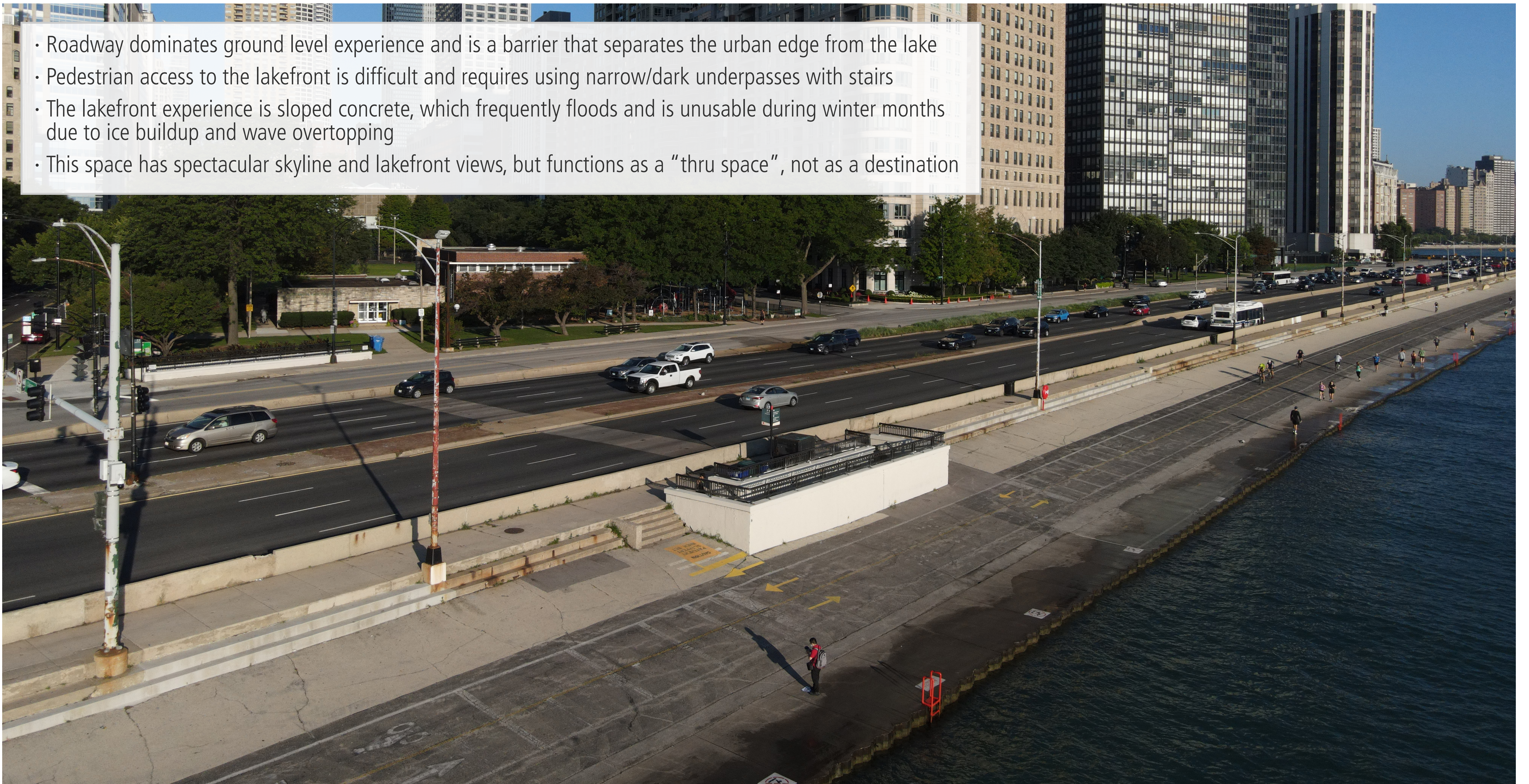


CHICAGO AVENUE OVERVIEW

Existing Conditions

- Roadway dominates ground level experience and is a barrier that separates the urban edge from the lake
- Pedestrian access to the lakefront is difficult and requires using narrow/dark underpasses with stairs
- The lakefront experience is sloped concrete, which frequently floods and is unusable during winter months due to ice buildup and wave overtopping
- This space has spectacular skyline and lakefront views, but functions as a "thru space", not as a destination



Potential Future Condition

- NDLSD is placed below-grade at this location, providing direct pedestrian and bike connections from the urban edge to the lakefront
- New park space provides opportunities for lakefront plazas and a potential land bridge extension of Lake Shore Park between Chicago and Pearson
- Updated shoreline design provides lakefront paths that will be fully protected from winter storms and usable year round
- Updated lakefront trail design provides grade separation for higher speed cyclists to reduce conflicts at access points

