Placemaking and Landscape Maintenance Seminar

Pedestrian and Bike Infrastructure Improvements

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Complete Streets Policy (2006)

The safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, freight, and motor vehicle drivers shall be accommodated and balanced in all types of transportation and development projects and through all phases of a project so that even the most vulnerable – children, elderly, and persons with disabilities – can travel safely within the public right of way.
Complete Streets – Where We Were
Traffic Safety Problem

- Over 80,000 crashes per year involving autos
- 1,200 – 1,500 crashes involving bicyclists each year
- More than 3,000 crashes involving pedestrians each year
- Speeding is a major concern
- Traffic safety is key to attracting families, businesses, etc.
Where We’re at Today

Mayor Emanuel’s Transition Report – May 2011

• Improve street safety by reducing fatalities and crashes
• Complete the City’s first Pedestrian Plan
• Build 100 miles of protected bike lanes and bikeways that are comfortable for all ages and abilities
• Introduce a citywide bike share system
CDOT Goals

• Eliminate pedestrian crash fatalities in ten years
• Reduce pedestrian and bike crash injuries 50% in five years
• Reach 50% of commute trips made by walking, biking, transit, and working from home by 2030 (currently 38%)
• Reduce speeding and speed-related crashes
Complete Streets Design Guidance

Baseline Mode Hierarchy

1. Pedestrian
2. Transit
3. Bicycle
4. Auto
55th Street – Existing Conditions

- 13,500 motorists/day
- 26% of motorists speeding
- Popular bus route
- Poorly marked crosswalks
- No bike accommodations
- No left turn lanes at several intersections
55th Street – Road Diet

- 6’ Bike Lane
- 3’ Buffer + 8’ Parking Lane
- 11’ Travel Lane
- 10’ Turn Lane
- Continental Crosswalks
As business owners on Milwaukee Avenue, we fully support the city’s proposal to install protected bike lanes – overall it will make our street a more comfortable place to hang out, helping us to attract more customers and greater investment into our neighborhood.” – Big Shoulders Café, 694 Wine and Spirits, Windy City Café (Chicago Sun Times, 5/5/13)
“The loss of the parking spaces was concerning, but we said, 'What can we do to make this an idyllic situation for us?' We took lemons and turned them into lemonade.'... "Part of the vision is that it'll be a win-win for everyone. I want to do more of a 'bike-friendly business' thing." - Jon Young, Paramount Room (Paramount Room Offers Bike ‘Pit Stop’ on Milwaukee Avenue (DNA Info, 9/11/13)
Request Bike Parking & Corrals

Visit http://bikeparking.chicagocompletestreets.org
Install Branded Bike Parking & Corrals
Support Divvy Bike Share

SUGGEST A STATION!
Divvy has 300 stations all across the city and will be growing to 475 stations in 2014. We need your help deciding where to put them all.

TELL US WHERE YOU WANT THEM AT SUGGEST.DIVVYBIKES.COM
Work with New Developments
Maintenance Agreements
Support / Request Improvements
Thank You!

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