

# Lawrence Avenue Streetscape Improvements Chicago River to Western Avenue



## Project Overview

Beginning this autumn, Lawrence Avenue between the Chicago River and Western Avenue will be improved as the City renovates the street with infrastructure and streetscape improvements. The project will consist of numerous improvements, including, new wider sidewalks with curb extensions, new street lighting, full-width roadway resurfacing, community identifiers, and new street trees.

These improvements are part of a comprehensive streetscaping project designed by the City of Chicago Department of Transportation in close cooperation with community representatives and your alderman.

## Traffic Impacts

Throughout construction the street will remain open to motorists and pedestrians and access to businesses will be maintained. In order to keep the street open to traffic, parking will not be allowed in the area of active construction. In addition, there will be periodic parking restrictions on some side streets. A marked bicycle detour will be provided for bicyclists to avoid the work zone.

CTA bus routes will not be affected. For more information, please call the CTA information hotline at: (all Chicagoland area codes) 836-7000.

**Construction review meetings will be held weekly when construction is under way. The meetings are open to the public and provide residents and businesses the opportunity to ask questions and coordinate concerns regarding construction. The time and location will be determined prior to construction start.**

For additional information, please call the Department of Transportation at (312) 744-5900.

## Project Highlights

- New wider sidewalks and parkway pavers
- New curb and gutter
- New street trees
- Full width roadway resurfacing
- Pedestrian refuge island at Lawrence Ave and Francisco Ave along with a contraflow bike lane along Francisco Ave to create a better and safer connection to the North Shore Channel Trail
- New street lighting
- Community identifiers and site furnishings
- New curb extension and crosswalks
- Drainage improvements



# COMPLETE STREETS

The City of Chicago is committed to building Complete Streets to ensure that everyone – pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists and motorists – can travel safely and comfortably along and across a street. Complete Streets give Chicagoans of all ages and abilities safer, cheaper, and healthier travel options. They support economic development and can incorporate environmental services and placemaking, which helps to create sustainable infrastructure and communities. The Chicago Department of Transportation is working to bring these benefits to your community.



## IMPROVE SAFETY

Complete Streets are better suited for people walking, biking, taking public transit, and driving. Streets are designed to encourage motorists to drive at the posted speed limit, which helps reduce crashes and their severity.

## LOWER TRANSPORTATION COSTS

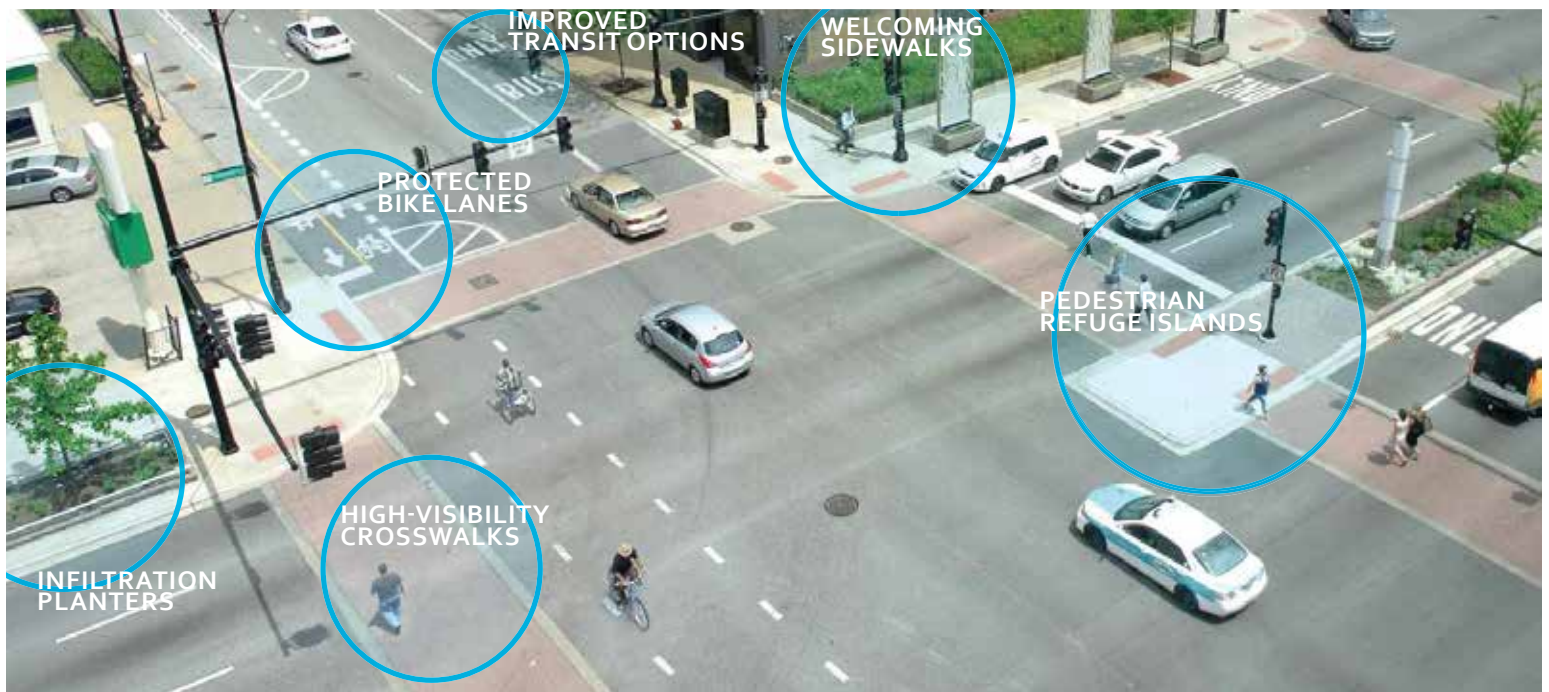
Americans spend on average 18 cents of every dollar on transportation, with the poorest 20% of families spending more than twice that amount. When residents have the opportunity to walk, bike or take transit, they have more control over their expenses by replacing car trips with these inexpensive options.

## IMPROVE HEALTH

By designing Complete Streets, more residents will have active transportation options such as walking, bicycling, or using public transit. Incorporating trees and landscape improvements helps clean the air, capture stormwater, and keep the city cool. Complete Streets encourage healthier lifestyles and improve quality of life.

## BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Complete Streets play an important role in livable communities where all people regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation, feel safe and welcome on the streets. A safe walking and bicycling environment with places for people to gather are an essential part of creating friendly, walkable communities.



Chicago's Complete Streets guidelines and policy are outlined in the *Complete Streets Chicago: Design Guidelines*.

For additional information, please call the Department of Transportation at (312) 744-5900, email [cdotnews@cityofchicago.org](mailto:cdotnews@cityofchicago.org), or visit [www.chicagocompletestreets.org](http://www.chicagocompletestreets.org)