

**INVEST SOUTH/WEST**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE**  
***MESA REDONDA***

**NEW CITY / BACK OF THE YARDS**

AUGUST 18, 2022



# Agenda

Welcome

Back of the Yards Library Listening  
Session Report & 9/27 Visioning Workshop

Back of the Yards Library Stakeholder  
Advisory Group

CDOT 47<sup>th</sup>/Ashland Streetscape Project  
Update

Other items

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# Ground Rules for This Meeting / *Reglas*

- ✓ Please stay muted while others are speaking  
*Por favor, mantenga silencio cuando otras están hablando*
- ✓ Please raise your hand to speak  
*Levanta la mano para hablar*
- ✓ Feel free to use the chat and Q&A features  
*Puede usar las funciones de “chat” y “Q&A” (Preguntas y Respuestas)*
- ✓ This meeting is being recorded and will be posted online in two weeks  
*Estamos grabando esta reunión y postará en el sitio del web entre dos semanas*

# Library Listening Session



**Listening Session held 7/26/22 at Davis Square Park**

**More than 70 attendees**

**Discussion covered the following themes:  
Location and programming, key elements,  
Concept development considerations**

# What we heard

## Location and programming

**Residents emphasized importance of an accessible, centrally located new library**

**Versatile, large multi-purpose space for community use**

**Multi-generational, culturally relevant programming by bilingual library staff; book collections in Spanish**



# What we heard

## Location and programming

**Some voiced a preference for a standalone library; others interested in a mixed-use facility with own entry and building**

**Separate computer lab space and more computers; STEM program options and homework help for youth**

**Safe location near other community organizations**



# What we heard

## Key elements of the new library

**Showcase cultural and neighborhood history in new library design**

**Modern library design with flexible layout comparable to other newer libraries in the city**

**Creation of spaces that facilitate social interaction, such as green space**



# What we heard

## Considerations for concept development

**City will maintain open communication with community throughout programming and design phase of library concept development**

**Specific interest in community engagement on library design**

**Multiple flexible, dividable spaces for community use**





# BACK OF THE YARDS LIBRARY VISIONING WORKSHOP

TALLER DE VISIÓN SOBRE LA BIBLIOTECA DE BACK OF THE YARDS

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

**Martes el 27 de septiembre de 2022**

**6-7:30 p.m.**

**Back of the Yards College Prep High School**

**Cafeteria**

**2111 W. 47th Street**

Please join neighbors, friends, and representatives from the Chicago Public Library and Department of Planning and Development, to vision for a new library in Back of the Yards. **Por favor, únase a los vecinos, amigos y representantes de la Biblioteca Pública de Chicago y el Departamento de Planificación y Desarrollo para tener una visión de una nueva biblioteca en Back of the Yards.**



For more information, please contact // Para obtener más información, comíquese con Sonya Eldridge,  
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# Back of the Yards Library Stakeholder Advisory Group

## Back of the Yards Library Stakeholder Advisory Group Application

1. What is your first and last name? \*

Enter your answer

2. What is your email address and phone number? \*

Enter your answer

3. What is your relationship to Back of the Yards? \*

- I live in Back of the Yards.
- I work in Back of the Yards.
- I am the parent of a student attending a Back of the Yards school.
- I am a student attending a Back of the Yards school.
- Other

**Application will be open for 2 weeks  
from 8/19-9/2**

**Advisory group will be a mix of  
community and city representatives**

**Advisory group members will be  
announced once selected**

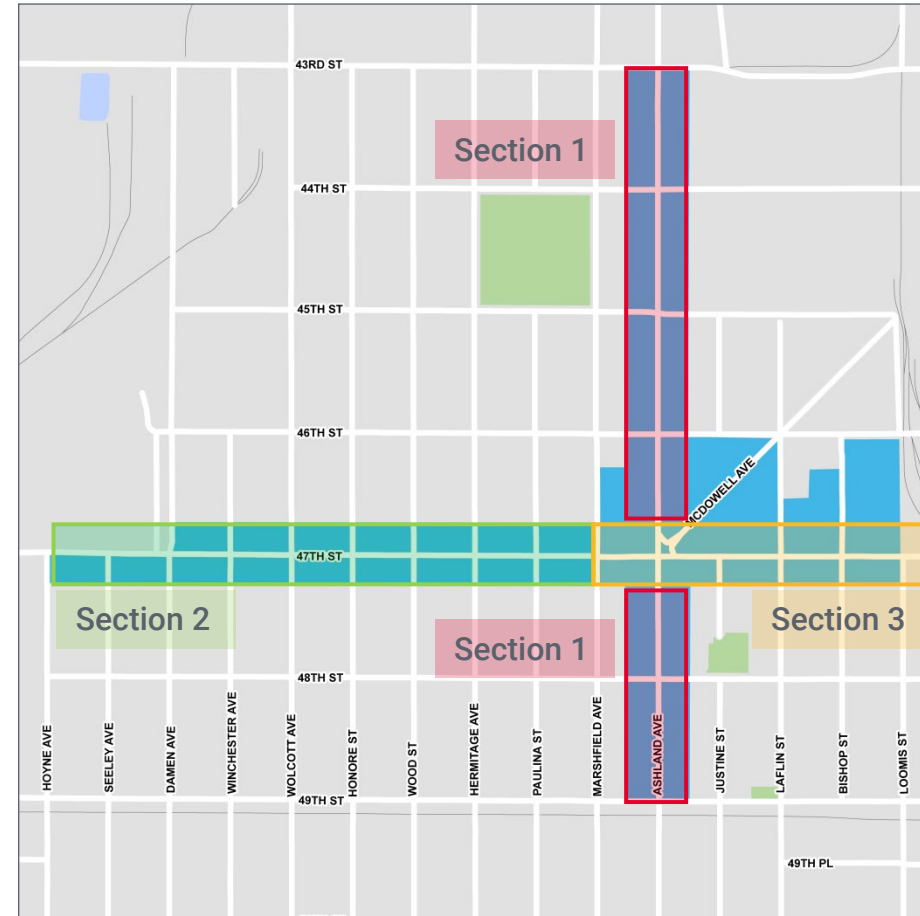
# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## ISW New City/Back of the Yards

47<sup>th</sup> St, Loomis to Hoyne and Ashland, 43rd Street to 49th Street

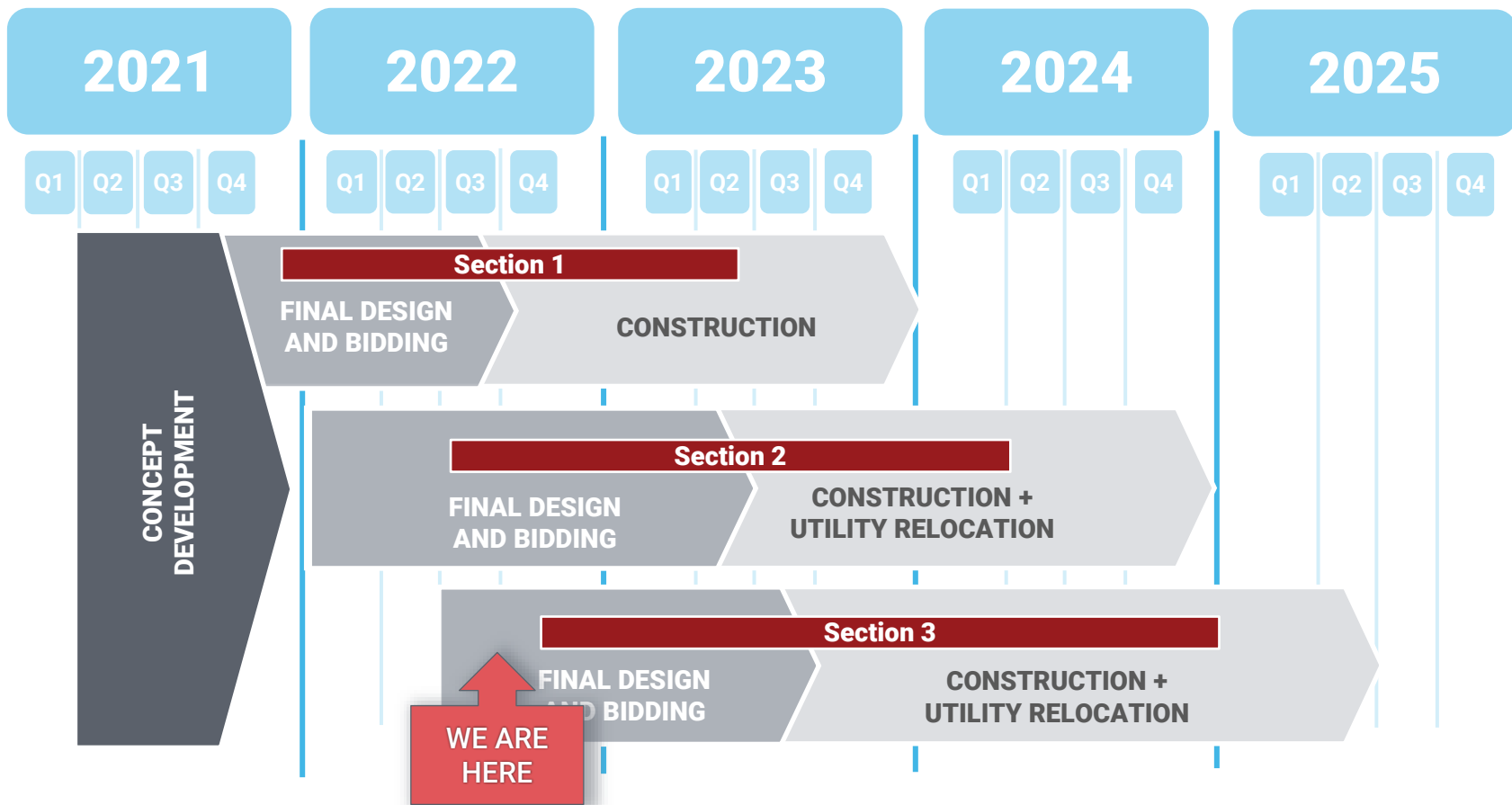
### Proposed Improvements

- Roadway geometry and intersection improvements
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- New sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Pavement markings and signage
- Paver parkways
- Side street improvements to the alleys as needed
- Site furniture and seating areas
- Light pole identifiers
- Gateway identifiers
- Tree planting and landscaping
- Plaza space on the northeast corner of 47th & Ashland and McDowell and other potential open space improvements.



## PROJECT SCOPE AND LIMITS

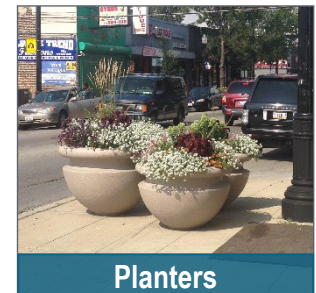






## Design Toolbox

- Setbacks from Public Right-of-Way
- Street Section Adjustments
- Pedestrian Safety Features
- Landscaping & Buffering
- Public Open Spaces
- Placemaking & Branding
- Furnishings
- Paving Improvements
- Curb Appeal



## Back of the Yards Community Branding + Marketing, (October 11, 2012)

- provided by Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council



### COOL COLOR PALETTE SELECTED

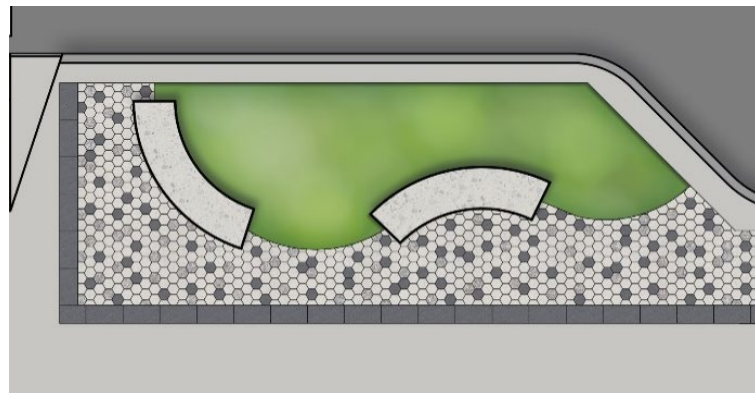




NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTIFIERS



LIGHT POLE IDENTIFIERS



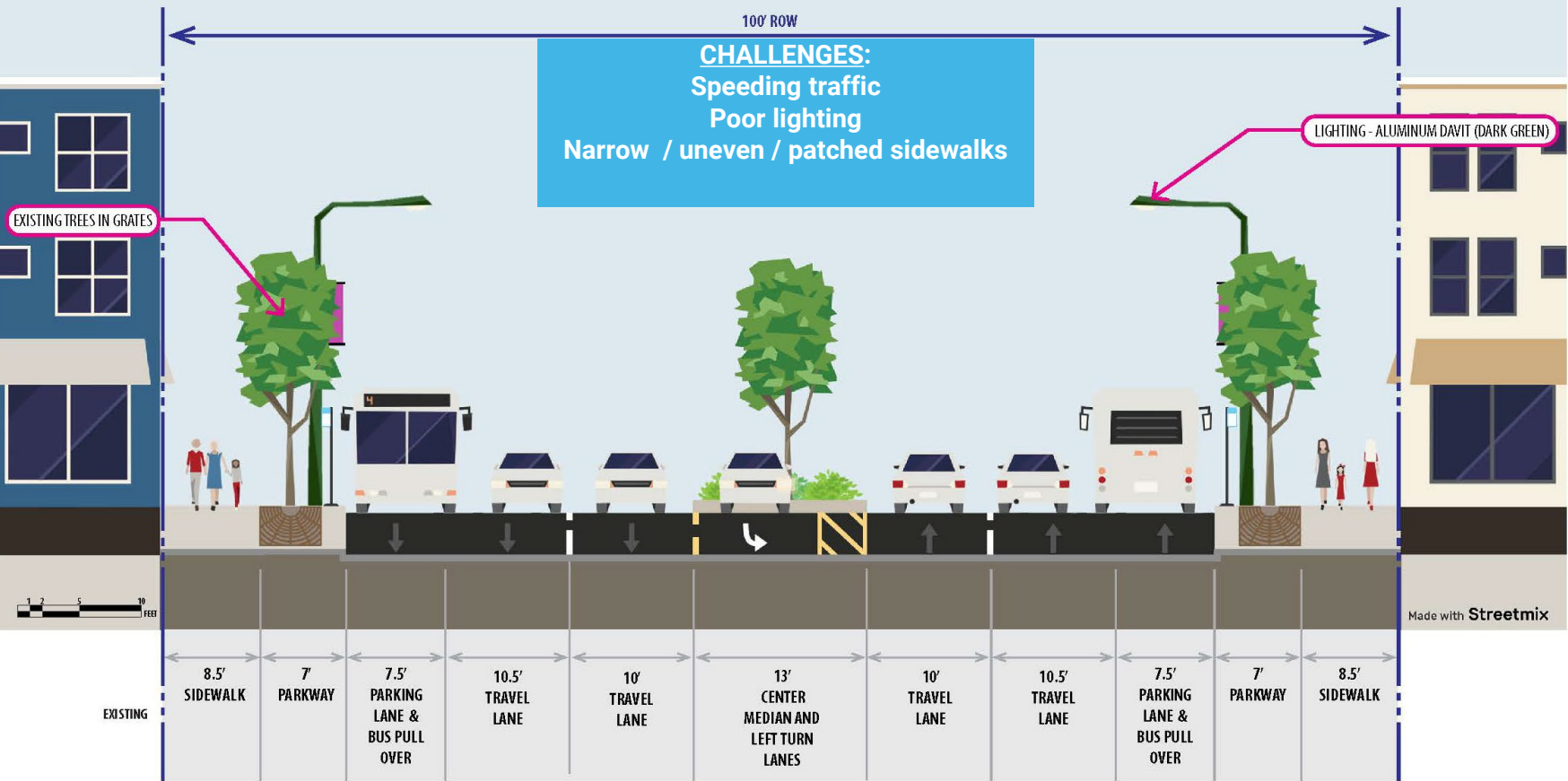
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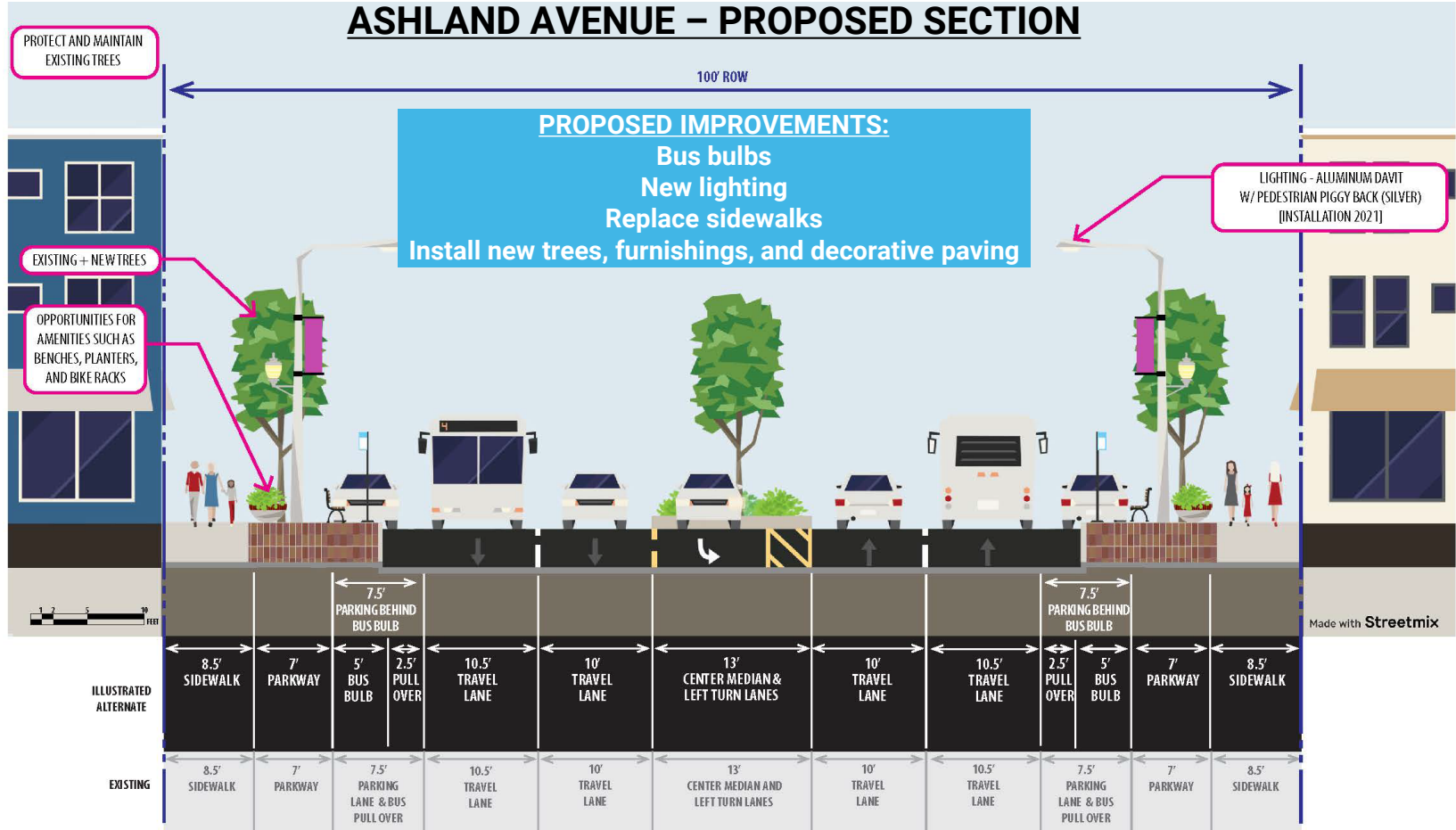


## EXISTING CONDITIONS



# ASHLAND AVENUE

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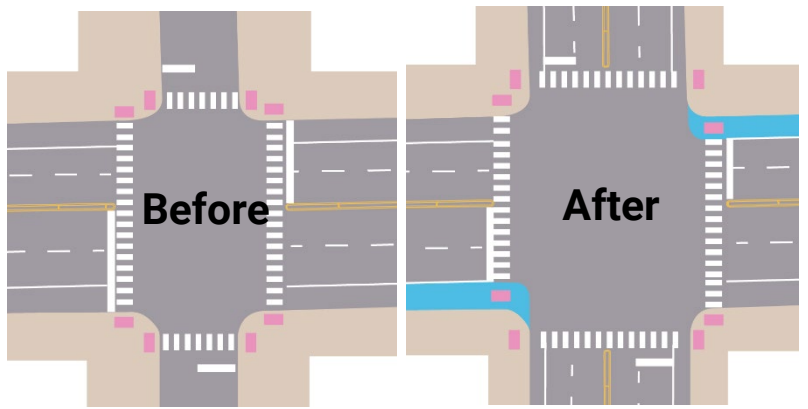
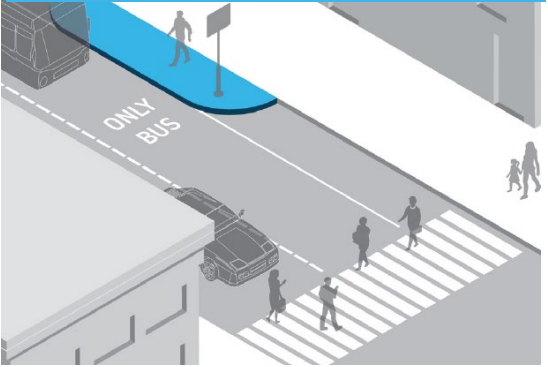


## IMPROVEMENTS



# ASHLAND AVENUE

## SAMPLE BUS BULB LAYOUT



## PROPOSED BUS BULB LOCATIONS



## PROPOSED BUS BULBS

















## ASHLAND & 48<sup>TH</sup>



# DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES (DPS) PROCESS

- DPS is the centralized contracting, certification, and compliance authority of the City.
- Publicly advertised competitive bid process - all businesses can submit a bid!
- City encourages local business to bid on contracts.
- Businesses can bid directly on a contract or indirectly as a subcontractor.
  - Bidding opportunities can be found at [www.chicago.gov/bids](http://www.chicago.gov/bids)
  - Prime contractors who have won contract bids select subcontractors for specific tasks (not the City)
  - Opportunity for small businesses to participate on a larger project – connect with Assist Agencies / Network with prime contractors.
- For information on upcoming workshops, access the DPS Resources Guide, and sign up for DPS alerts for weekly listings of advertised contracting opportunities go the DPS website and sign up at [www.Chicago.gov/dpsalert](http://www.Chicago.gov/dpsalert).

 <p><b>Get Started</b> Doing Business with the City</p>	 <p><b>Bid Opportunities</b> View Current Bid Opportunities</p>	 <p><b>Awarded Contracts</b> Contract Award &amp; Vendor Database</p>	 <p><b>Chicago Certified Firms Directory</b> MBE / WBE / BEPD VBE / DBE / ACDBE</p>
 <p><b>DPS Alerts</b> Email Newsletter Updates</p>	 <p><b>Buying Plan</b> Forecast of goods and services the City &amp; 13 government agencies expect to procure</p>	 <p><b>SBI MBI Target Market Opportunities</b> Opportunities Published in the Buying Plan</p>	 <p><b>DPS Training</b> DPS Workshops and Training Videos</p>
 <p><b>Business Diversity Program Reporting</b> Creating a Level Playing Field in Chicago</p>	 <p><b>Salvage Operations</b> Bid Now on Online Salvage Auctions</p>	 <p><b>eProcurement</b> Learn about eProcurement</p>	 <p><b>Procurement Improvements</b> Transparency, Public Trust, Law</p>

Questions? [Dps.feedback@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Dps.feedback@cityofchicago.org)

- The Small Business Initiative (SBI) is designed to increase the opportunities that small businesses have to do business with the City of Chicago.
- The Small Business Initiative institutes a program for small local businesses to be exclusive bidders on certain construction projects.
- This construction project will fall under the SBI program.
- For eligibility requirements please visit the City's SBI Construction Program website.
- Project will require 7.5 % local hiring.



# Q+A

We appreciate **YOU** taking the time to join us!

**VISIT THE WEBSITE:**

<https://chicagocompletestreets.org/portfolio/invest-south-west-back-of-the-yards-47th-street/>



# Announcements

**New Roundtable date?**

**Other items?**

**Thank you for joining us!**