



NORTH LAKE SHORE DRIVE PHASE I STUDY

WINTER 2019 UPDATE

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

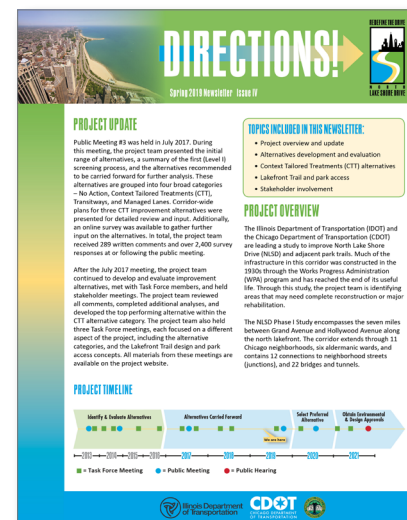
Earlier this year, the North Lake Shore Drive Phase I Study project team released the [Spring 2019 Newsletter](#). Since the newsletter's release, the project team has been busy meeting with community members, refining current [Context Tailored Treatment \(CTT\)](#) designs, preparing for 2020 Task Force and Public Meetings, and advancing the Northern Terminus Traffic Study (NTTS).

Specifically, the project team has supported seven community meetings and team members have attended events or shared project information in public locations, as described below.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

In coordination with local aldermen, the project team held community meetings focused on the proposed Context Tailored Treatment Alternative designs within specific sections of the corridor. These smaller, more focused meetings offered another opportunity for community members to provide their feedback directly to the project team and allowed the project team to address unique local issues. Additionally, input from community meetings at this time is beneficial as the project team progresses the alternatives to be carried forward in 2020, which will incorporate the design refinements made through these meetings.

Meeting summaries and materials can be found on the [project website](#).



Montrose-Wilson-Lawrence Avenue Corridor Community Meetings

In a series of three meetings between October 2018 and October 2019, the project team received input on current issues in the area between Montrose and Lawrence Avenue, presented an initial range of alternatives specific to this area, reviewed evaluation criteria, received feedback on the finalist alternatives and discussed the top performing alternative. The design refinements to the CTT Alternative will be incorporated into future Task Force and Public Meeting materials.

Diversey Parkway to Irving Park Road Corridor Community Meetings

The project team held two community meetings in August 2019 focusing on the Diversey Parkway to Irving Park Road corridor. The project team presented two alternatives for a segment of the corridor, received feedback on these alternatives and obtained general input regarding the current CTT Alternative design for this area. The refinements to the CTT Alternative design will be incorporated into future Task Force and Public Meeting materials.



Northern Terminus Traffic Study (NTTS) Community Meetings

The northern terminus of North Lake Shore Drive is a unique junction between a high speed, high capacity boulevard and the neighborhood street network. The [NTTS](#) was begun to specifically address the transportation issues affecting the Edgewater community and the 48th Ward surrounding the northern terminus.

Following the NTTS initiation and community meetings in 2017, the project team held two community meetings in October and November 2019 to review the alternatives development and evaluation process, as well as the finalist alternatives. A Saturday morning walkshop prior to the November meeting provided participants with a hands-on opportunity to review the current issues in this area along with potential improvements. The next NTTS community meeting is planned for 2020.

The project team has held numerous stakeholder meetings with residential groups, institutions and organizations in other parts of the corridor. These meetings have assisted the team in refining designs. Many additional opportunities for input, both corridor-wide and at specific locations, will be provided throughout the remainder of the study.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The project team took advantage of the nice weather this spring/summer and went to public events and locations to engage community members about the project. We set-up a table at Bike the Drive, had staff at five libraries throughout the corridor to discuss the project, presented to the Chicago Metro Chapter of APA Illinois, and held one-on-one meetings with stakeholders, such as first responders and business organizations.



Bike the Drive



Chicago Metro Chapter of APA Illinois

Thank you to everyone who came out to the community meetings, discussed the project with us at libraries, and stopped by our table at Bike the Drive. We have received invaluable feedback from you and look forward to sharing updates at the next Public Meeting in 2020!

ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION

While refining the CTT Alternative design, the project team has also continued to evaluate the remaining 13 alternatives presented at the last [Public Meeting](#). As noted in the Spring 2019 Newsletter, we are currently completing the Level II Screening process. During this process, a detailed purpose and need test will be completed, and the benefits and impacts of the alternatives will be analyzed and shared with the public for feedback at the next Public Meeting.

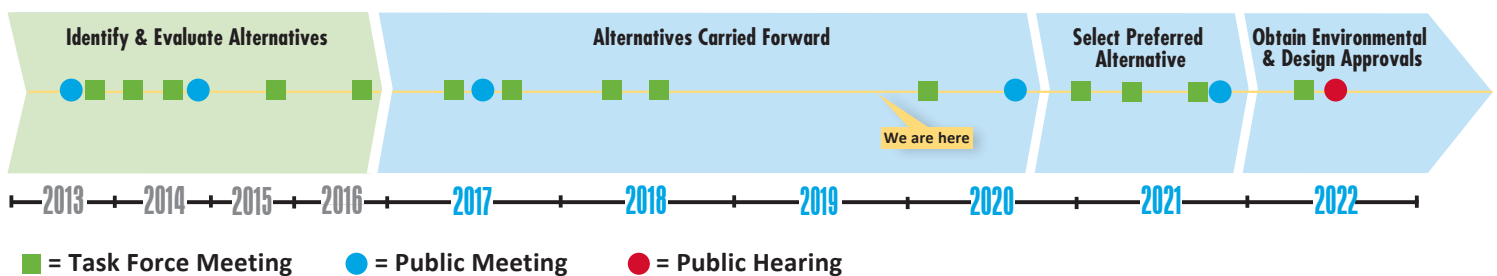
How do these alternatives take into consideration wave overtopping and flooding?

All alternatives contain [shoreline protection techniques](#) which are used to safeguard shoreline facilities from the forces of wave action during large storm events. In the context of NLSD and Lincoln Park, these protections would be used to shield NLSD from flooding associated with wave overtopping.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that projects receiving federal funds follow a rigorous process to develop and evaluate alternatives. The general stages of the Phase I Study portion of this process are outlined in the timeline below. As we complete the Level II Screening of alternatives, the project team will review the evaluation and the alternatives to be carried forward with the NLSD Task Force in early 2020 and with the public at a Public Meeting later that year. The Phase I Study is anticipated to be complete in 2022.


We look forward to continuing to work with you to *Redefine the Drive*!




PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK!

The project team welcomes your feedback throughout the project. Submit a comment through the [online comment form](#), or email us at info@northlakeshoredrive.org.

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