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**CITY OF CHICAGO TO MOVE FORWARD
WITH CONSTRUCTION OF RIVERVIEW BRIDGE**

City Council approves land lease with MWRD to allow for increased access to the North Branch of the Chicago River

City Council today passed Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Department of Transportation's (CDOT) ordinance allowing CDOT to lease four parcels of land along the North Branch of the Chicago River from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to allow for construction of the Riverview Bridge.

"Investments in our riverfront strengthen and connect neighborhoods, improving the quality of life for all Chicagoans," Mayor Emanuel said. "Projects like the Riverview Bridge continue the transformation of the Chicago River into the next great recreational frontier. "

The Riverview Bridge is one of three projects underway to expand access along the North Branch of the Chicago River. It will be built along the east edge of the river under Addison, starting at Clark Park, and crossing the river on a pedestrian bicycle bridge north of Addison, where it will connect to the existing trail on the west side of the river at California Park.

The Riverview Bridge will be advertised for construction bids this fall and site prep and construction would start this winter. The bridge is expected to be complete by the summer of 2018.

The project is a component of Our Great Rivers, a unifying and forward looking vision and action agendas for Chicago's three rivers that was announced by Mayor Emanuel and the Metropolitan Planning Council in August. It also demonstrates the Mayor's commitment to his Building on Burnham plan to make the river the City's next great recreational destination.

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