

# McKinley Park, Brighton Park, Gage Park

## Southwest Side Neighborhood Bike Network

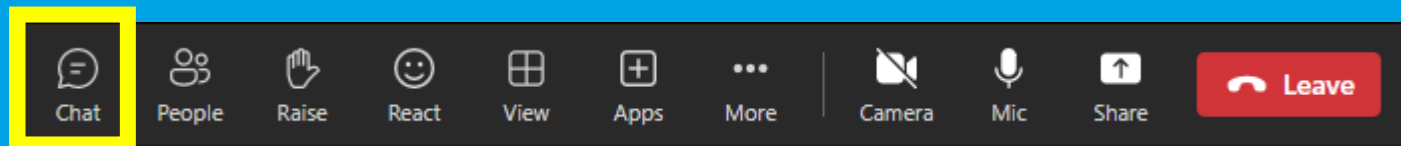
Neighborhood Taskforce Meeting #1

April 5, 2023



# WELCOME!

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



# INTRODUCTIONS

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

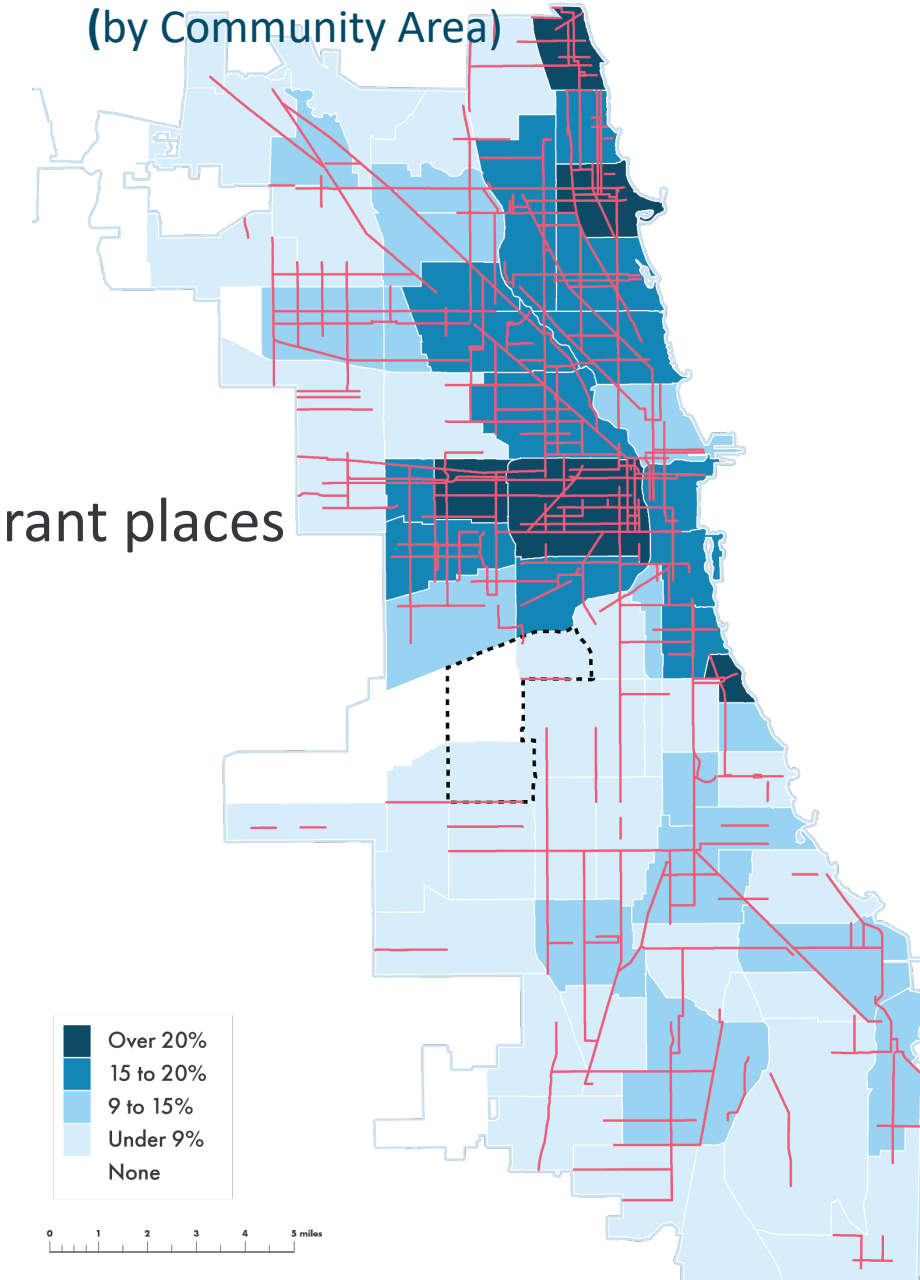
# BIKING IN CHICAGO

- ▶ There is a growing interest and need for bikeways in several neighborhoods not well served by the bike network
- ▶ Biking is a vital ingredient to building healthy, safe, vibrant places
- ▶ Biking won't be a useful transportation option until it provides convenient access to all the places people want and need to go

**No existing bike lanes within Brighton Park, Gage Park, and McKinley Park**



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





# CHICAGO CYCLING STRATEGY

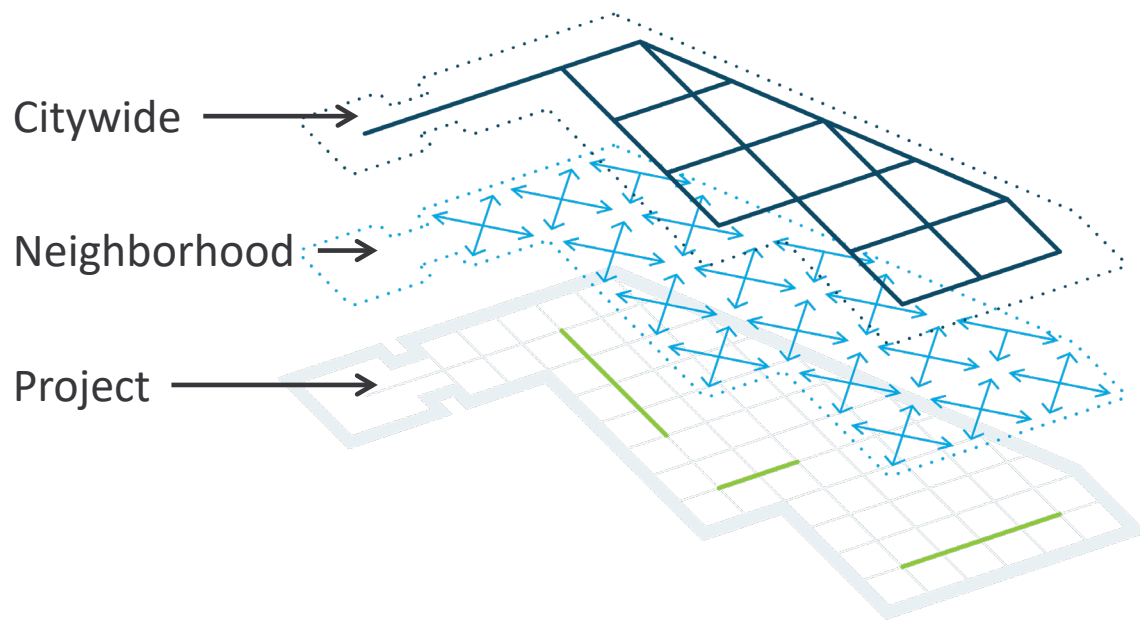
Building the **best bike network in the country** with an **equitable transportation system** that provides people with mobility options and is focused on keeping our **most vulnerable users of the street safe**.

- ▶ **A Connected Citywide Network** of bike routes on key corridors which cross barriers, connect neighborhoods, and serve regional destinations
- ▶ **Focused on Local Trips** to get people to meaningful destinations by building connected bike networks in partnership with communities
- ▶ **Providing Low-Stress Options** to make everyday cycling safe & convenient by prioritizing protected bike lanes and neighborhood greenways

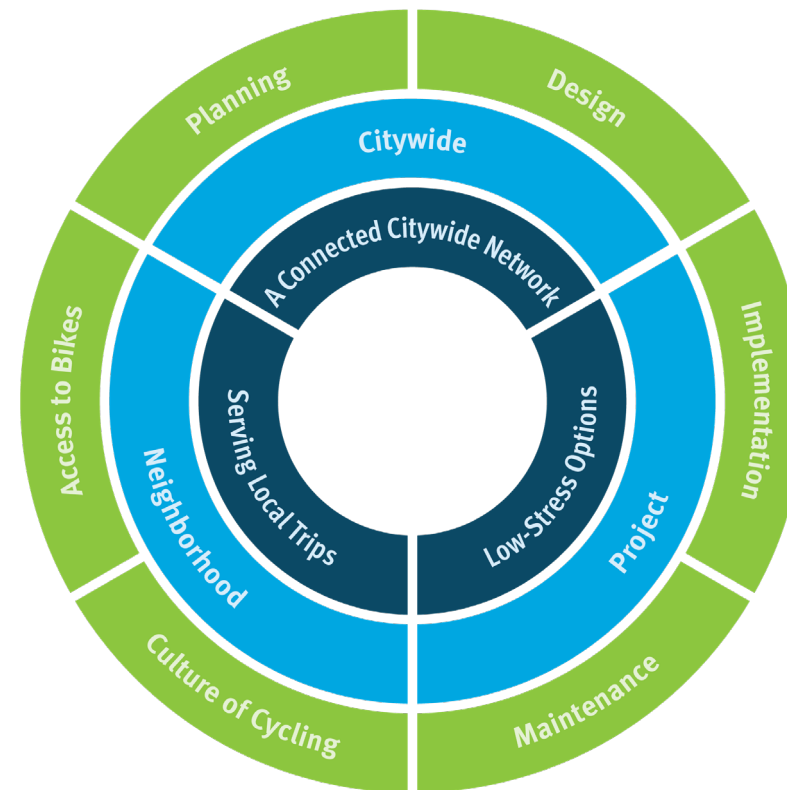


# CHICAGO CYCLING STRATEGY

Planning our network at every scale



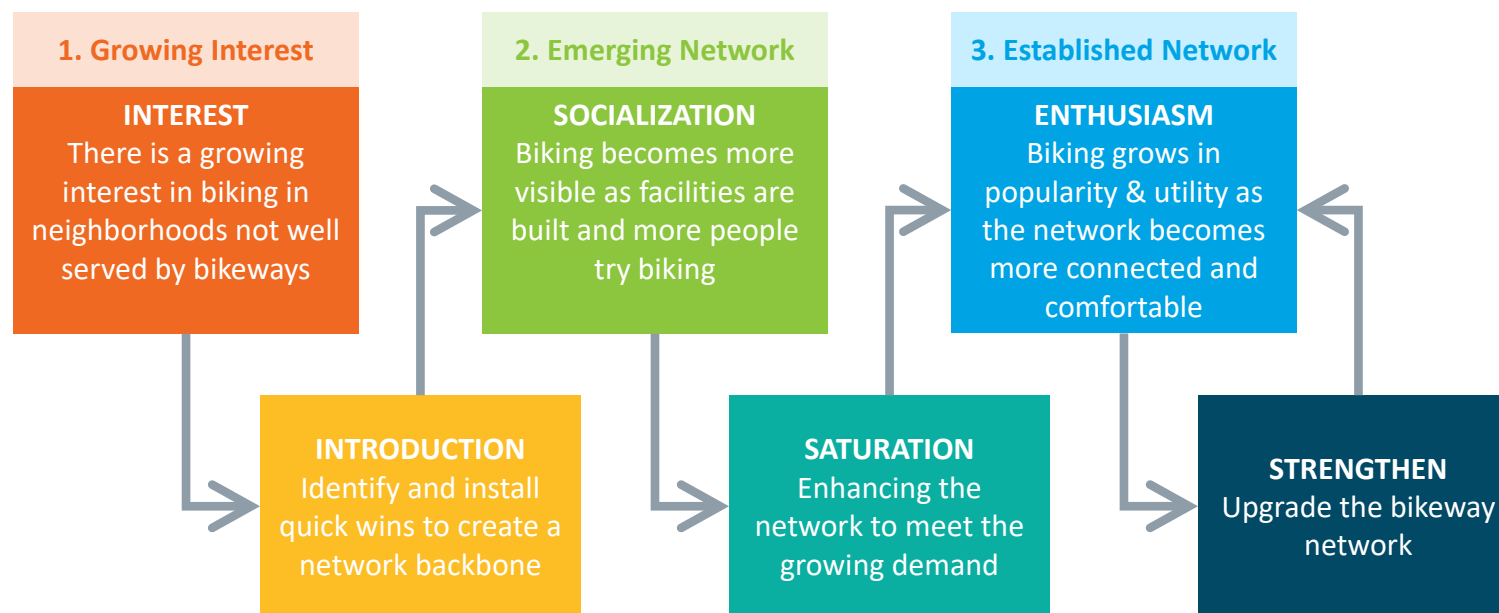
Taking a holistic approach to building an equitable system



# CHICAGO CYCLING STRATEGY

## Centering communities and focusing on an equitable process

- ▶ Each community has its own set of needs, contexts, and perspectives.
- ▶ Chicago's bike network is not evenly distributed.
- ▶ Each neighborhood is in a different stage of network development.
- ▶ Partnering with neighborhoods to build connected Neighborhood Bike Network that best respond to a community's needs.



# NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE NETWORK PROGRAM

## 2021: Belmont Cragin, Austin & North Lawndale

- ▶ Identified and are installing 45 miles of new bike routes

## 2022: South Lawndale, Little Village & Marshall Square

- ▶ Identified and are installing over 10 miles of new bike routes

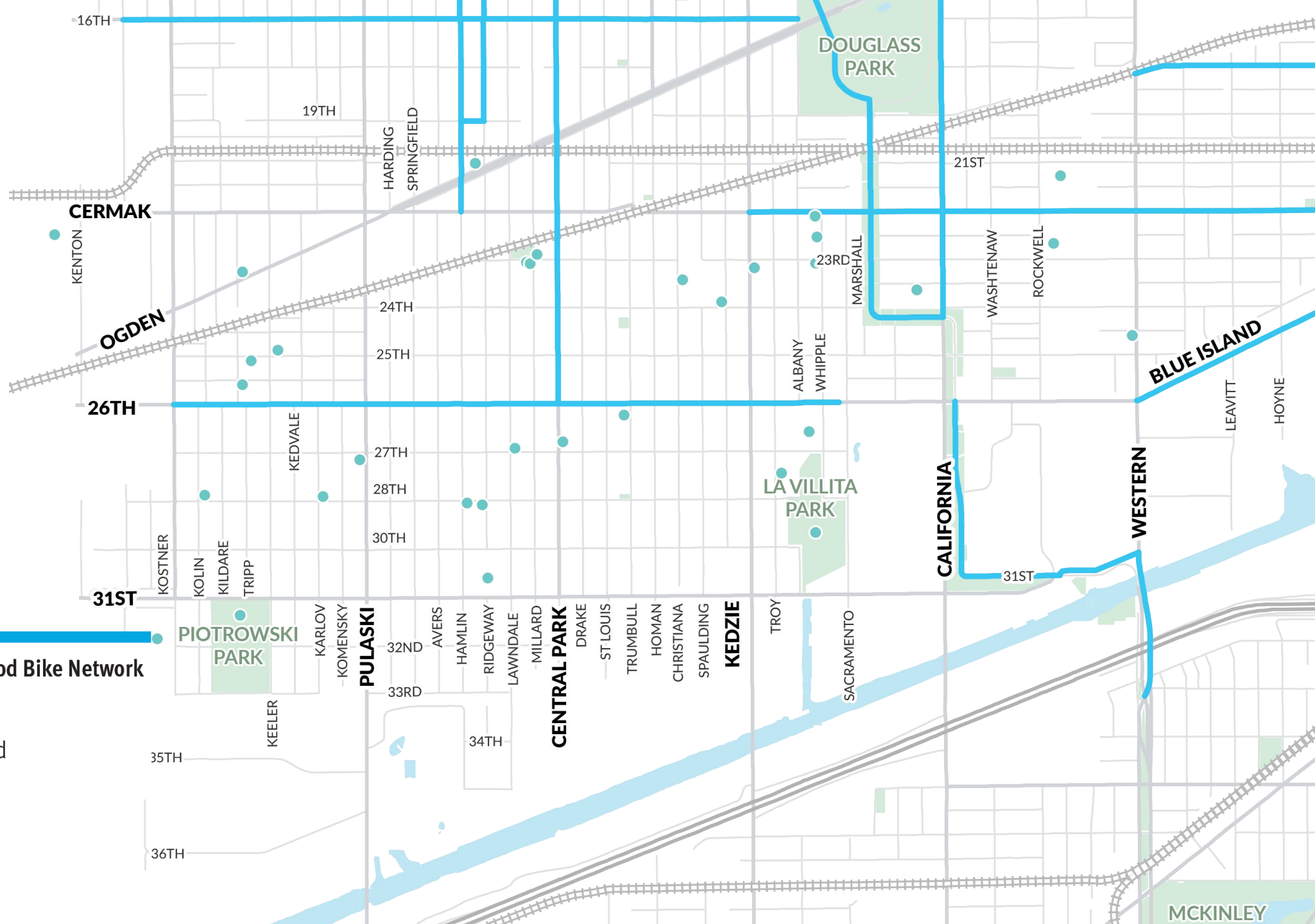
## 2023: McKinley Park, Gage Park & Brighton Park

**Continuing south to expand and build a connected network throughout Chicago**





# SOUTH LAWNDALE (BEFORE)

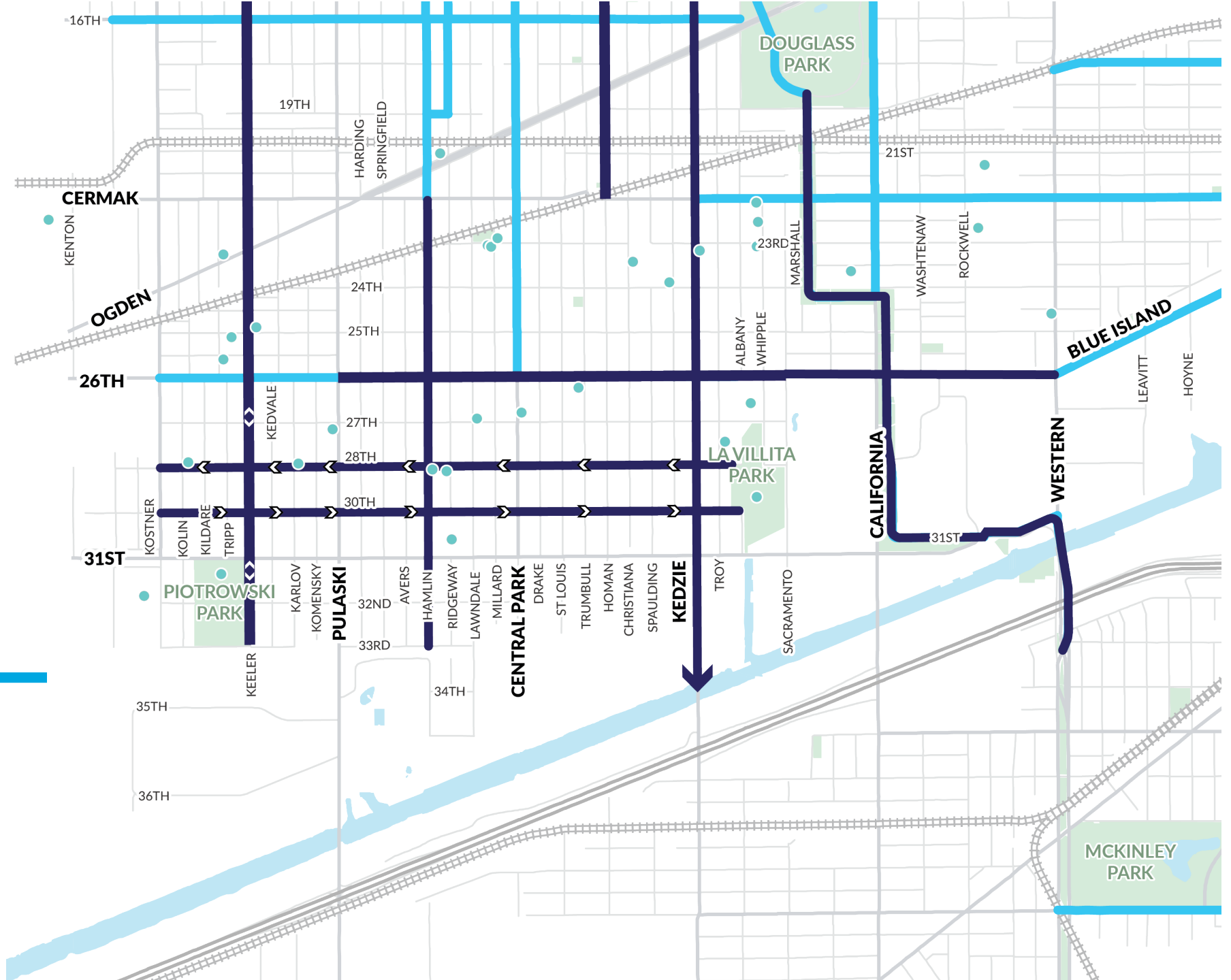


## South Lawndale Neighborhood Bike Network

-  Bike Route
-  Community-Identified Destination



# SOUTH LAWNDALE (AFTER)



# SOUTHWEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD TASKFORCE

## This year and 2024:

- ▶ Identify bike routes to install in 2023 & 2024 (10+ miles)
- ▶ Identify long-term projects (2025 and beyond)
- ▶ Develop other recommendations for making biking safe, convenient, and appealing to the neighborhood
- ▶ Advise how we can engage residents on how these projects will benefit the neighborhood

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

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ▶ What does successful engagement with the community mean to you?
- ▶ What is the best way we can reach out to people in your neighborhood?
- ▶ How can we best reach out to young people?
- ▶ What community events is your organization leading or involved in?
- ▶ Who has been left out of previous conversations and how can we engage with them?



# CURRENT ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS & PROGRAMS

## SAFE Ambassadors

### Learn to Ride Classes

- ▶ Adult & Children classes McKinley Park – begin in June
- ▶ In 2022, taught over 80 people how to ride a bike in South Lawndale

### Getting to School Improvements

- ▶ Thomas Kelly High School

## Bike Chicago

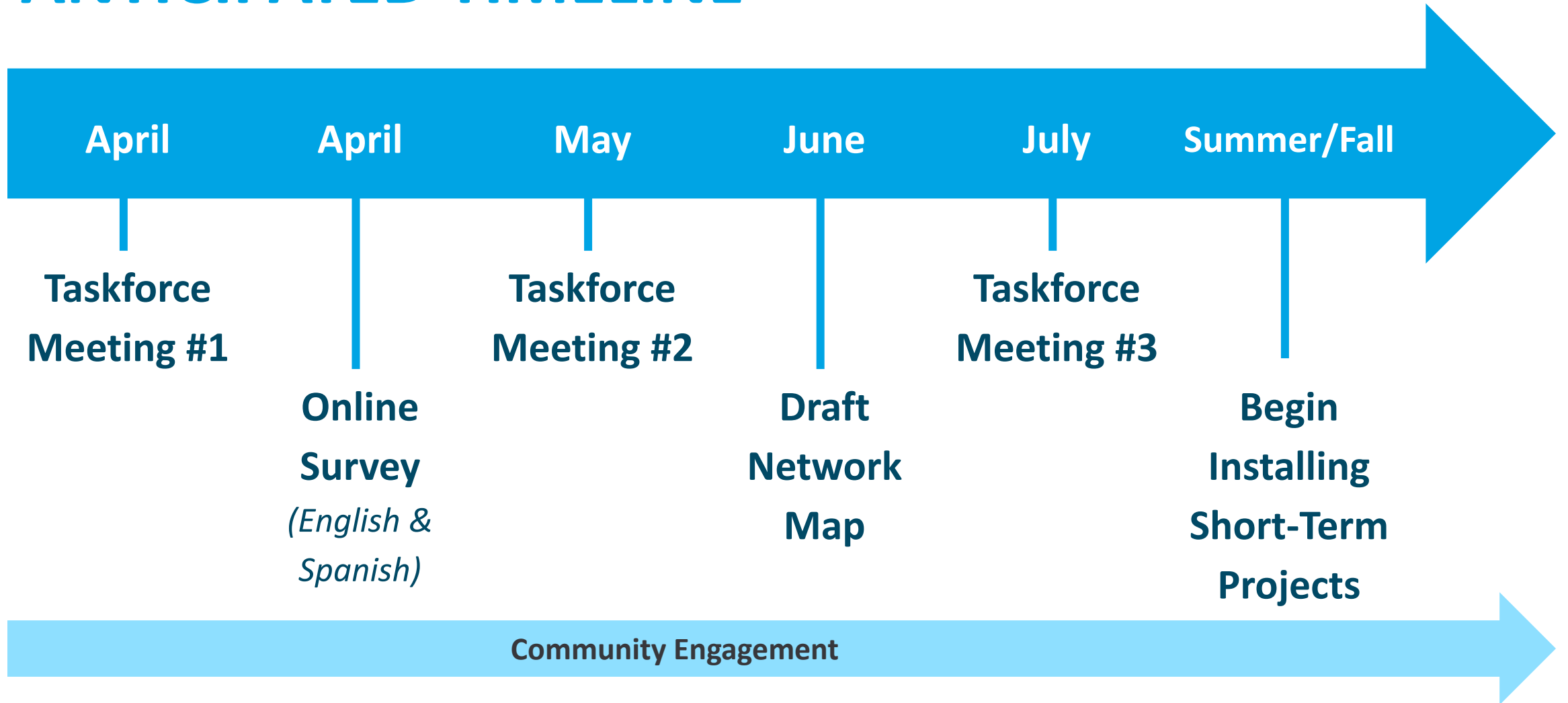
- ▶ Over 19,000 applications (2022)
- ▶ Brighton Park was 4th highest requested community area

## Divvy 4 Everyone (D4E)

- ▶ \$5 one-time enrollment for qualifying residents









# ANTICIPATED TIMELINE

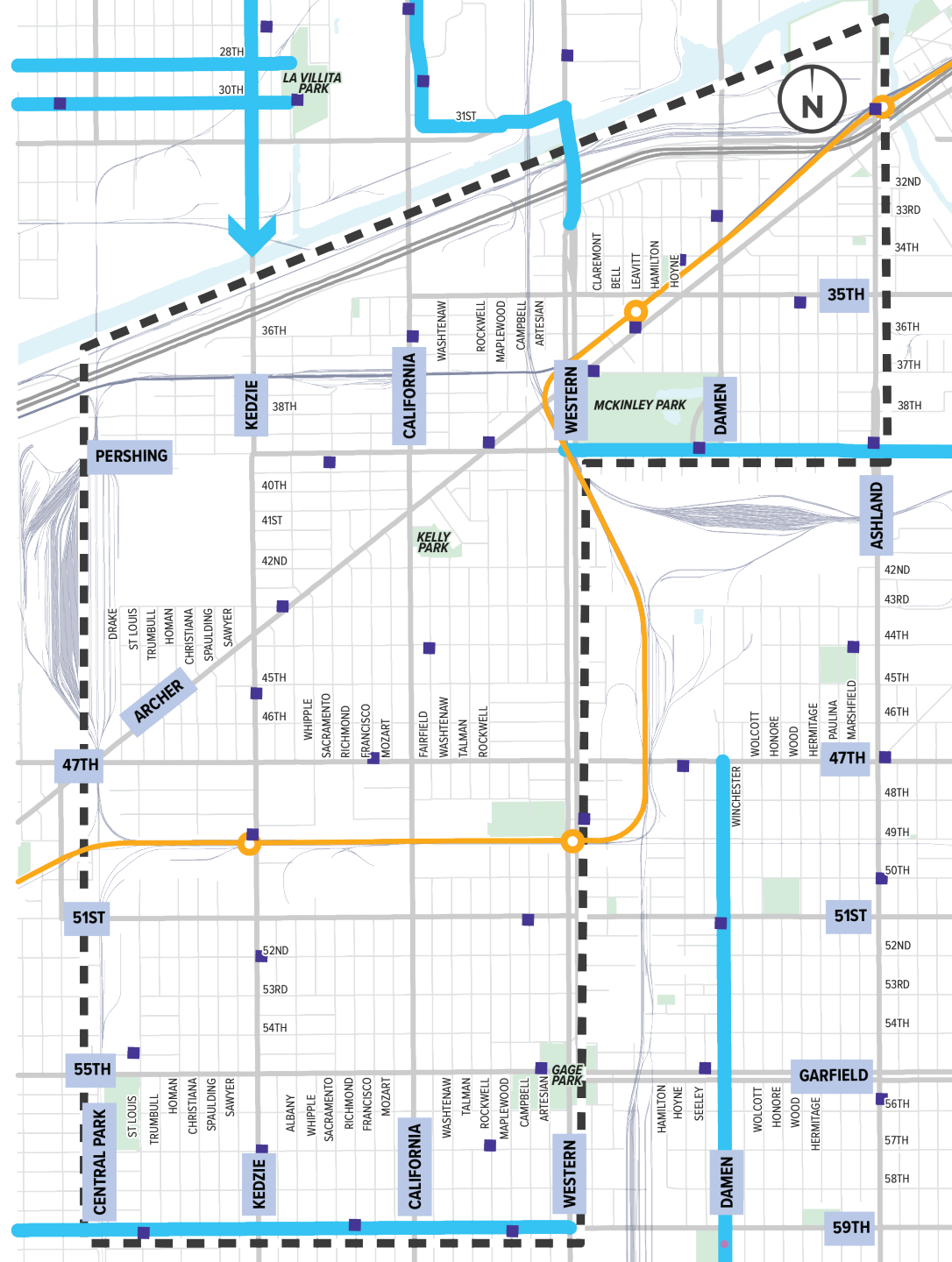


# STUDY AREA EXISTING BIKE NETWORK

## Neighborhood Bike Network

-  Focus Area
-  Existing Bike Route
-  Divvy Station
-  Railroad
-  CTA Station
-  CTA Line

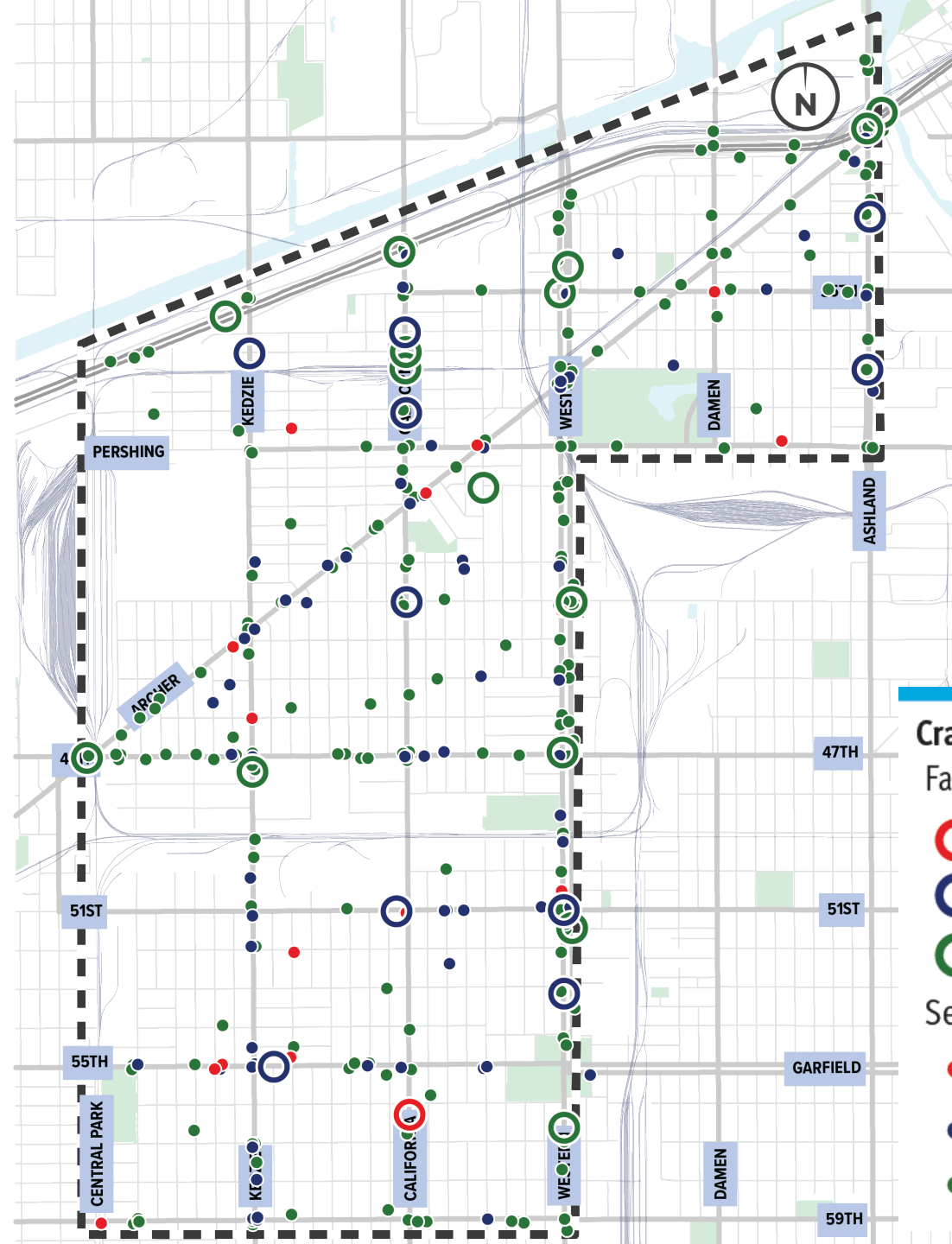
Does this area make sense?



# CRASHES FATAL & SERIOUS INJURY

## Crash Summary (2017-2021)

- ▶ **16,146 Total Crashes**
  - 3,229 Average Crashes/Yr
- ▶ **27 People killed in crashes**
  - 1 person on a bike
  - 10 people walking
  - 16 people driving
- ▶ **304 People seriously injured**
- ▶ **30% of Fatal or Serious crashes involve people biking or walking**



## Crashes (2017-2021)

### Fatal Crash

- People on Bikes
- People Walking
- People Driving

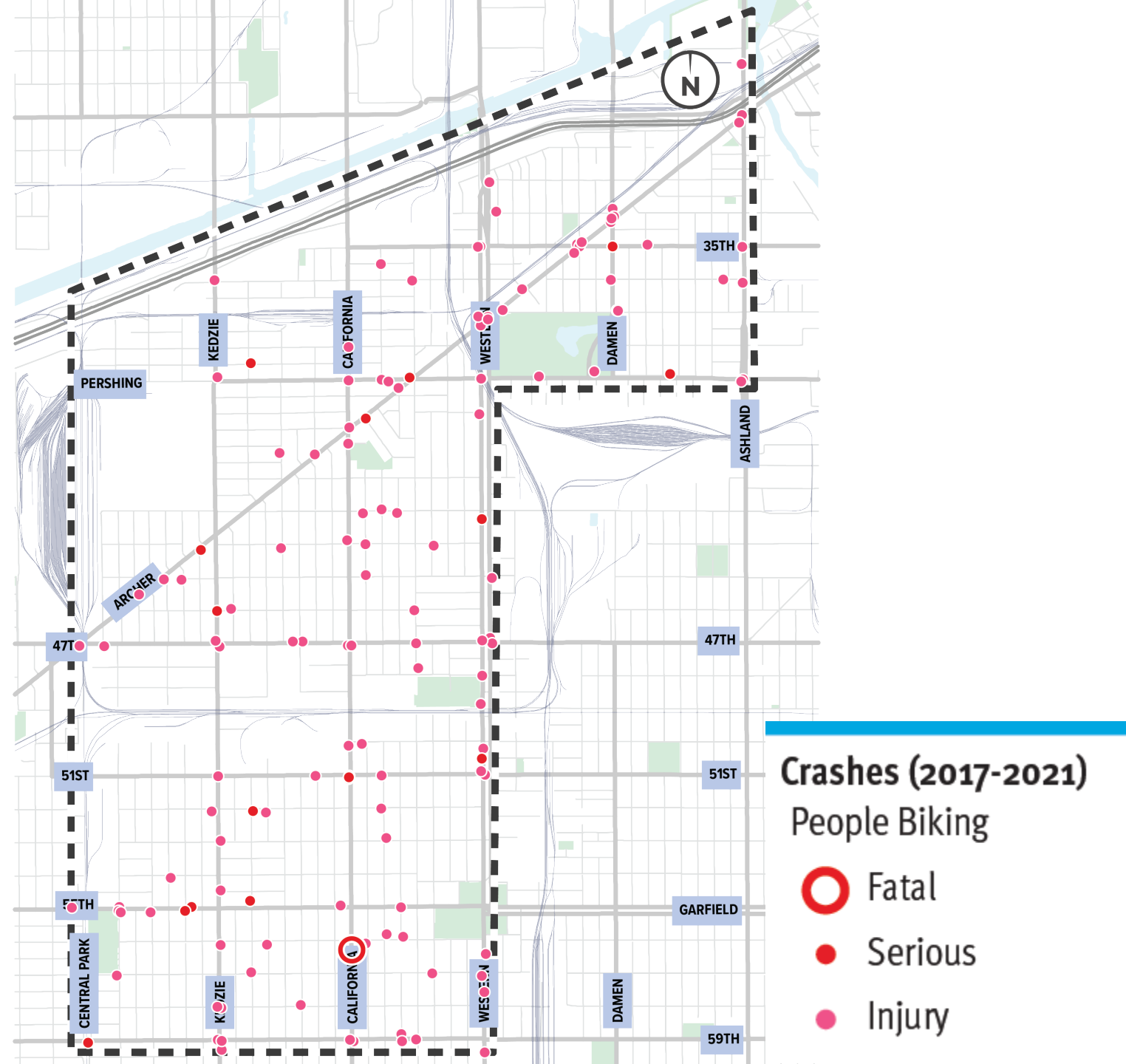
### Serious Crash

- People on Bikes
- People Walking
- People Driving

# BIKE CRASHES FATAL & SERIOUS INJURY

## Crash Summary (2017-2021)

- ▶ 158 Total Crashes
  - 32 Average Crashes/Yr
- ▶ 1 Person killed
- ▶ 15 People seriously injured
- ▶ 133 People injured

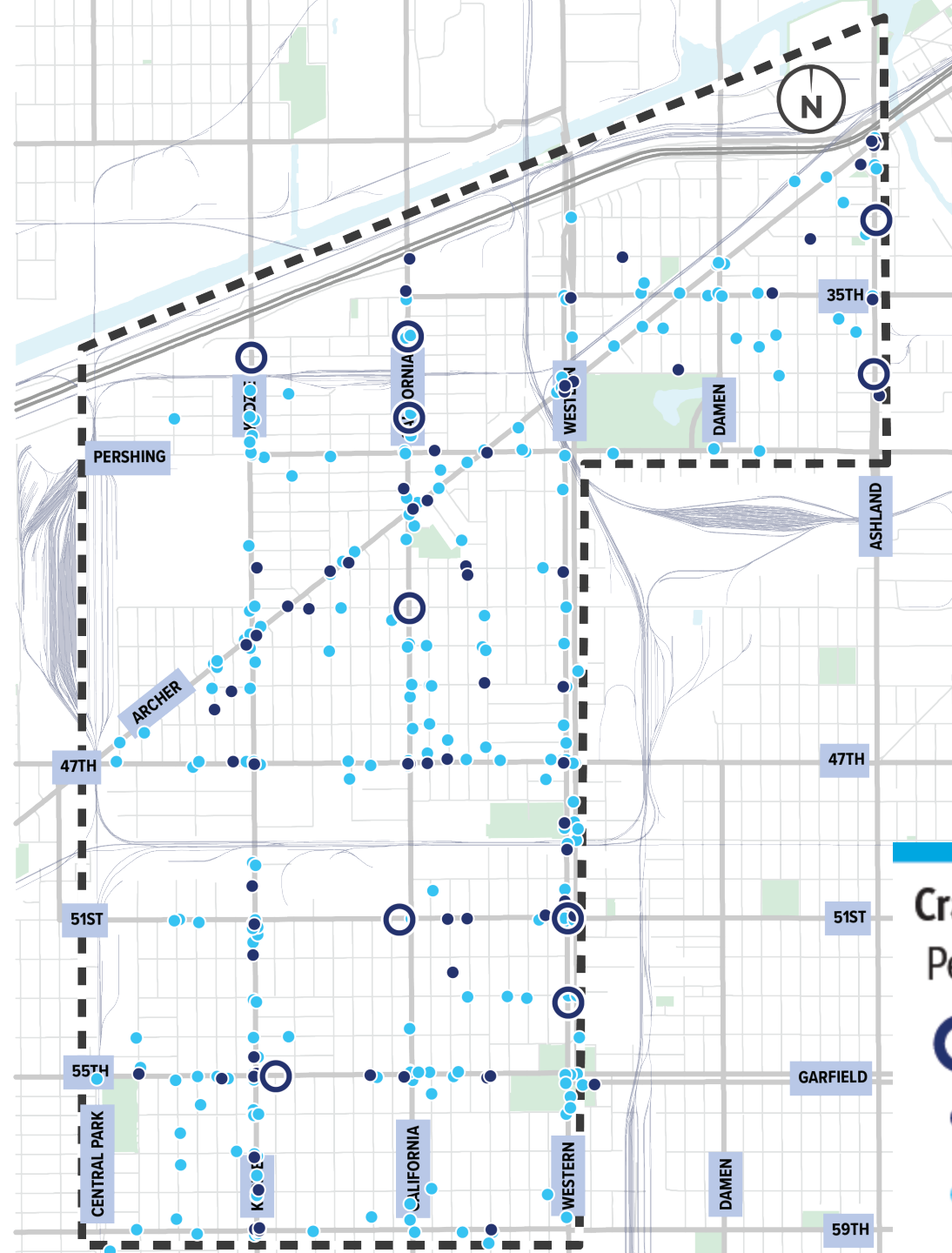




# PEDESTRIAN CRASHES FATAL & SERIOUS INJURY

## Crash Summary (2017-2021)

- ▶ 357 Total Crashes
  - 71 Average Crashes/Yr
- ▶ 10 People killed
- ▶ 70 People seriously injured
- ▶ 269 People injured



## Crashes (2017-2021)

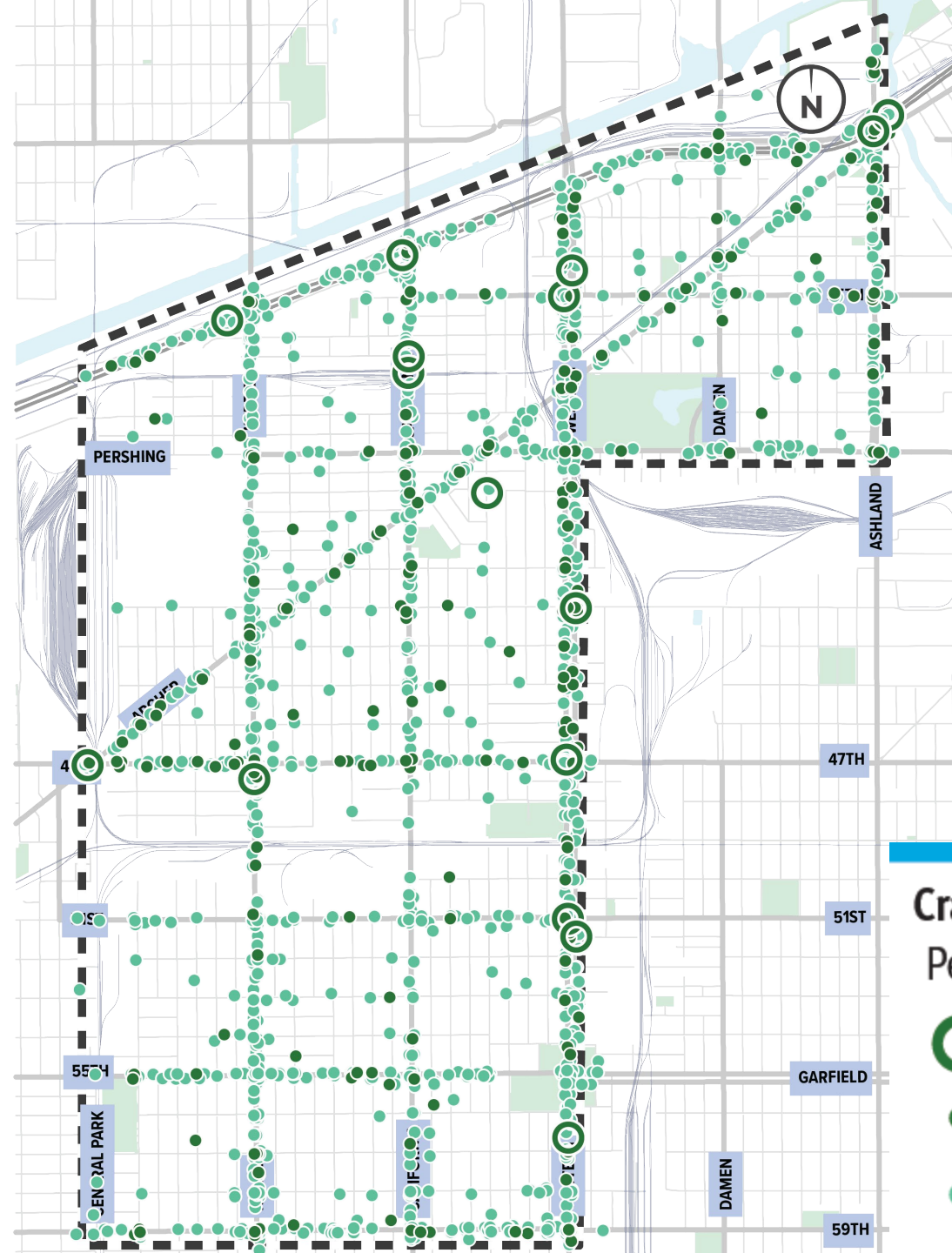
People Walking

- Fatal
- Serious
- Injury

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES FATAL & SERIOUS INJURY

## Crash Summary (2017-2021)

- ▶ **15,631 Total Crashes**
  - 3,126 Average Crashes/Yr
- ▶ **16 People killed**
- ▶ **219 People seriously injured**
- ▶ **1,836 People injured**



## Crashes (2017-2021)

People Driving

- Fatal
- Serious
- Injury

# PERCEPTIONS OF BIKING

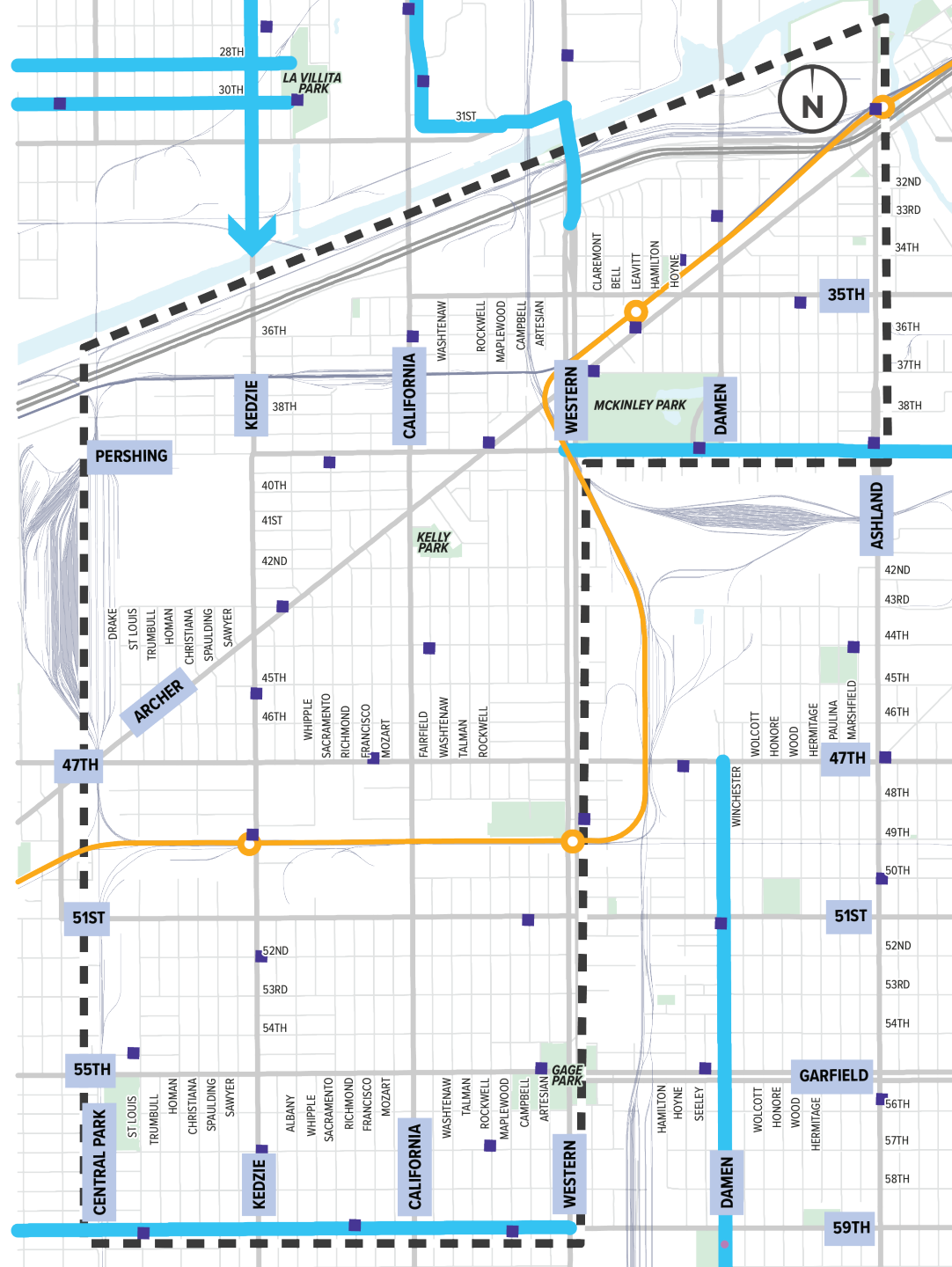
- ▶ What is the perception of biking in your neighborhood?  
Why do you think that is?
- ▶ Who do you see biking in your neighborhood?  
Why do they ride?
- ▶ Who do you not see biking in your neighborhood?  
Why don't they ride?





# WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY DESTINATIONS?

# WHAT ARE THE IMPORTANT STREETS?



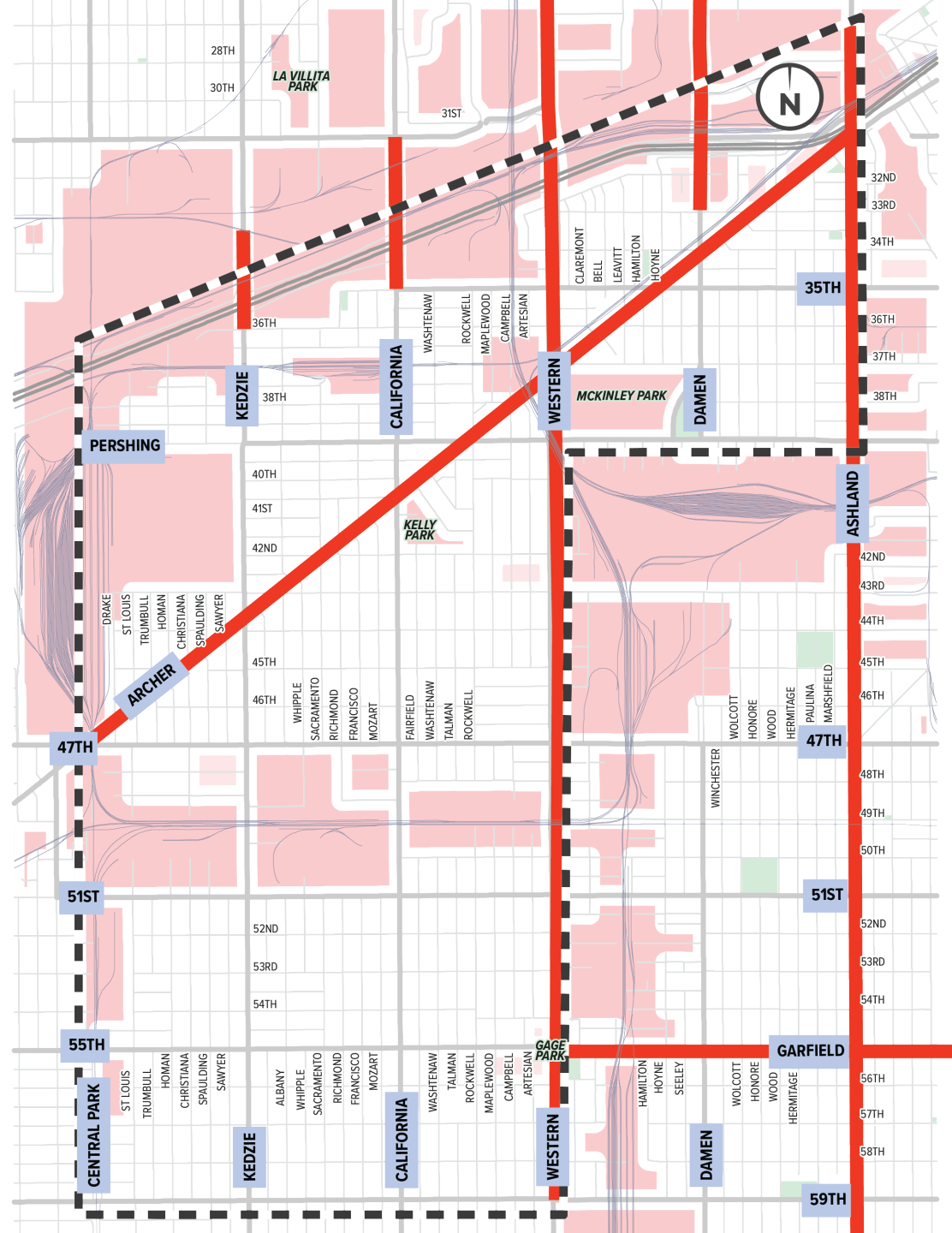
### Neighborhood Bike Network

- Focus Area
- Existing Bike Route
- Divvy Station
- Railroad
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# CHALLENGES: BARRIERS & ACCESS

► What we've heard so far:

- Access over the shipping canal
- Archer Avenue
- Heavy truck traffic
- Poor condition of infrastructure (streets & sidewalks)
- Pollution/Air Quality



## Neighborhood Bike Network

- Focus Area
- Multilane Street
- Land Barrier
- Railroad

# NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE NETWORK

- ▶ What does a successful neighborhood bike network look like in your neighborhood?
- ▶ How would a connected bicycle network benefit/impact your neighborhood?
- ▶ 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?

# NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Let's continue the conversation. We can email, talk on the phone, or schedule a follow up virtual meeting
- ▶ We'll send a date for the second taskforce soon
- ▶ Online survey