

INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR MODERNIZATION

Little Village



3RD WORKING GROUP MEETING SUMMARY

October 12, 2018

DPD

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



CDOT
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MEETING

On October 12, 2018, the City’s Department of Planning and Development (DPD) co-hosted the third Little Village Industrial Corridor Modernization (LVICM) Working Group meeting with the Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Department of Transportation (CDOT). Working group members listened to a presentation of revised draft strategies, potential revisions to the industrial corridor boundary and next steps for community engagement. Following the presentation, working group members formed small groups of 4-5 people to discuss and refine ideas of revising the industrial corridor boundary.

None of the strategies proposed by the City received negative feedback. However, several additional ideas were shared during the meeting. Below is an overview of discussion highlights from the small group activity:

Proposed Strategies

(ideas added/refined by the working group in **blue**)

LAND USE: Maintain the Little Village Industrial Corridor as an employment center

- Incorporate sustainability best practices **and innovative solutions** in new development to encourage a modern employment center
- Promote partnerships to provide job readiness, **pathways, and training**

TRANSPORTATION: Provide better access for all modes within and around the Little Village Industrial Corridor

- Improve pedestrian **and bicycle** safety along

west 31st Street between South Kedzie Avenue and South Pulaski Avenue

SUSTAINABILITY:

Incorporate best practices for new development within the Little Village Industrial Corridor to improve economic, environmental and social conditions

- Support improvement and remediation of the collateral channel to enhance the local environment for people and nature

There was a concern that remediation should adequately address environmental concerns.

- Encourage owners of large, flat roofed industrial buildings to use their roofs for solar, greenhouses and other useful purposes.

There was a recommendation to use local sources of funds to leverage state and federal funds for implementation of solar.

- Support CDPH in the development and implementation of enhanced regulations for industrial users such as bulk storage, rock crushing and metal recyclers.

Members of the group wanted to provide input on these.

Small groups also discussed the potential for revising boundaries to the industrial corridor with the intent of removing non-compatible uses within the corridor. The below is a summary of highlights from these discussion:

- There is a concern that removing parcels from the industrial corridor will remove community input from the development process
- Stakeholders expressed reservations that removing parcels from the industrial corridor could lead to excessive market-rate residential development, making the neighborhood unaffordable
- There was a recommendation to consider overlay districts for the corridor

The next step in the process will be for the City to bring draft industrial corridor boundary revisions as well as an analysis of parcels that would require planned developments even if removed from the industrial corridor. The working group will meet once more in December before public meetings in January. Details about public meeting dates, times and locations will be posted on the project website, [here](#).

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