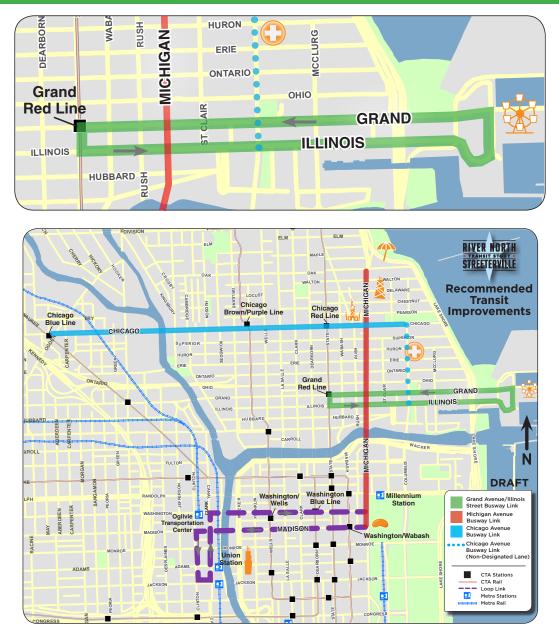
# RECOMMENDED TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

# **IMPROVEMENT 1: GRAND AVE/ILLINOIS ST BUSWAY LINK**

**RIVER NORTH** 

\* TRANSIT STUDY



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.

Please view the back of this handout for additional details on Improvement 1: Grand Avenue/Illinois Street Busway Link.



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Grand Avenue/Illinois Street Busway Link would upgrade transportation between State Street and Navy Pier. The outside travel lane on Grand Avenue, and excess roadway on Illinois Avenue, would be converted to a dedicated busway between State Street and Navy Pier. This would also include a bike lane, enhanced transit passenger boarding platforms and bus prioritization at key intersections. It would create a direct connection to the Michigan Avenue Busway Link.

#### **Grand Avenue Existing**



## **Grand Avenue Proposed**

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## Illinois Street Existing



### **Illinois Street Proposed**



## Current Transit Connections

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

- #2 Hyde Park Express
- #29 State
- #65 Grand
- #66 Chicago
- #124 Navy Pier

#### CTA L Stations:

• Red Line (Grand)

#### Navy Pier Trolley

#### **Busway Link Benefits**

- Up to 30% reduction in passenger travel time
- Additional capacity for up to 5,050 more passengers during peak periods
- Net increase of over 30 parking spaces

#### **Busway Link Features**

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- Four dedicated boarding platforms on each street
- Queue jumps give buses priority at busy intersections, including Rush Street, St. Clair Street, McClurg Court, Lake Shore Drive, Michigan Avenue and Wabash Street



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