

OAK STREET BEACH FROM JOHN HANCOCK BUILDING

Existing Conditions



- No green space provided along east edge of roadway.
- Oak Street beach is flanked by hard concrete areas that do not provide adequate shoreline protection.
- Oak Street Curve design results in frequent crashes and is a high crash location in the study corridor.
- East-west access locations exceed ¼ mile spacing.
- Difficult conditions for pedestrian/bicyclist access to beach and lakefront. Access locations do not meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) standards.

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- Expanded park space creates new green edge along lakefront.
- Proposed shoreline protection measures, including an opportunity for a continuous beach between Oak Street and North Avenue, will protect NDLSD from flooding and closures.
- Proposed softening of the Oak Street Curve will enhance safety.
- Added east-west access points near E. Lake Shore Drive and Bank Street accommodate ¼ mile spacing. All access locations will meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements.
- Direct pedestrian access from Oak and Michigan will enhance connectivity between the City and lakefront, including new park amenities such as an expanded plaza and concessions spaces.

