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REDEFINE THE DRIVE



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# PUBLIC MEETING

## NEXT STEPS

The project team encourages input from stakeholders and requests that comments be received by August 1, 2014, in order to be part of the public meeting record. Over the next several months, the project study team will continue to work with stakeholders to develop and evaluate the preliminary range of possible alternatives. After initial evaluation and screening, alternatives will be selected for further development and detailed analysis.

## SHARE YOUR IDEAS TO REDEFINE THE DRIVE

Meeting participants are encouraged to provide their thoughts and ideas on solutions that address the Purpose & Need for the North Lake Shore Drive Phase I Study. The information can be collected at mapping stations, on worksheets or via the project website.



[www.northlakeshoredrive.org](http://www.northlakeshoredrive.org)

Comment forms can be submitted at today's meeting or via the "Contact Us" section of the project website. Comments will be accepted through the entire project development process. To become part of the public record of this Public Meeting, comments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2014.

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### Mapping Application

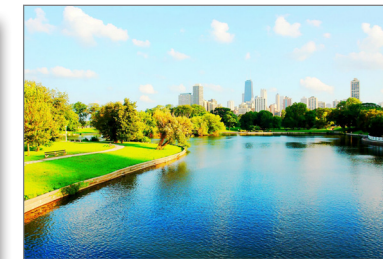
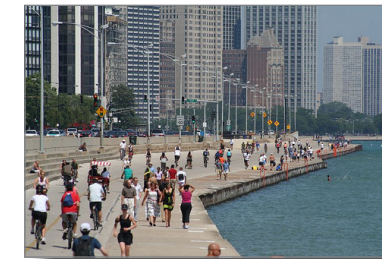
The project team has launched a mapping application to allow you to share your ideas on how to improve North Lake Shore Drive. Solutions should address the project needs outlined in the draft Purpose & Need Statement. Look for this icon on the project website.

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## Welcome!

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) welcome you to this second Public Meeting regarding the North Lake Shore Drive Study.

We invite you to watch the presentation, browse the project exhibits on display and visit with personnel from IDOT and the project team in attendance at today's meeting. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are an important part of this meeting. For details on how to provide your comments please refer to the back page of this brochure.

## PUBLIC MEETING #2

Tuesday, July 8, 2014  
Open House: 1:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.  
The Drake Hotel - Gold Coast Ballroom  
140 East Walton Place  
Chicago, IL 60611



## PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Review the study process
- Provide an update on the progress of the study
- Discuss the draft Purpose and Need Statement for the project
- Present the process for the development of alternatives
- Identify criteria for evaluation of alternatives
- Conduct a Transportation Alternatives Development Workshop
- Obtain feedback from stakeholders

# FEDERAL-AID PROCESS

Any transportation project involving the potential use of Federal funds must follow a project development process consisting of three phases. A Phase I or Preliminary Engineering Study defines transportation needs, identifies and evaluates alternatives and selects a preferred alternative.

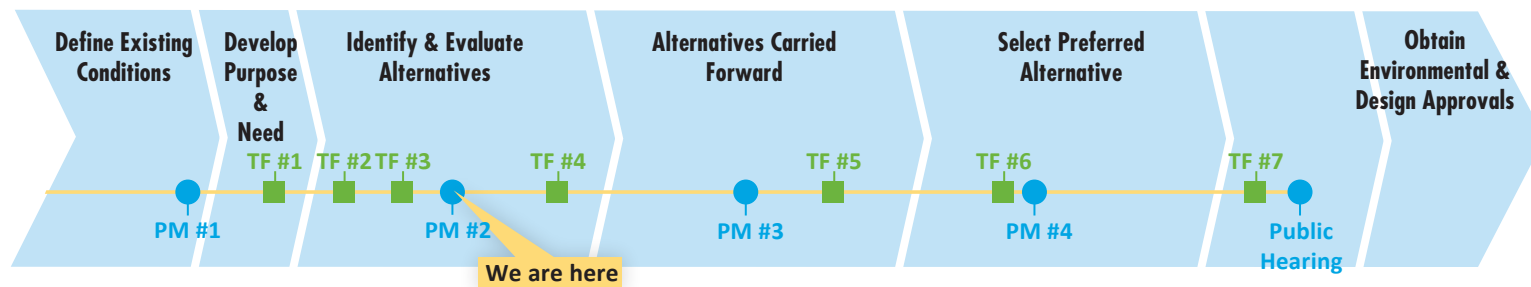
This process is accomplished through extensive stakeholder involvement and technical analysis.

After Phase I Engineering is complete, Phase II Engineering (Contract Plans) and Right-of-Way Acquisition would begin.



\* Schedule to be determined. Phases II and III are not currently included in IDOT's FY 2015-2020 Proposed Multi-Modal Transportation Improvement Program.

During this phase, detailed construction plans would be developed and any necessary land would be acquired for the project. Phase III is the physical construction of the project. Phase I Engineering for the North Lake Shore Drive Project is being funded by Governor Quinn's *Illinois Jobs Now!* Capitol Improvement Program.



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TF = Task Force Meeting  
PM = Public Meeting

# TASK FORCES

After the first round of public meetings, several task forces were created focusing on specific issues including transportation, park users and environment, and businesses and institutions. In addition three residential task forces were created based upon geographic locations along the corridor.

To date, three meetings have occurred with the Task Force members. As part of these meetings, a project Problem Statement was drafted, a draft Purpose and Need Statement was reviewed, and solutions to the transportation needs in the study corridor were submitted.



# TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IDENTIFIED

The project team has gathered lakefront access and lakefront trail pedestrian and cyclist counts, transit ridership and bus route performance data, traffic counts, vehicular crash and speed data, environmental data, and important information from stakeholders to define the transportation needs in the study area. Based on a technical evaluation of the transportation system, following are some of the key findings:

- Safety concerns along the Drive with over 5,800 crashes in a five year period from 2007 – 2011
- Safety conflicts for pedestrian and cyclists accessing the Lakefront Trail and pedestrian/cyclist/auto conflicts at roadway junctions
- Inadequate capacity on the Lakefront Trail for the number and types of users
- Poor east-west connectivity to park, trail and lakefront for non-motorized users
- Poor reliability of transit service
- Overcrowding at bus stops and on buses
- Infrastructure condition and design – aging pavement and bridges, substandard design elements for roadway, transit, bike/pedestrians, drainage and flooding
- Congestion affecting automobiles and buses
- Excessive vehicle speeds during off-peak hours



This information was used to develop the project "Purpose and Need Statement".

# WHAT IS A PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT?

A Purpose and Need Statement is a concise narrative which serves the following purposes:

- Presents why a proposed action, with its inherent costs and environmental impacts, is being pursued
- Summarizes the transportation problems to be addressed
- Identifies project goals and objectives
- Drives the process for consideration of alternatives, analyses, and selection of a Preferred Alternative

A draft Purpose and Need Statement has been developed and is available for review at today's meeting as well as on the project website at [www.northlakeshoredrive.org](http://www.northlakeshoredrive.org).

We will build on this effort as we move into the alternatives development phase by continuing to work with stakeholders to identify possible transportation alternatives and potential evaluation criteria.

Provide your comments on the Purpose and Need at today's meeting or via the project website.

**The purpose of the project is to improve the NLSM multi-modal transportation facility.** The following specific needs have been identified:

- Improve safety for all users
- Improve mobility for all users
- Address infrastructure deficiencies
- Improve access and circulation
- Improve modal connections and opportunities

