Lawrence Avenue Streetscape

Section 2: Chicago River to Western Avenue

Community Meeting
February 13, 2019
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Streetscape Section 2:
Chicago River to Western Avenue

DESIGN UNDERWAY

Streetscape Section 1:
Western Avenue to Clark Street

COMPLETED 2015

Project Limit Map: Chicago River to West of Ravenswood Ave.
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Existing Conditions
- Various land uses, mixed, commercial, residential
- Narrow sidewalks
- Non-compliant ADA ramps
- Faded pavement markings
- Poor drainage
- Crumbling asphalt
- Poor lighting with overhead cable
- Void of Trees and Landscape
- Void of cohesive livable design
- Trolley Tracks
- Utility conflicts

Project Goals
- Improve safety for all users
- Upgrade aging infrastructure
- Create a livable street and increase walkability
- Support economic development
Proposed Improvements

- Wider Sidewalks
- New curb and gutter
- New pavement markings
- New ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Improve drainage
- New trees
- New traffic signs
- Parkway pavers
- Community Identifiers, light pole and gateway
- Street and Pedestrian lighting
- Restripe designated bike lane
- Bump outs to create shorter pedestrian crossing distances
- Decrease lane widths to reduce speed
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Existing Cross Section West of Western Ave.
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Preliminary Proposed Cross Section
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Western to Clark:
Double Acorn
70' Spacing Typical
2 Gateways – Same Side of Intersection

River to Western:
Double Acorn
85' Spacing Typical
Gateways – Kiddy Corner

Pedestrian Pole
Chicago Gateway Pole

• Improved Lighting (LED)
• Improved Aesthetic

Streetscape Improvements: Lighting
Street Trees with Paver Parkway

- New Street Trees
- Pavers Pattern/Color Match East of Western Avenue?

Streetscape Improvements: Wider Sidewalks
Crosswalks, Bump-outs, and In-ground planters

**Bump-outs (with planter or pavers)**
- ADA Compliant crossings/ramps
- Stamped red brick decorative crosswalks
- Shorter pedestrian crossing distances

**Streetscape Improvements: Pedestrian Improvements**
- Larger buffer zone for pedestrians
- Analysis of each intersection may show constraints created by bus stops, turning lanes, driveway locations, etc.
- Maintenance
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Site Furniture

- Benches
- Bike racks
- Trash receptacles

Streetscape Improvements: Site Furniture
• One Gateway: potential locations – northwest or northeast corner Francisco Ave, northwest corner California
• Approx twenty Light Pole Identifiers: on Gateway light poles (one each side of non-signalized intersections)
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- Design Start – January 2019
- Construction Start – Spring/Summer 2020

Construction Information:
- Throughout construction, Lawrence Avenue will remain open to motorists and pedestrians and access to businesses and residences will be maintained
- Sidewalk construction one side, one half at a time
- In order to keep the street open to traffic, parking will not be allowed in the area of active construction
- Periodic parking restrictions on some side streets
- The CTA routes will not be affected
- Flyer distributed beginning of construction
- Weekly construction meetings open to the public

Project Schedule