

# Chicago Mobility Collaborative

December 8, 2022

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

## Number of Attendees: 60

**CDOT Staff Attendees:** Romina Castillo (Director of Outreach & Engagement), Jamie Simone (Deputy Commissioner), Dave Smith (Complete Streets Manager), Amanda Woodall (Program Director), Erica Schroeder (Director of Public Information), Jerry Mandujano (Special Assistant, Intergovernmental Affairs)

**CMC Leadership Group Attendees:** Grace Chan, Jeremy Cuevas, Rochelle Jackson, Garth Katner, Ismael Cuevas, and Peter Taylor

**CDOT Consultant Attendees:** Aaron Gatdula, Shameka Turner, Emme Williams, Caro Carrillo, Edwin Serna, Ambrasia Warner, Chris Zombory, and Riley O'Neil

## Summary of Meeting:

Held at the Garfield Park Gold Dome Field House, this was the first in-person meeting of the Mobility Collaborative since general public meetings were re-introduced at CDOT. The meeting opened with a welcome from Leadership Group member Jeremy Cuevas of the Northwest Center, where he introduced the goals of the evening as well as the ground rules for participation. Romina Castillo was the second speaker of the evening where she reiterated the overall goals of the CMC and introduced the new meeting format for the group moving forward. Next, Deputy Commissioner Jamie Simone unveiled the 1-year update to [CDOT's Strategic Plan which was released in 2021](#). Jason Ferguson (Garfield Park Community Coordinating Council), a Garfield Park resident and coach, then welcomed participants to the park and shared the mobility work and infrastructure being implemented in the neighborhood.

After these welcoming remarks and brief presentations, Romina Castillo introduced the meeting's Community Tables, which were hosted and facilitated by CDOT staff and Leadership Group Members and focused on a specific mobility topic. ([Click here to suggest a topic for a future CMC meeting.](#)) After about 55 minutes of conversation, participants were directed back to the main session where one person at each table shared their group's key takeaways. Romina closed the meeting urging participants to fill out the post-meeting survey and thanking everyone for their time.

## Community Tables Summaries:

**Community Table 1 – Walkability Assessments – Grace Chan** Grace Chan from Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community

This table introduced the CLOCC walkability tools and discussed best practices and examples of walkability assessments in Chinatown and Garfield Park. For more information on the CLOCC Walkability Assessment, contact Ruth Rosas [rrosas@luriechildrens.org](mailto:rrosas@luriechildrens.org).

Next steps/Outcomes:

- Participants interested in learning more about the CLOCC tool will reach out to Ruth Rosas.
- This Community Table will evolve into a session to educate the public about infrastructure improvements and safety strategies across the city in future meetings.

**Community Table 2 – Slow Down Chicago – Jamie Simone and Erica Schroeder from CDOT**

This table discussed the benefits, effectiveness, and challenges of a Slow Down Chicago educational campaign encouraging safer, slower driving.

Next Steps/Outcomes:

- CDOT will develop metrics to track the campaign's effectiveness.
- CDOT will improve the way the Department educates and informs Aldermen and the public about traffic calming infrastructure by leveraging existing channels of communication such as social media and CDOT's website.
  - You can find informational infrastructure posters [here](#).

**Community Table 3 – CMC 2023 – Romina Castillo from CDOT, Ismael Cuevas, and Garth Katner from the CMC Leadership Group**

This table discussed ideas for community tables, ideas for site visits, suggestions for CDOT presentations, as well as the cons and pros of having meetings in-person, online, or hybrid.

Next steps/Outcomes:

- People will be able to join future CMC meetings virtually moving forward.
- Meetings or site visits with more focused topics will be scheduled in between CMC quarterly meetings for more strategic actions, engagement, and partnerships.
- CDOT will improve communications about the meeting and provide agendas in advance, as well as clear follow-ups and outcomes from meetings.
- CDOT will improve its Aldermanic outreach for CMC meetings to bridge communication between constituents and Wards

**Community Table 4 – Mobility Equity Advocacy - Jeremy Cuevas from the Northwest Center**

This table focused on conversations at the intersection of mobility and other community priorities that impact the quality of life. In addition, participants discussed the importance of establishing key partnerships to effectively elevate the voices and needs of community members.

Next step/Outcomes:

- Community Table participants would like to network together and continue the conversation about power-shifting.

- The Northwest Center will share information about upcoming events and bike rides with people who provided their contact information.
- This Community Table would like to reconvene in future CMC meetings.