



North Lake Shore Drive Phase I Study

**Montrose-Wilson-Lawrence
Community Meeting #1**

October 17, 2018

Welcome

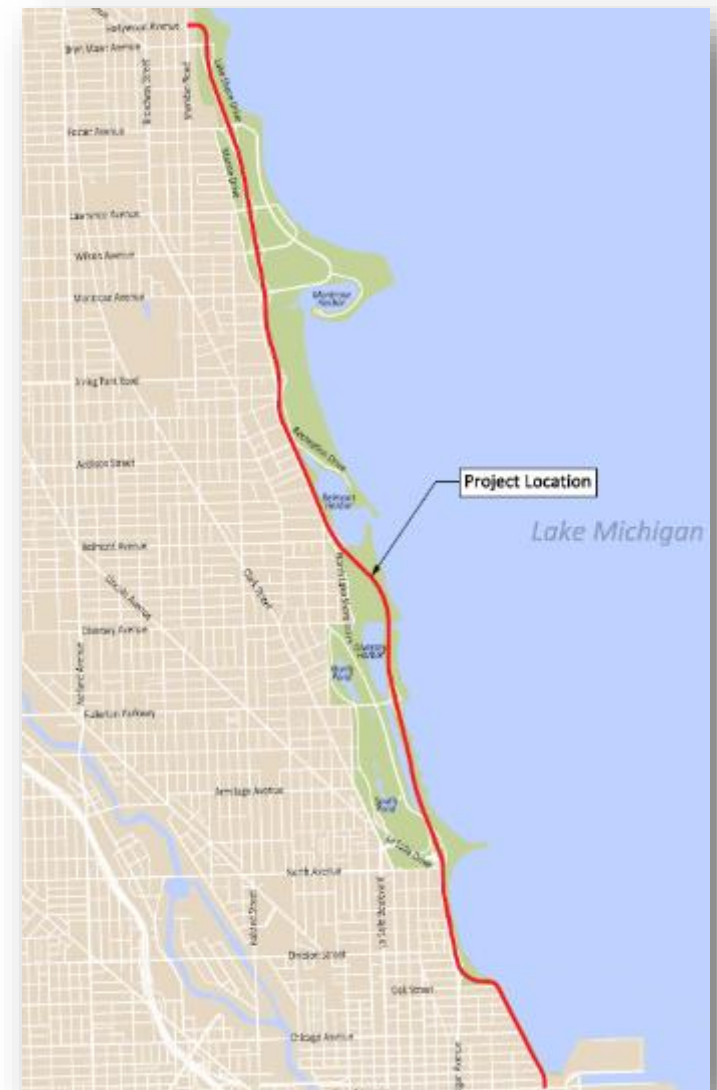


Meeting Agenda

- Project Background and Status
- Overview of Montrose-Wilson-Lawrence Corridor
- Corridor Workshop
- Next Steps

Project Description

- Study area
 - Grand Avenue to Hollywood Avenue
 - 11 neighborhoods, 6 wards
 - 24 bridges and tunnels
 - 12 cross-road junctions
- Over 80 years old and in need of reconstruction



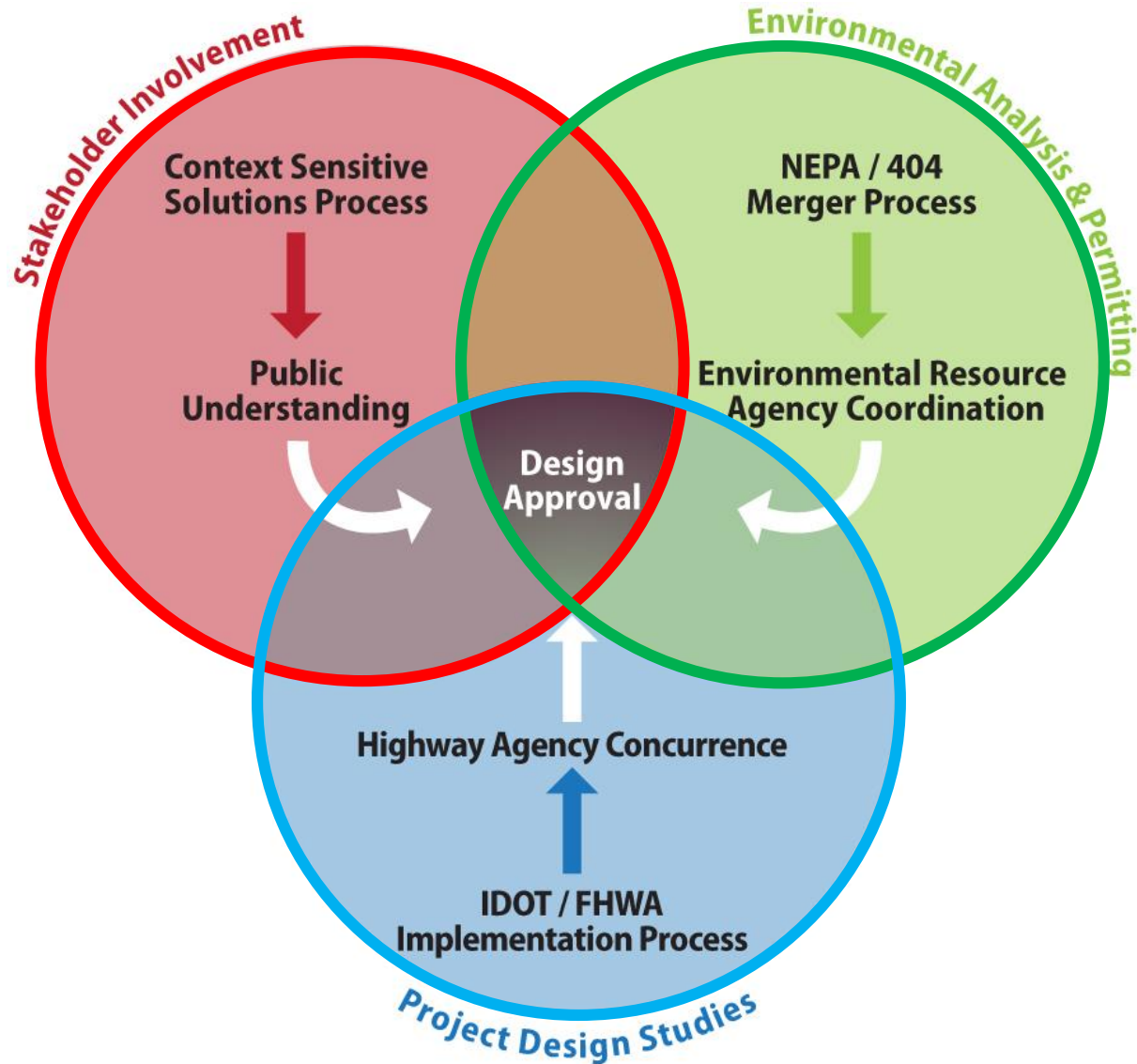


NLSD Phase I Study Primer

The NLSD Phase I study follows the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- National framework for planning Federal projects
- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – most rigorous evaluation for a transportation project
- EIS has three main steps for design:
 - Transportation needs
 - Alternatives evaluation
 - Preferred Alternative
- Stakeholder involvement is one component of the EIS

Components of a Phase I Study



Stakeholder Involvement

- Stakeholder Meetings : **50+ meetings***
- Task Forces : **9 meetings***
- Public Meetings : **3 meetings***
- Website www.northlakeshoredrive.org
- Comment Forms
- Surveys

**meetings to date*

Public Meeting #3

DePaul University, July 2017
262 Attendees

Topics

- Study Background/Phase I Process
- Initial Range of Alternatives
- Level 1 Screening
- Context Tailored Treatments Alternatives

280 Comments received
2,439 Surveys received



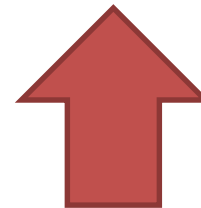
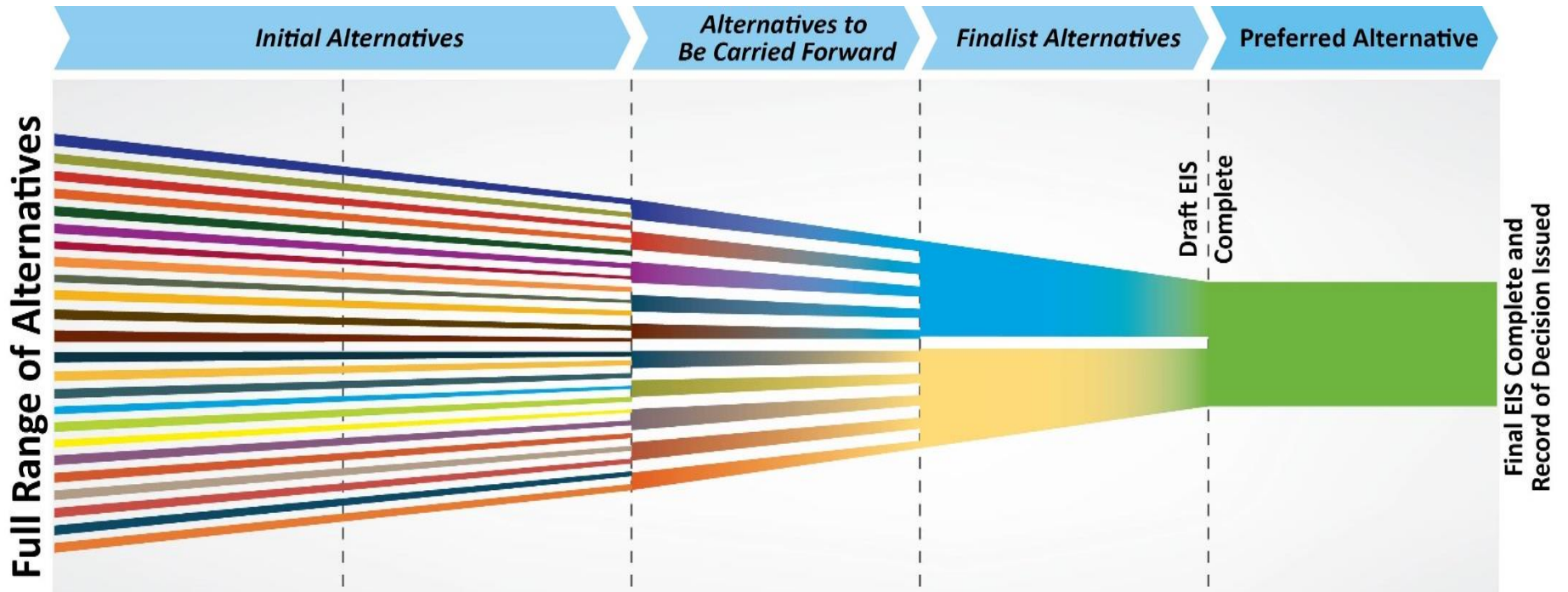


Public Meeting #3

What we heard:

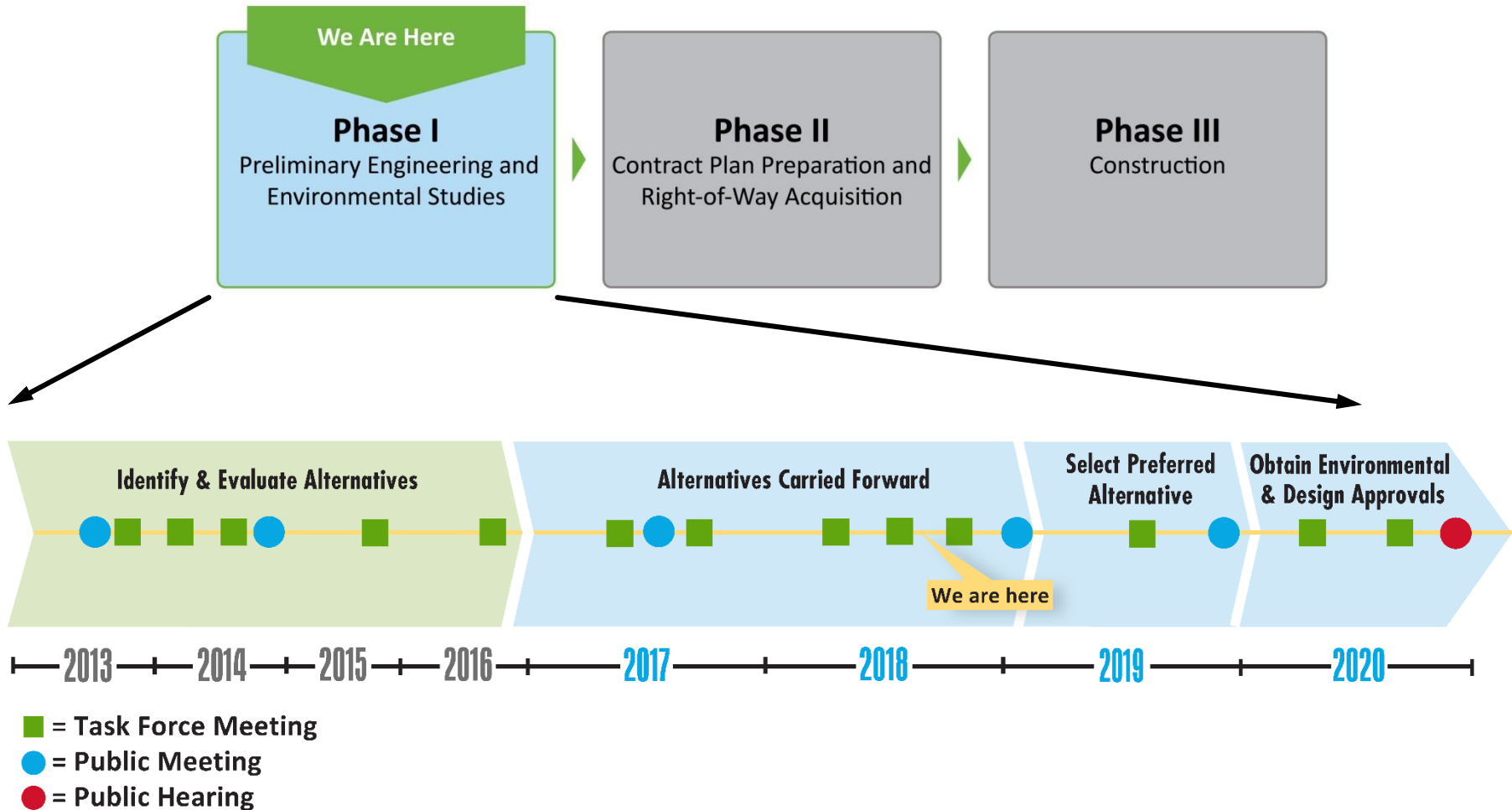
- Encouragement for improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Support for transit benefits and improvements
- Concern regarding impacts to the aesthetics of NLSD and historic Lincoln Park
- Interest in effects of shoreline protections
- Recognition of problems with vehicular congestion and user safety

Alternatives Development & Evaluation



We are here

Study Progress to Date





Overview of the Montrose-Wilson-Lawrence Corridor



Montrose-Wilson-Lawrence Corridor

Some Key Features:

- Montrose Harbor
- Cricket Hill
- Recreational Facilities
- Lakefront Trail
- Weiss Memorial Hospital
- Clarendon Park Community Center
- Leland Avenue Greenway
- Schools
 - Uplift Community High School
 - Joseph Brennemann School



Pedestrian and Bike Demand



Transit Movements

8 bus routes operate on or near NLSD between Montrose and Lawrence:

- 147 on Outer Drive
- 136 & 146 on Marine Drive
- Others on Clarendon and the major streets running E-W



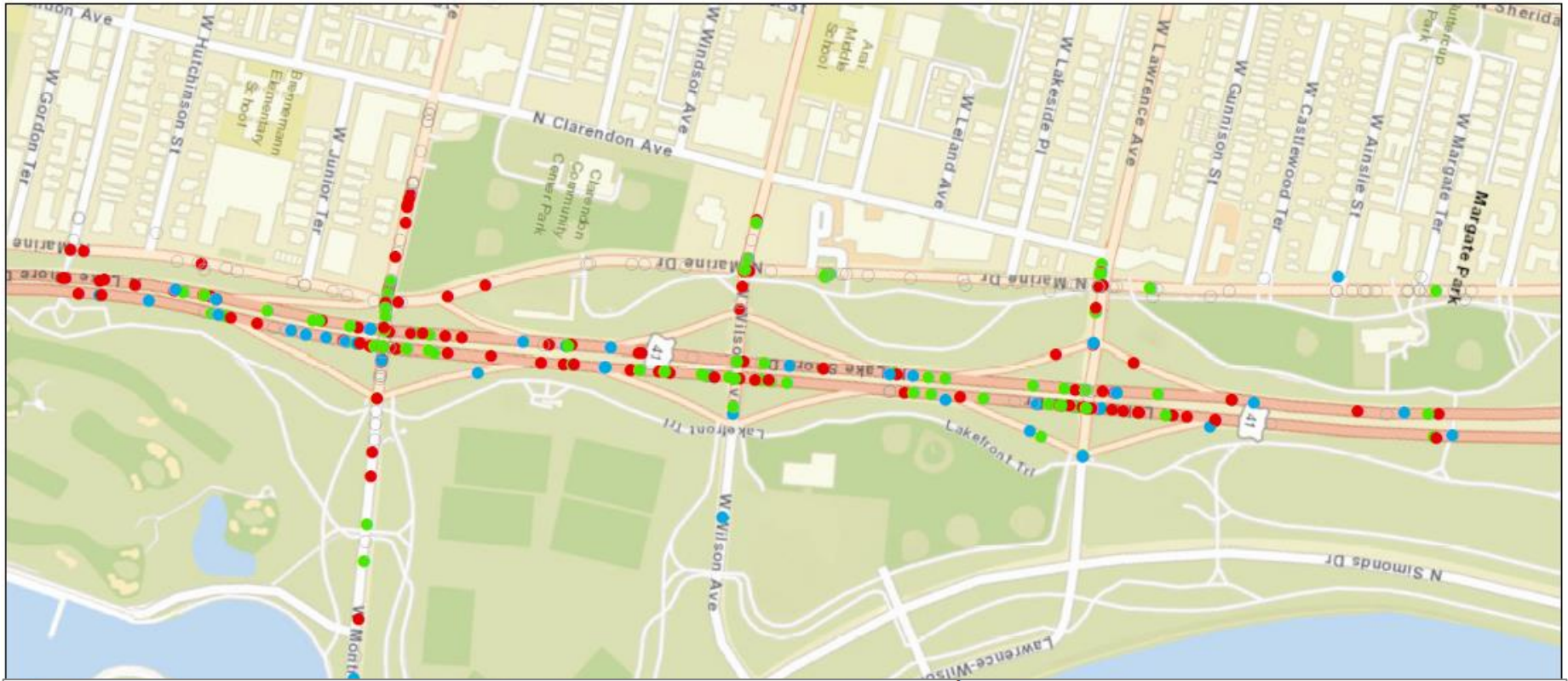
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Motor Vehicle Crashes (2012 to 2016)



Type	Total	Injury	Fatal
Rear End	123	25	2
Sideswipe Same Direction	84	8	0
Fixed Object	44	21	1
Other	181	15	0

- Rear End
- Sideswipe Same Direction
- Fixed Object
- Other Types of Automobile Crashes



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Pedestrian and Bike Crashes (2012 to 2016)

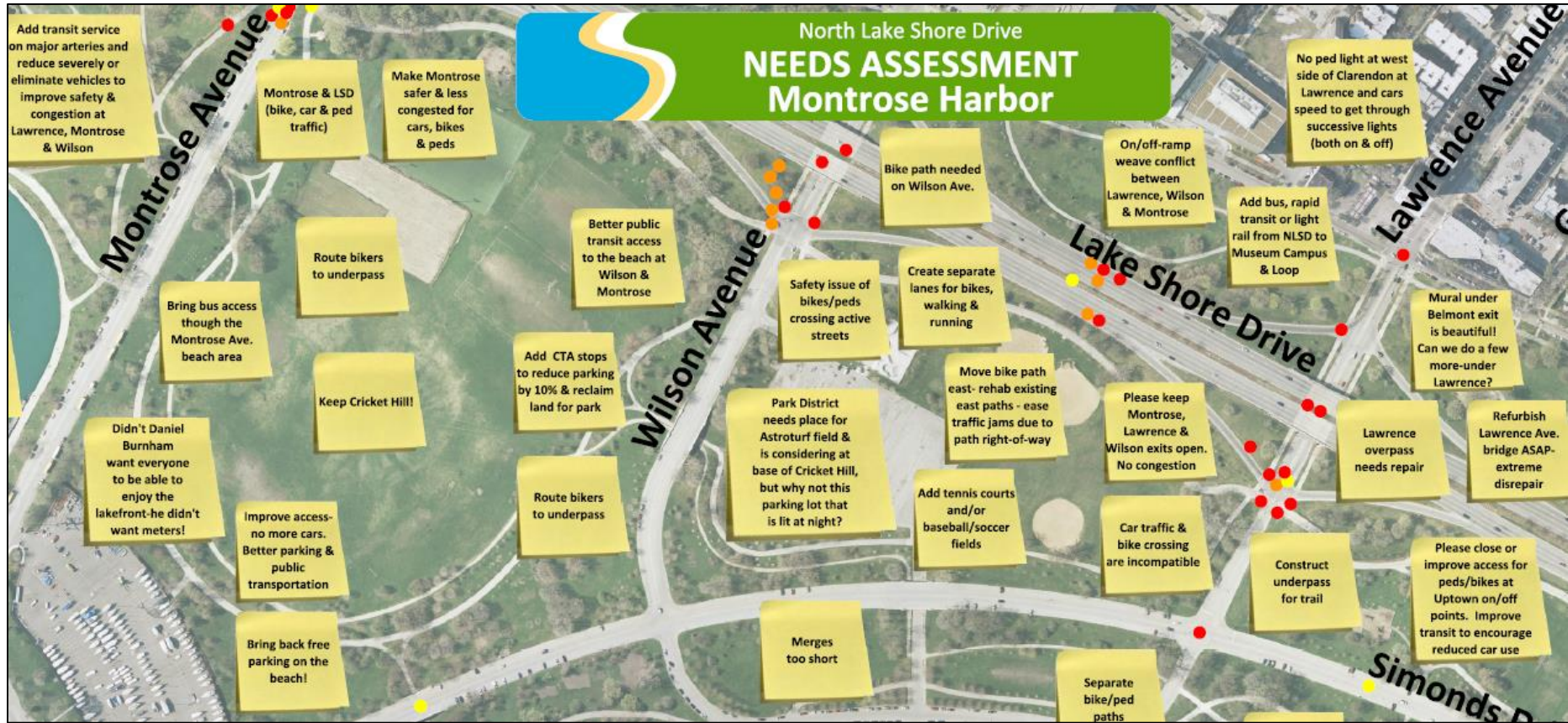


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Type	Total	Injury	Fatal
Pedalcyclist	51	51	0
Pedestrian	10	8	1

- Pedalcyclist
- Pedestrian

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What we heard at Public Meetings, Task Forces & submitted comments regarding Montrose-Wilson-Lawrence corridor:

- Need for safer crossings where Lakefront Trail intersects NLSD
- Identification of the area between Lawrence and Montrose as a congestion hotspot for vehicles and transit
- Interest in changes to vehicular access to NLSD (Wilson Avenue)
- Need for improved east-west pedestrian and bike crossings
- Support for green space and improved park access
- Need for improved transit access east of Marine Drive



Tonight and Next Steps

Objective: Identify and address community needs and those recognized by project team analysis

Host three meetings over the next six months:

- Community Meeting #1 (Tonight)
 - Receive community input on transportation needs and issues
- Community Meeting #2
 - Discuss potential alternatives
- Community Meeting #3
 - Review alternatives evaluation

These meetings will run parallel with the larger public meetings for the project.



Needs Assessment Workshop

Identify problem areas and areas of concern.

Place markers on aerial exhibit:

- **Critical Safety Issues**
 - Pedestrian, Bicycle, or Traffic Safety Hotspot
- **Congestion Hotspots**
 - Pedestrian, Bicycle, or Traffic Bottleneck
- **Need for Improved Park Access**
- **Transit Needs**
 - Improve Service, Facilities, Capacity, or Reduce Delays

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