Damen Avenue Streetscape
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Project Goals

**Overall**
- Improve ADA concerns
- Improve sidewalks
- Improve pedestrian spaces and movement
- Improve alternative bike lanes
- Provide corridor identity

**Physical Improvement**
- Update pedestrian crosswalk signals
- Install new lightpoles
- Install pedestrian crosswalks
- Re-stripe roadway to allow for shared use bike lanes
- Add specialty paving at key locations
- Add side street bump outs
- Install site furnishings-seating-bike racks-trash receptacles
- Install community identifiers
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Existing Conditions Analysis

- Strengthen and improve lighting & corridor aesthetics
- Improve street and neighborhood identity
- Improve site walkability & bicycle access
- Enhance intersection aesthetics
- Add bump outs, improve pedestrian’s safety
- Improve ADA ramps & crosswalks

-Enhance sidewalk pedestrian space
-Improve paving aesthetics and interest.
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Proposed Master Plan

- Shared Bike Lane
- Street
- New Sidewalk Paving
- Crosswalk Enhancement (Design TBD)
- Bump Outs
- Refuge Island
- Existing Parkway
- Intersection Stamp (Design TBD)
- Proposed trees
- Existing Trees Outside R.O.W.
- Existing Trees Inside R.O.W.
- Private Driveway That Requires Work Outside R.O.W.
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Proposed Typical Intersection Plan

Shared Bike Lane
Street
New Sidewalk Paving
Crosswalk Enhancement (Design TBD)
Bump Outs
Refuge Island
Existing Parkway
Intersection Stamp (Design TBD)
Proposed trees
Existing Trees Outside R.O.W.
Existing Trees Inside R.O.W.
Damen Avenue Streetscape
Existing R.O.W. Section @ W. VAN BUREN ST.
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Proposed R.O.W. Section @ W. VAN BUREN ST.
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Existing R.O.W. Section_ W. JACKSON BLVD. TO W. MONROE ST.
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Proposed R.O.W. Section _W. JACKSON BLVD. TO W. MONROE ST._
Damen Avenue Streetscape
Crosswalks
Bump outs

Sidewalk Paving

Artist Derived Paving

Traditional Paving

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Bump outs & Sidewalk paving
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Intersection Stamp Examples
Example Elements - Neighborhood Identifier Examples
WEST SIDE VICTORY & OPPORTUNITY—Artist Statement

The inspiration for the art component and community identifiers is taken from the surrounding architectural landmarks, neighborhood history, current land uses and the projected future development of the corridor.

This neighborhood has undergone multiple and dramatic changes. The slate of the urban fabric was almost erased, but now the neighborhood is revivifying, growing again while always changing.

The abstract imagery, design, and sculptural objects / elements reflect the energy and bourgeoning opportunities that the neighborhood represents:

These balance the gravitational pull of the United Center; the home of champions and the stage for artists, that pulls the region into its orbit along our transportation arteries.

The future success of this neighborhood will be created through the collaboration of the City with all of its multiple and diverse users.

Moving from the south end of Damen north the themes are:

**THEMES:**

- **Health**
- **Mobility**
- **Family**
- **Education**
- **Faith**
- **Champions**

Medical District and its connection to the new Malcolm X Health Science Center
The CTA Blue Line Station and 1-290
Residential Community
City Colleges of Chicago Malcom X and its connection to Medical Health Science
Church Landmarks
Bulls / Hawks – Artists at the United Center

*The combination of these elements is opportunity.*

*The abstract artwork reflects this idea through a sequence of energetic, bright, vivid, shapes and colors. It is abstract because of the multivalent potential of the area yet to be realized.*
Artist:
JUSTUS ROE
Artwork Concepts – Community Identifier on Light Poles

**Concept - Theme A**

Identifier w/ Community Banner
Identifier Banner w/ Community Banner
Identifier w/ Community Banner
Concept – Theme B

Artwork Concepts – Community Identifier on Light Poles
Banner Enlargements

Theme A

Theme B

Theme C
Text Enlargements
THE SYMBOLS FOR VICTORY ARE UNIVERSAL
Community Identifier – Vertical Monuments (Wings)
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Proposed R.O.W. Section w/ Identifiers and Banners.
Bench A

Planter

Trash receptacle

Bike racks

Shared Bike lane

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Proposed Element
Questions