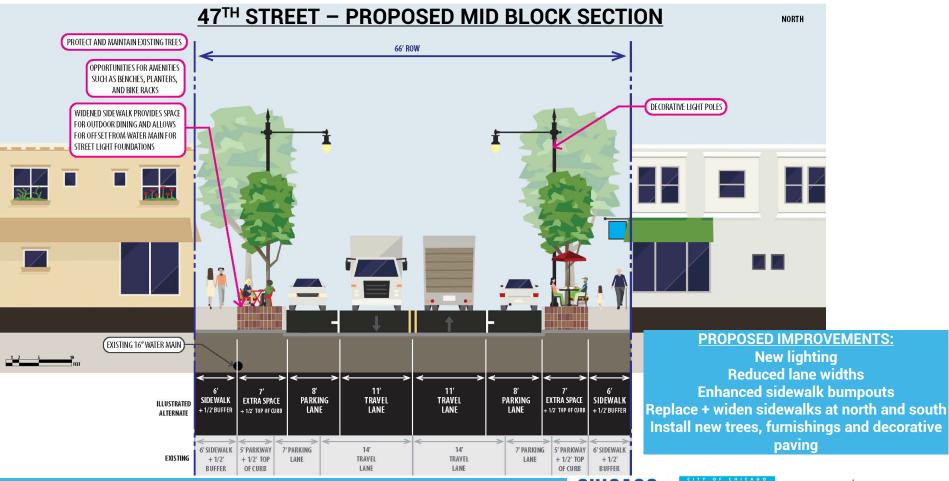
Bumpouts...

- Reduce the speed of turning vehicles
- Reduce the walking distance for pedestrians crossing the street
- Improve visibility between motorists and pedestrians
- Eliminate illegal parking in the corner clearance zone
- Allow for corner street furniture and other amenities that enhance the public realm







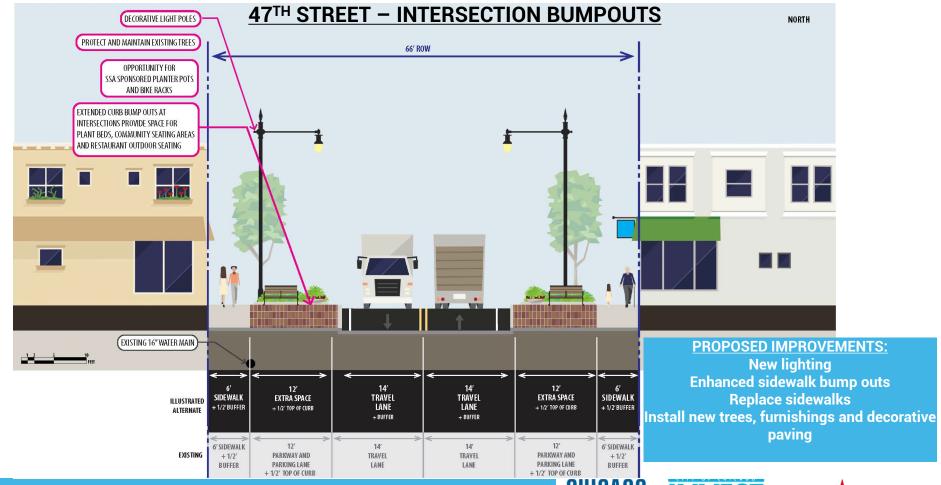


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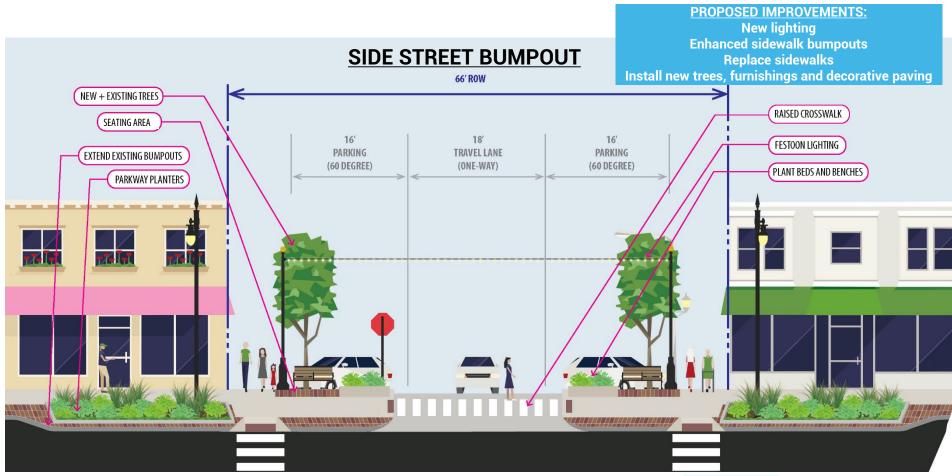


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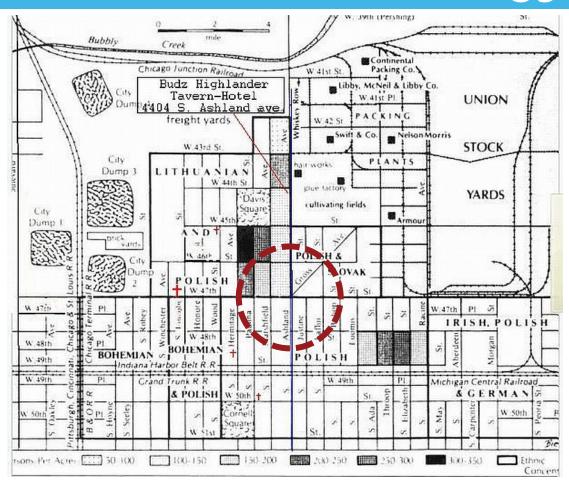




The Back of the Yards community was surrounded by the stockyards, railroad tracks + neighborhoods.

47th/Ashland historically was and currently remains the epicenter of commercial activity and a diverse community.

Design concepts reference traditional historic themes, modern community features, and a multi-cultural community full of color, flavor, + vibrancy.









"For generations, people from every walk of life and ethnic group have called Back of the Yards home. And for good reason: whether Slovak or Pole, Bohemian or Lithuanian, black, white or Latino, Back of the Yards has always represented the starting point for the American Dream.

From the stockyard to the back yard, the church pew to the avenue, this is the crossroads of America - an authentic place of community, culture and commerce - where each generation of residents has created a better life for the ones that follow."

-Back of the Yards Community Branding + Marketing Presentation, October 11, 2012, provided by Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council























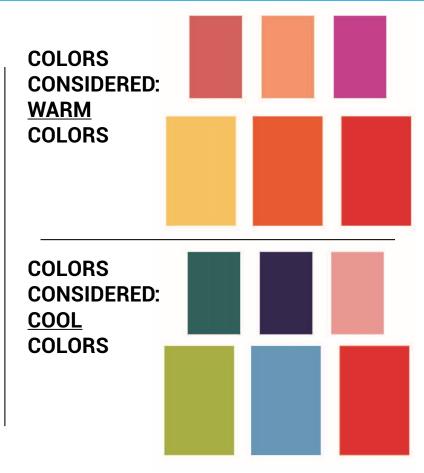


Back of the Yards Community Branding

- + Marketing, (October 11, 2012)
- provided by Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council













KEY TAKEAWAYS: CULTURE + IDENTITY

- 1 BOTY's mix of cultures contribute to a vibrant shopping district full of local businesses, community activity, and colorful murals. The streetscape design should reinforce this character.
- **Community members have expressed that "We are missing our history".** BOTY can express its rich history, such as the Union Stockyards, *The Jungle (by Upton Sinclair)*, railroad history, Mary McDowell Settlement House, Church Towers, and Saul Alinsky.
- BOTY has been recognized as a place where immigrant communities can achieve the American Dream and "can make it". The streetscape should "put BOTY in a positive light and change perceptions so that outsiders feel safe, and insiders feel connected".









THEME A:
BOTY HISTORIC COMMERCIAL
DISTRICT MEETS MODERN
NEIGHBORHOOD VIBRANCY



THEME B:
MEAT PACKING TO URBAN FARMING:
COMMUNITIES INFUSE CULTURE
AND FLAVOR INTO BOTY





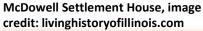


Entries and Archways

The Archway
refers to historic
local architecture
and Back of the
Yards as a point of
entry to Chicago
and the American
Dream.

Peoples Theater, image credit: CinemaTreasures.org













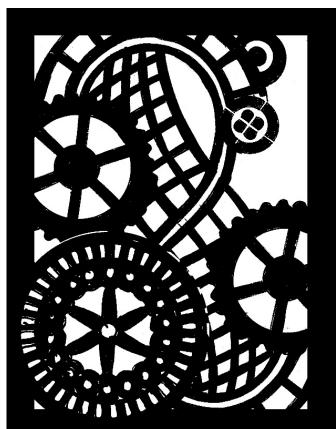


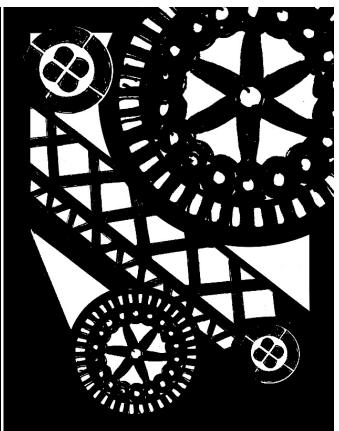


Design Motifs

Design motifs represent
Back of the Yards' historic
structures and their role in
supporting generations of
community members who
found their American
Dream in this community.

These design motifs are reflected in the light pole identifiers, community identifiers and railing designs.













METAL BENCH WITH WOOD SEAT + BACK

Landscape Forms "Plainwell"
Bench; Cast aluminum frame
with powdercoated finish, wood
seat + back (Wood options
include tropical hardwood or
locally sourced thermally
treated Ash) or approved equal

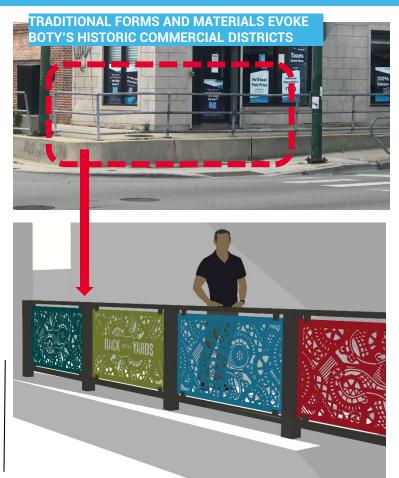


PRECAST CONCRETE BENCH

Wausau "Old Town" Precast Concrete Bench or approved equal

CUSTOM RAILING

Occurs at tall curbed areas near Ashland / 49th Street



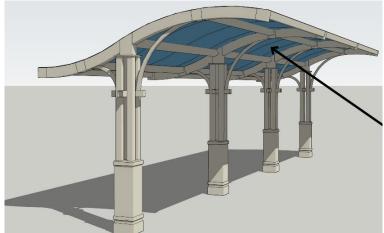






SHADE
STRUCTURE
ICON Shelter
FAS12X4OZP3-30-100-35
Filtered Light
Panel
Cantilevered
Arbor in
"Wave" design,
with custom
laser cut and
curved panel
canopy or
equal





TRADITIONAL FORMS AND MATERIALS EVOKE BOTY'S HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

FESTOON STRING LIGHTING ON DECORATIVE POLES











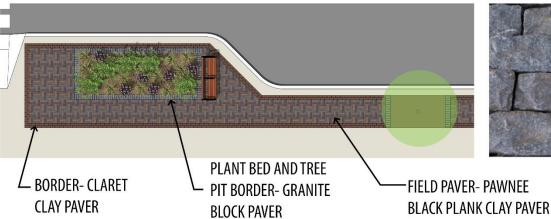




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Clay Brick Pavers, Herringbone Pattern, Belden Pawnee Black Plank Paver (Red/Brown/Black Mix), or equal

Clay Brick Pavers, Offset Sailor Course Border, Belden Claret Paver (Brown), or equal





Granite Block Pavers, Soldier Course Plant Bed Border – Mortar Set, Color: Charcoal, locally sourced by Stockyards Brick and Timber or equal

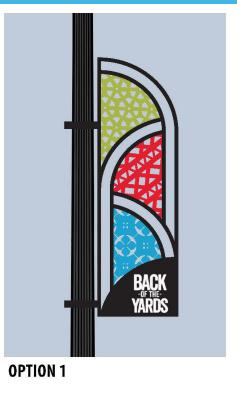
















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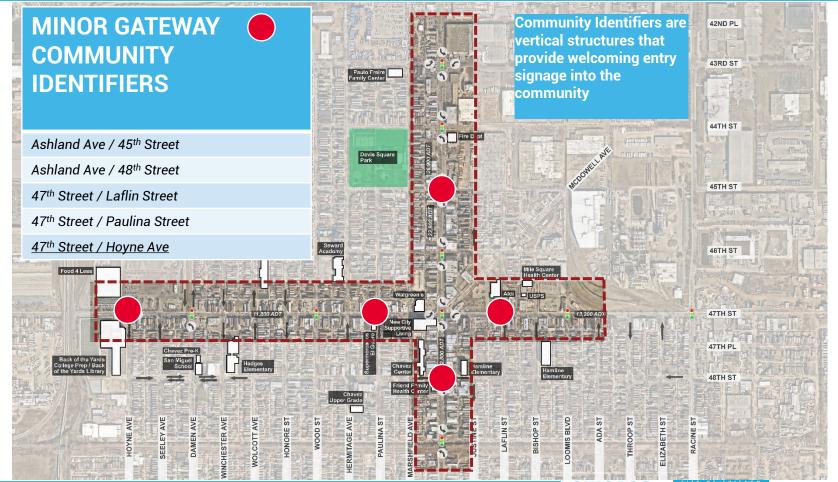




















OPTION 2: ABSTRACTED ARCH FRAMES WITH ARCH PANELS





















Highest ranked improvements to support businesses along 47th Street:

- Outdoor seating + dining
- Online Survey Input



47TH STREET SIDEWALK

Side street bumpout with landscape amenities and shade structures proposed at: Honore Street, Hermitage Ave, Paulina St















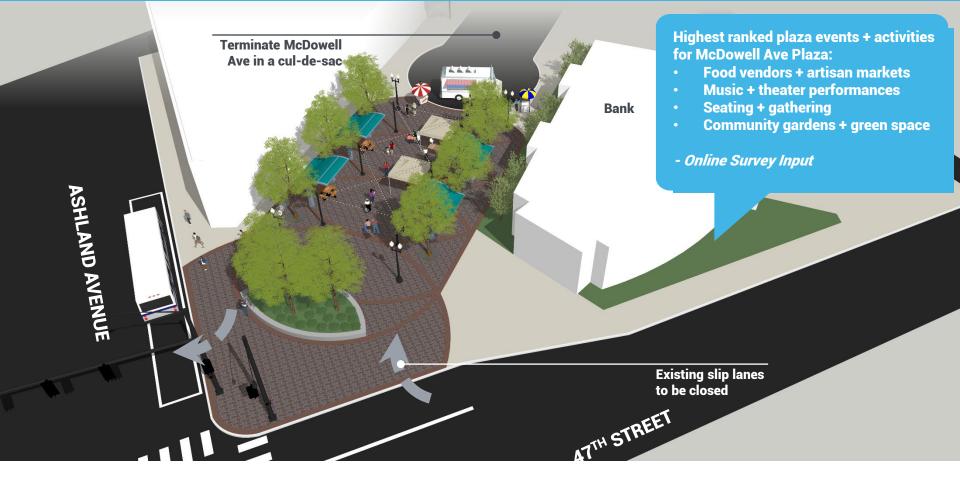






































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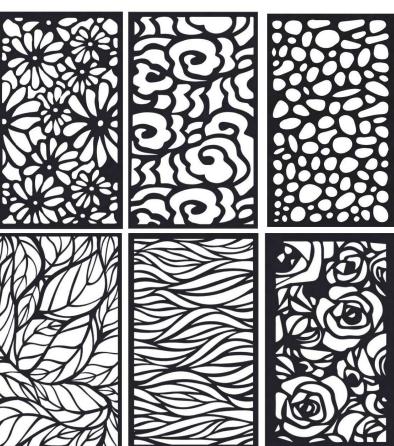


Design Motifs

Motifs refer to locally produced agriculture, including the foods and flowers that infuse flavor into Back of Yards diverse cultures.

These design motifs are reflected in the light pole identifiers, community identifiers and railing designs.















METAL BENCH WITH SEAT + BACK

Forms and Surfaces "Trio" Bench; Cast aluminum frame with powdercoated finish; Seat + back options include wood or aluminum, or equal

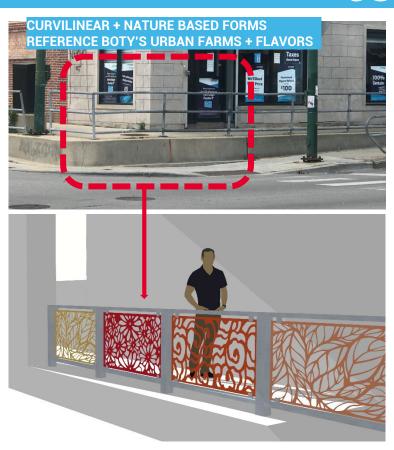


PRECAST CONCRETE BENCH Landscape Forms "Hebi" Precast Concrete Seatwall Bench, or equal

CUSTOM RAILING

Occurs at tall curbed areas near Ashland / 49th Street

















SHADE STRUCTURE

MMCITE Shelter System "Pin"; Galvanized steel frame, powder coated finish, frosted or color safety glass ceiling; options to include green roof, integral lighting, and USB charging, or equal















TENSILE SHADE STRUCTURE ON DECORATIVE POLES Ronstan Tensile Architecture, or equal CURVILINEAR + NATURE BASED FORMS REFERENCE BOTY'S URBAN FARMS + FLAVORS

PENDANT LIGHTING INTEGRATED WITH TENSILE SHADE STRUCTURE















Precast Concrete Paver, Unilock Finish: Granito, color: Sabia, (paver field mix 20%), or equal

Precast Concrete Paver, Unilock, Finish: Umbriano, color: Grenada White (paver field mix 60%), or equal



Precast Concrete Paver, Unilock, Finish: Smooth Premier, Color: Dark Charcoal (Border + Paver Field Mix 20%), or equal



20 CM X 20 CM X 7 CM 7.875" X 7.875" X 2.75"



30 CM X 60 CM X 7 CM 11.75" X 23.625" X 2.75"

THEME B: PAVING















OPTION 2











"TOTEM" FEATURE

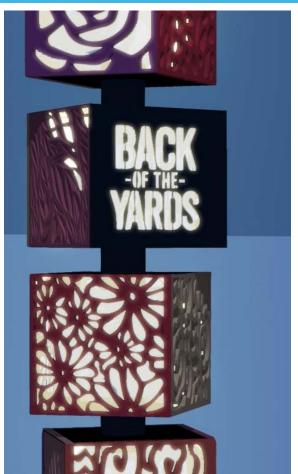
 Metal boxes with colorful design motif patterns.











"TOTEM" FEATURE

- Metal boxes with colorful design motif patterns.
- Lighting option: internally lit metal boxes























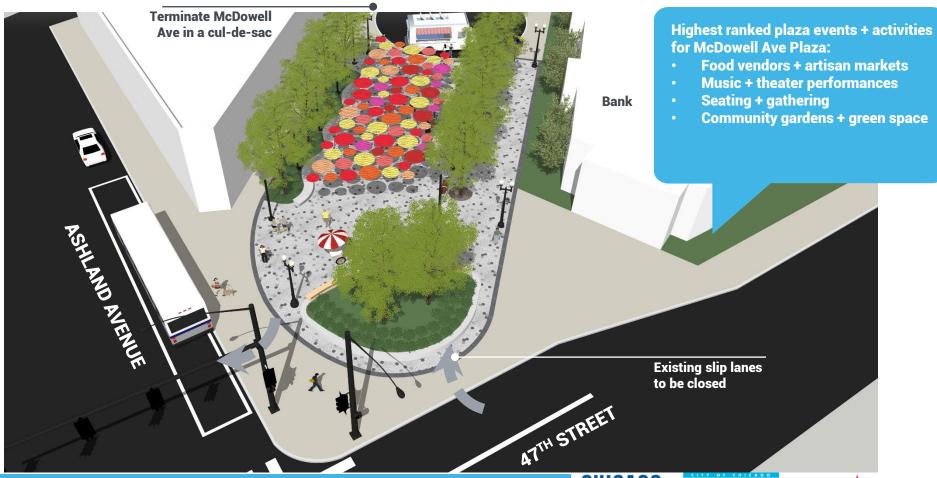


THEME B: SIDE STREET BUMPOUTS







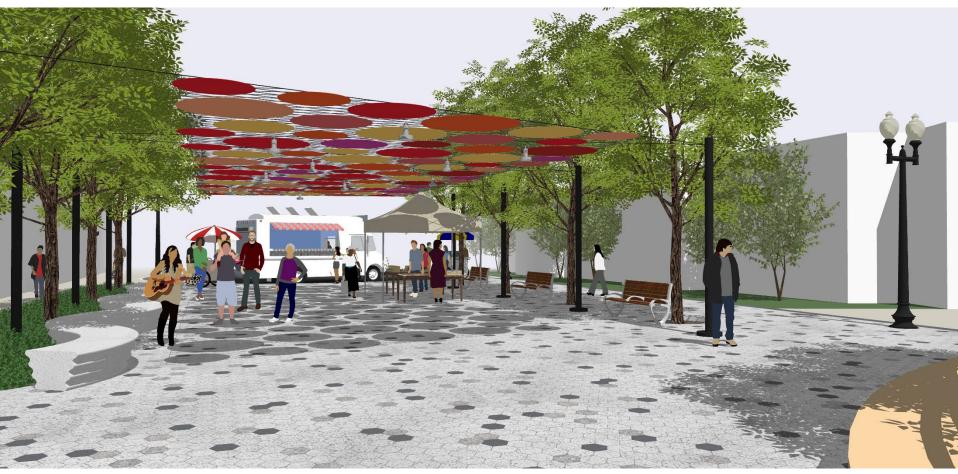


THEME B: McDOWELL PLAZA





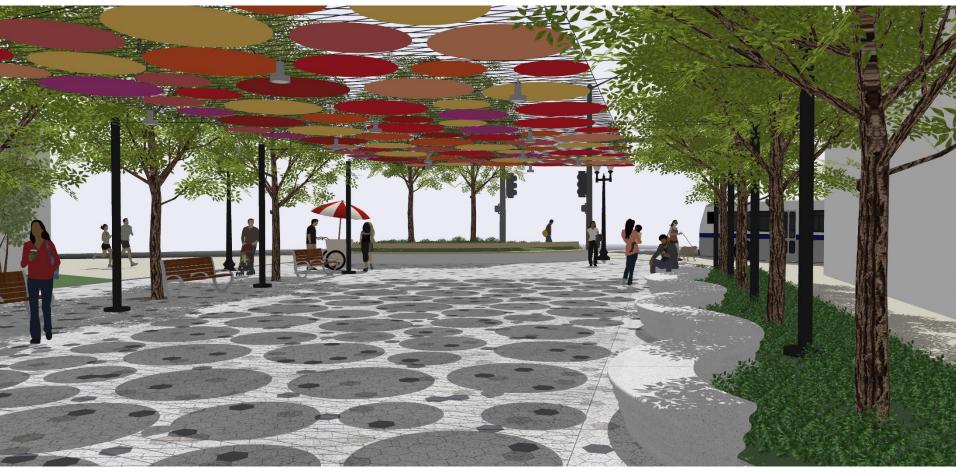


















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NEXT STEPS

- 1. Issue Online Survey #2
- 2. Additional Focus Groups
- 3. Concept Refinement
- 4. Next Public Meeting Spring 2022



Q+A

Please use the Q+A function to enter your questions

We appreciate YOU taking the time to join us!

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

https://chicagocompletestreets.org/portfolio/invest-south-west-back-of-the-yards-47th-street/



