

Purpose and Need

Existing Deficiencies:

- Close ¼ mile spacing causes traffic conflicts and capacity constraints
- Very active part of Lincoln Park particularly on weekends
- Traffic spikes during frequent events
- High traffic volume with Montrose Harbor
- Ped/bike traffic must cross the junction ramps at grade which are stop sign controlled
- Mode conflicts present safety concerns and congestion
- Transit access to the park and along Marine Drive needs improvement

Key Considerations:

- Safety
 - Reduce conflicts between vehicles and ped/bike traffic
 - Grade separate the Lakefront Trail from arterials streets
- Park Access for Ped/Bike
 - Consider removing Wilson Avenue junction with NLSD but keep overpass to create park access gateway
- Traffic Operations
 - Modernize signals and add turn lanes where required at junction intersections and along Marine Drive intersections
 - Improve arterial street capacity to absorb traffic spikes due to weekend and special event park use
- Transit Advantages
 - Access to/from NLSD
 - Access to beach
 - Complement reconstruction of Wilson Red Line stop