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*I would like us to go overboard to make the parks accessible to people of all abilities.*  
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**....the Lakefront Trail is....**  
**....the lakefront parks are....**



*I primarily use the Drive to commutes by car and CTA. Even on the gloomiest of days, the park and lake views and the fresh air stir me and make my day better.*

*I use the parks and beaches to exercise my dog. The cleanliness of these areas and the care of the trees, grassy areas and beaches is most important to me.*

**From**  
**Email**

**My favorite thing about the Drive is....**  
**....the Lakefront Trail is....**  
**....the lakefront parks are....**



*AND FROM  
TO GET TO<sup>n</sup> WORK DURING RUSH HOUR  
5 DAY PER WEEK - TO & FROM MARYMOUNT  
IT'S FROM.*



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I use the drive to access the park, especially Marovitz golf course, and to commute to work on most days (need car for work most of the time; otherwise Red Line). Love the flowers and trees. Don't like the traffic congestion, especially at Belmont. I also love the bike trail for recreational use and sometimes commute to work.

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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My favorite thing about the Drive is...  
Lincoln Park Zoo, and as long as you're rehabilitating Lake Shore Drive, I, Jeffery A. Castro, think it would be a wonderful idea, if you can relocate Lincoln Park Zoo, from its present location, Cannon Drive, displaced between Fullerton Avenue & North Avenue, towards Grant (Pettillo Band Shell) Park w/in the Paper Business Section, to be a central to the area - all the time it would be a great attraction - all the time it would be a great attraction.



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My favorite part about the drive is how fast it is to get to work on the express buses.

The lakefront trail is a must for my long runs when training for the many Chicago area races.

The lakefront parks are PERFECT for picnics, walks and days on the beach. Not to mention, I was recently proposed to in the park around the North Pond in Lincoln Park.

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My favorite part is taking the bus in the morning and seeing the lake. It is so easy to get downtown with the addition of some of the best scenery



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Montrose Harbor Bird Sanctuary

- "bricolage" on underpasses as enter/exit drive at Bryn Mawr
- lakefront park - we can walk all the way down to the zoo
- Lincoln Park Zoo / Peggy Notebaert Museum / Conservatory / History Museum
- Driving or taking a bus along the drive and being able to enjoy the lake - beautiful
- kids playing soccer in fields designated for kids games

Restoration of lakefront dune habitat

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The green space that surrounds the drive, the openness along the lake front. The green space between my Sheridan St apartment and LSD which provides a buffer to the noise ~~and~~ congestion, and heavy bus that takes place on the roadway and on the lakefront. The Montrose Bird Sanctuary, the restoration of the lakefront dune area @ Montrose, Contemplation Point @ Bryn Mawr



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I like: - The Dog Beach  
- The ADA walkways to the water's edge  
- How more natural areas (Montrose, 67th, Bird trail) are being developed.  
- The <sup>Bike</sup> underpass behind the Shedd and at 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
- I like how the city is becoming more bike friendly!

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I love looking out at the lake & the city at night on LSD.  
Absolutely love that there is an offroad trail running along the lake on which I bike to work.  
Would like to see more space on the trail  
- it's very crowded in summer! And for it to go all the way to Evanston.



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→ I like riding a bike around Lake Shore Drive  
→ Driving is fast & convenient  
→ Scenery is nice  
→ It makes the City Great!

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I Love to ride my bike on Lake Shore Drive, also play Basketball, Football, and swim in the lake

...to help



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The view of the sun ~~coming~~ <sup>rising</sup> up over the lake is spectacular.

Whatever improvements are made you need to maintain this outstanding view that ONLY Lake Shore Drive provides.

This does NOT imply to cut down ~~the~~ trees that briefly block your view of the lake at ~~the~~ before + after Belmont Harbor or heading down town.

If you need to remove trees then you must replace them.

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I DRIVE  
RUN &  
BIKE

ON LSD & THE TRAILS.

BEST VIEWS OF THE CITY, CAN'T BEAT DRIVING THROUGH A PARK NEXT TO THE LAKE. IF ONLY IT WAS A MASSIVE THOROUGHFARE & CONGESTED ALL THE TIME!

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*I Love having access to the lake front via bike on the trail. Tremendous recreational and commuter path. Parks are beautiful!*

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*my favorite things about the lakefront trail is the lakefront parks  
KVP*



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My favorite thing about the Drive is the quickest way to get around town. The lakefront trail is fun for biking, running, or walking. The lakefront parks are fun to spend time with friends and family

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**....the Lakefront Trail is....** ②  
**....the lakefront parks are....** ③



- ① Beautiful views/scenic vistas
    - excellent route from north side to downtown, etc. \*
  - ② Nature, green space walking/biking trails, picnicking, etc.
  - ③ See above (#2), trees (and birds) add more prairie plantings
- \* Do NOT lower speed limit below 40 mph  
AND PLEASE no extension north



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*8 Sunrise on the lake front is a magical experience. Quiet except for nature & my thoughts.*

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*The Drive + Lakefront trail is the most beautiful place in Chicago. I love running and biking in the park.*



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Dear Lake Shore Drive  
I never want to live further than  
a 25 minute walk from you because of  
our magnificent ocean, opps, I mean Lake  
front. I hope you are able to find ways to  
celebrate this body of water and increase  
areas of natural habitat (i.e. manrose bird  
sanctuary) in this plan. Along with creating  
a path for cyclist commuting.



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*I bike the bike trail often and I really like the greenspace along the lake and sitting on the park benches & watching the people on the trail*

From \_\_\_\_\_

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*My fav thing about the drive is the pretty view along the ride.*

*I do, however, wish the lakefront trail can be completed all the way to Rogers Park*



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Lake Shore Drive is one of the best assets Chicago offers to Residents, Visitors, & Commerce.  
The views, the ease to north & south. Chicago has only a couple viable artery roads which offer beauty & viable means to travel.

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- \* I enjoy biking the Drive, walking and running on its paths.
- \* Equal access for all citizens and visitors, to the Drive and the Lakefront, is important.
- \* Ability to enjoy the view of Lake Michigan.
- \* Access to Lake Michigan, beaches, trails, and amenities like Lake Shore Theater, concessions, the Zoo, and the Lincoln Park Farmer's Market.
- \* Important landscape features that I value like the ~~the trees~~ trees' <sup>public sculpture</sup> ~~public sculpture~~, green-scaping of the Drive itself (like a Boulevard), and limited access points to protect bikers and pedestrians.
- \* A complete lack of billboards/advertising - don't sell the Drive to the media.
- \* Ability to use LSD as an alternative to highway when driving.



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Drive to work  
drive to Loop for  
activities  
IT IS AN ALTERNATIVE  
to the Kenney; it was  
before 90/94. IT IS A  
beautiful view of our  
Lakefront.

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The Lake is Beautiful and  
having full Soft access  
is very important. Slowly  
walking, jogging or biking  
is a wonderful way to experience  
it all. Please make it Soft  
with smooth passage  
Thank you  
PS - Love the Stop Sign @ Montrose  
Lawrence





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....the Lakefront Trail is....  
....the lakefront parks are....*



*cycling, lincoln park, beaches north of Lincoln Park  
↳ commuting + recreation  
access to lakefront*

**From**

Email



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*Leave it the way it is...*



REDEFINE THE DRIVE



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*accessible to everyone.  
Ease of entering the parks  
and bike paths are critical to me.  
Love the scenic aspect that  
allows for great recreation.*

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....the lakefront parks are....**



*The beautiful view of the city and parks while  
being safe from cars/pedestrians or accidents &  
having swift access to the city*



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**....the lakefront parks are....**



I enjoy running along the lakefront path, going to the beach, flying a kite, watching the fourth of July fireworks, reading in the grassy area. Being able to access the lakefront from Lawrence, Wilson, Montrose, and Irving ~~is~~ is very important.

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the view and the access to the lake.

the two things that need improving are:

- priority treatments for transit, to increase capacity on the Drive, the buses need to be faster and more reliable so more people will take them.
- separated trails for bikes + pedestrians in the highest use areas (or throughout, if possible) to reduce the likelihood of bike-pedestrian accidents.





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- BIKE PATH & TRAILS NORTH OF IRVING PARK.
- o SAND DUNES FREQUENTLY.
- o PLANTINGS ALONG DRIVE MEDIAN.
- ART DECO BRIDGES WHERE THEY SURVIVE
- o EXPRESS BUS ACCESS TO MICHIGAN ONE FROM IRVING & IRVING PARK.

*From*

*Email*