

INVEST SOUTH/WEST AUSTIN

Chicago Avenue Corridor Improvements

SOUL CITY WEST, CHICAGO AVENUE FROM AUSTIN BOULEVARD TO CENTRAL AVENUE, SECTION 1 OF 3

The City identified the Austin Neighborhood as a priority community through the INVEST South/West initiative, and Chicago Avenue as one of twelve commercial corridors that are central to its community's vibrancy. The INVEST South/West initiative aims 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.

The first section of the proposed infrastructure and streetscape improvements will begin this Spring on Chicago Avenue from Austin Boulevard to Central Avenue. These improvements have been designed by the City of Chicago Department of Transportation in close cooperation with community representatives and the local Aldermen.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Roadway and intersection improvements
- Wider sidewalks with parkway pavers
- New Street trees and landscaping
- Curb Extensions
- Bus boarding islands
- Full width roadway resurfacing
- New lighting
- Drainage improvements and new curb and gutter
- Bicycle facilities
- New pavement markings and crosswalks
- Site furnishings



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 short one-way roadway closure will be required near the end of construction but more information will be provided to the public when that time comes.

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.

CONSTRUCTION LIMITS

