

# BELMONT CRAGIN NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE NETWORK

Neighborhood Taskforce  
Meeting #1

January 27, 2020



# WELCOME!

- ▶ We want to have an open conversation about biking and getting around in Belmont Cragin. We're here to listen to you.

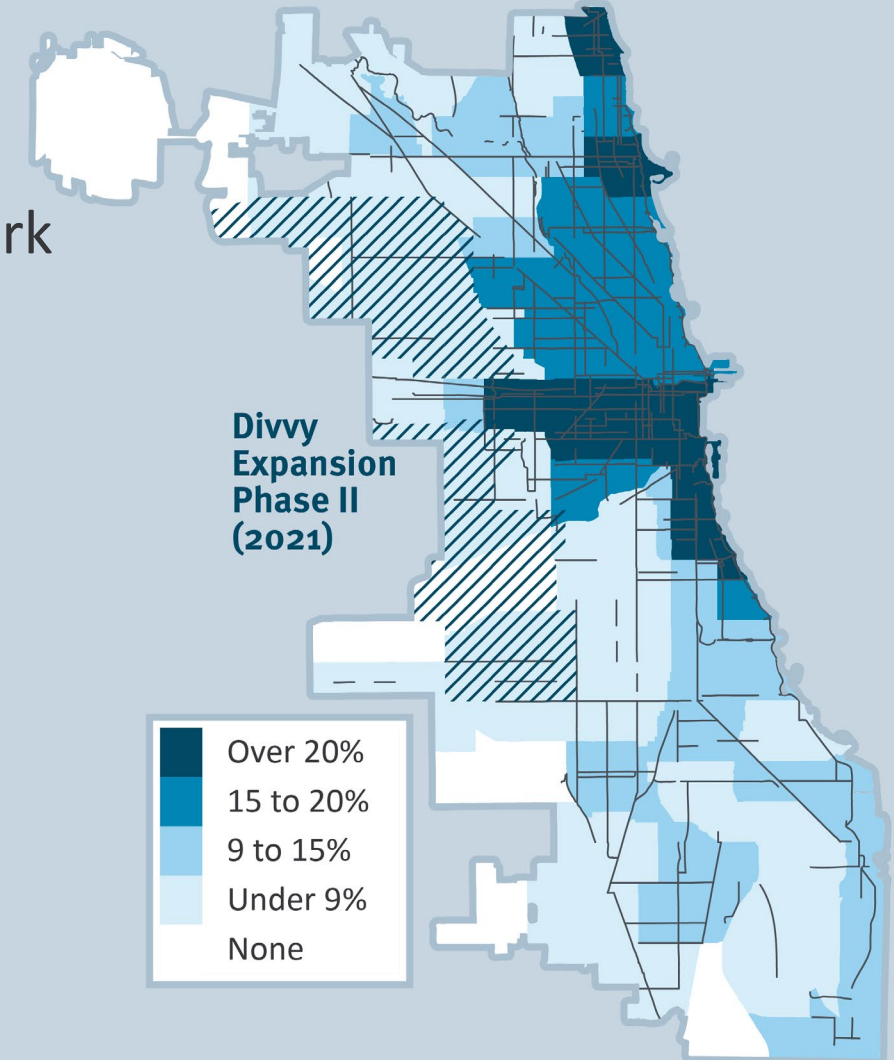
# INTRODUCTIONS

- ▶ Name
- ▶ Organization
- ▶ What initiatives is your group working on in Belmont Cragin? How can bicycling contribute to that effort?

# BIKING IN CHICAGO

- ▶ There is a growing interest and need for bikeways in neighborhoods not well served by the bike network
- ▶ Divvy bike share is expanding citywide and we need to provide people more places to ride
- ▶ Biking won't be a useful until it provides convenient access to all the places people want and need to go.
- ▶ We want to build a connected network of bikeways in Belmont Cragin

**% of Streets with Bikeways  
(by Community Area)**

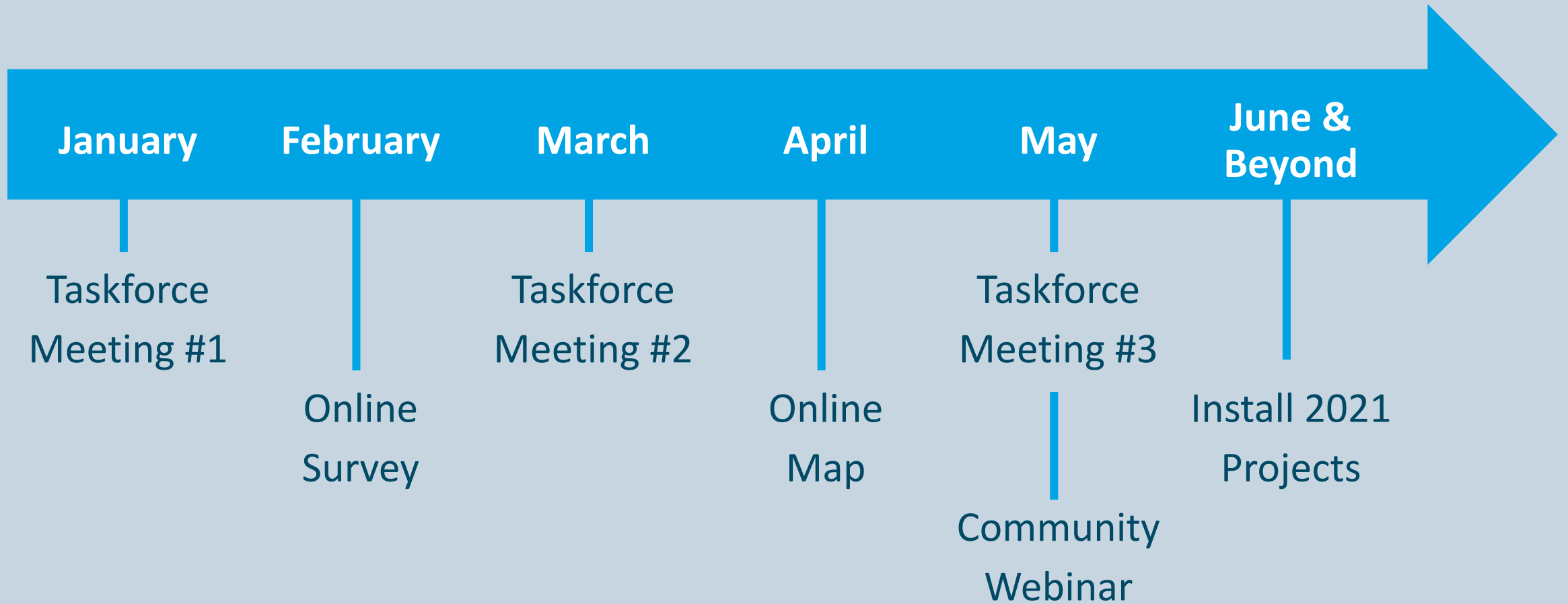


# NEIGHBORHOOD TASKFORCE

- ▶ Identify ~10 miles of bikeways to install this year in Belmont Cragin
- ▶ Identify long-term projects (2022 and beyond).
- ▶ Develop other recommendations to making biking safe, convenient, and appealing to the neighborhood.

**Who's not here that should be? Who should we make sure we engage?**

# TIMELINE



# RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- ▶ Investigate the benefits and burdens of a project, especially as they relate to minority populations and those who have previously been underrepresented or left out of the decision-making process.



## WHAT IS AN REIA?

A Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) is a set of questions to investigate the benefits and burdens of a policy or practice.

### STEP 1: DETERMINE OUTCOMES AND STAKEHOLDERS.

- Q1. What is the policy and what problem is it trying to solve?
- Q2. What other issues can this proposal impact?
- Q3. Who are the key groups impacted by this issue?
- Q4. How will these groups be involved in decision-making?

### STEP 2: LOOK AT NUMBERS AND NARRATIVES.

- Q5. What data will we collect and look at? Why?
- Q6. Where do we see disparities in the numbers?
- Q7. What can we learn from histories and narratives to better understand these numbers?
- Q8. What questions still remain? What information do we wish we had?

### STEP 3: MEASURE BENEFITS AND BURDENS.

- Q9. What are the benefits and who is most likely to receive them?
- Q10. What are the burdens and who is most likely to bear them?
- Q11. What are different options to make this policy racially equitable?

### STEP 4: EVALUATE AND BE ACCOUNTABLE.

- Q12. How will we evaluate the impacts of your solution?
- Q13. How will our stakeholders engage in ensuring equitable outcomes?
- Q14. How will we report back on these outcomes?
- Q15. How will our evaluation impact improvements to the policy?

Adapted from the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)'s "Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity." Find resources at our website [www.chicagounitedforequity.org](http://www.chicagounitedforequity.org)



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ What does successful engagement with the community mean to you?
- ▶ What is the best way we can reach out to people in Belmont Cragin?
- ▶ Who has been left out of previous conversations and how can we engage with them?

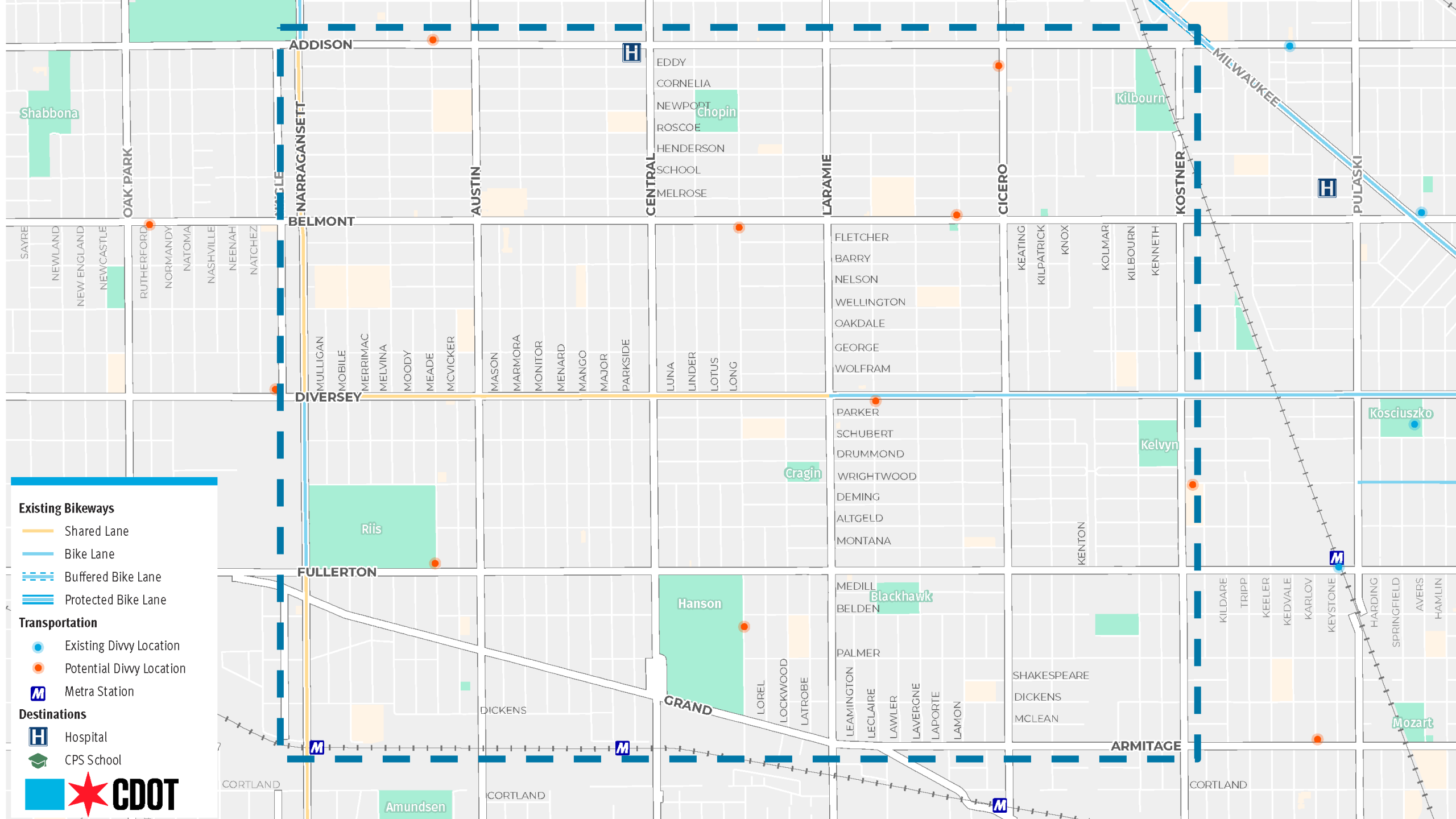


# PERCEPTIONS OF BIKING

- ▶ What is the perception of biking in Belmont Cragin?  
Why do you think that is?
- ▶ Who do you see biking in your neighborhood?  
Why do they ride?
- ▶ Who do you not see biking in your neighborhood?  
Why don't they ride?

# GETTING AROUND BELMONT CRAGIN




- ▶ What streets are important to your neighborhood and why?
- ▶ What are the important destinations and connections in your neighborhood?
- ▶ What prevents people from getting to the places they want and need to go?





**Existing Bikeways**

-  Shared Lane
-  Bike Lane
-  Buffered Bike Lane
-  Protected Bike Lane

**Transportation**

-  Existing Divvy Location
-  Potential Divvy Location
-  Metra Station

**Destinations**

-  Hospital
-  CPS School



# NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE NETWORK

- ▶ What does a successful neighborhood bike network look like in Belmont Cragin?
- ▶ How would a connected bicycle network benefit/impact Belmont Cragin?
- ▶ Would some groups benefit more than others? Who and how?
- ▶ Would some groups be impacted more than others? Who and how?
- ▶ How can that impact be mitigated/lessened?
- ▶ For those impacted, how can we involve them in the process?

# THANK YOU!

- ▶ Let's continue the conversation. We can email, talk on the phone, or schedule a follow up virtual meeting.
- ▶ The second Taskforce meeting is planned for March.
- ▶ Online survey coming soon