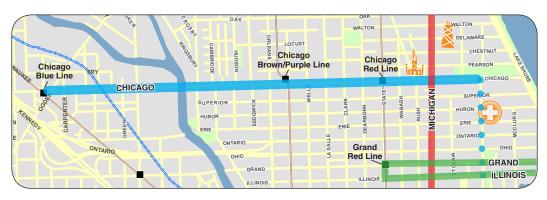
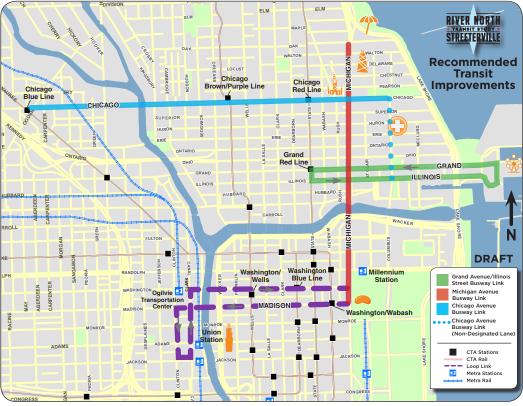


# RECOMMENDED TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

# **IMPROVEMENT 2: CHICAGO AVE BUSWAY LINK**





The purpose of the River North-Streeterville (RNS) Transit Study is to recommend transit enhancements that will improve access and mobility between the West Loop and River North and Streeterville neighborhoods. Three main recommended improvements are under consideration. These improvements complement each other and can be completed individually or in combination. Stakeholder input is sought on the proposed improvements.

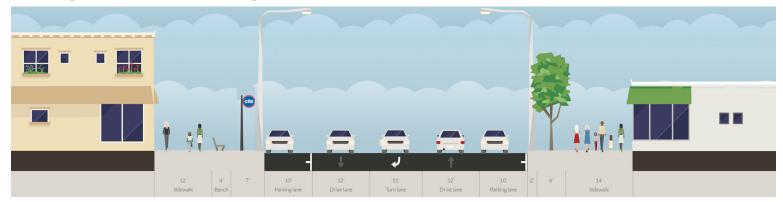
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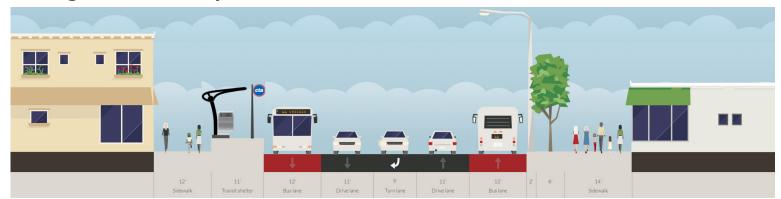
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Chicago Avenue Busway Link would upgrade transportation between Chicago Avenue (CTA Blue Line Station) and Michigan Avenue. The outside travel lanes and on-street parking on Chicago Avenue, between Ogden Avenue and Fairbanks Court, would be converted to a dedicated busway. This includes enhanced transit passenger boarding platforms and bus prioritization at key intersections. This corridor connects with the proposed Grand Avenue/Illinois Street Busway Link to provide service to Navy Pier. It also provides a direct connection to the Michigan Avenue Busway Link.

## **Chicago Avenue Existing**



## **Chicago Avenue Proposed**



#### **Current Transit Connections**

#### **CTA Bus Routes:**

- # 3 King Drive
- #10 Museum of Science & Industry
- #26 South Shore Express
- #37 Sedgwick
- #66 Chicago
- #125 Water Tower Express

#### **CTA L Stations:**

- Blue Line (Chicago)
- Purple/Brown Lines (Chicago)
- Red Line (Chicago)

### **Busway Link Benefits**

- Up to 20-25% reduction in passenger travel time
- Additional capacity for up to 4,280 more passengers during peak periods

#### **Busway Link Features**

- Seven dedicated boarding platforms
- One travel lane is removed in each direction on Chicago from Larabee Street to Dearborn Street. Spot lane removals elsewhere
- Queue jumps give buses priority at busy intersections, including Wells Street, LaSalle Street, Clark Street, Dearborn Street and Rush Street
- Net loss of 220 parking spaces



