61st Street Master Plan Visioning Session

S. Prairie Ave to S. Blackstone Ave
Public Meeting
June 19, 2018
Agenda

- Introduction
- Small Group Workshop
- Large Group Report Out
Project Schedule

1. Define Existing Conditions
2. Evaluate Streetscape Opportunities
3. Preferred Streetscape Opportunities
4. Finalize Streetscape Master Plan

- Public Meeting #1 (April 2, 2018)
- Public Meeting #2 (June 19, 2018)
- Public Meeting #3 (September 18, 2018)
- Public Meeting #4 (November 2018)
Streetscape Masterplan Goals

Develop a plan for the public right of way that addresses:

- Infrastructure improvement needs
- The safety and convenience of all users of the transportation system
- The pedestrian experience and sense of place
- Connectivity throughout the corridor
- Transit needs
- Sustainable best practices
- Long term maintenance
Benefits of a Streetscape Masterplan

A streetscape masterplan is a prioritized and phased implementation document that outlines the proposed right of way improvements, including cost estimates, and potential funding sources.

How does the plan get implemented?

- Federal, state, or city funding
- Leveraging public and private utility upgrades
- Leveraging private development
Meeting Goals

• Briefly review the results of the previous meeting

• Develop a list of the main issues and concerns related to the project corridor

• Understand how the community uses the project corridor

• Discuss the possibilities for the project corridor

• Develop an understanding of how the community wishes the project corridor to function
61st Street Streetscape Master Plan
Project Limits
April 2, 2018 Meeting Results
Discussion area: Cottage Grove Ave. to Blackstone Ave.

- **Use infrastructure elements to create a more cohesive and symmetrical street**
  - Widen the sidewalk on the south side of the street.
  - Increase the roadway and pedestrian lighting on 61st street.
  - Improve drainage system along 61st street.
  - Add more greenery to make the south side of 61st street appear more welcoming
- **Develop a community identity**
  - Blend the lines between the north and south sides of 61st street.
  - Thoughtfully build long-lasting Woodlawn community identifiers.
- **Improve pedestrian accessibility**
  - Incorporate bump outs to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety.
  - Increase the number of and visibility of crosswalks.
  - Safety concern that traffic moves too fast down 61st Street.
- **Bicycle Accommodations**
  - Mixed reviews on adding bike lanes.
- **Transit Accommodations**
  - Mixed reviews on expanding/ modifying bus stop and shelter infrastructure (for both CTA busses and University of Chicago shuttles).
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Discussion area: Prairie Ave to Cottage Grove Ave
Streetscape Tools

- New sidewalks & ADA ramps
- Improve drainage: curb and gutter reconstruction, catch basin replacement
- Street resurfacing
- New lighting
- Unique community light pole and sidewalk identifiers
- Landscape Improvements: Trees and tree grates, planters, hanging baskets
- Stamped and textured crosswalks
- Streetscape furniture: benches, trash receptacles, bike racks
- Bump-outs and seating areas on side streets
- Bike lanes
61st St cross section and plan view
Pedestrian and Bicycle Accessibility
Street Furniture
Lighting

Roadway Lighting

Pedestrian/Sidewalk Lighting
Aesthetics/ Landscaping
Community Identity/ Placemaking
COMMUNITY CONTEXT WORKSHOP

COLLABORATE IN SMALL GROUP

• What are some positive attributes of 61st Street?
• What would you like improved on 61st Street?
• What amenities would you like to see on 61st Street?

• No limit to the number of issues and concerns
• Keep an open mind, there are no wrong answers

30 minutes
COMMUNITY CONTEXT WORKSHOP

LARGE GROUP REPORT-OUT

Representative of each small group will read aloud the most prominent issues and concerns

• What is the issue? (Topic)
• Why is the issue considered among the most pressing needs? (Briefly explain topic)
• Where is the issue observed? (Specific location or corridor-wide?)

30 minutes
Q&A – How can I stay involved?

• **Sign-In Sheet** – *Please provide your email address for notifications regarding future meetings.*

• **Comment Form** – *Forms may be dropped in the box today or returned via email by July 3, 2018.*

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