

- **To:** The Honorable Carrie M. Austin Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations
- From: Rebekah Scheinfeld Commissioner, Department of Transportation
- **CC:** Samantha Fields Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs
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Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

Ref ID: 84-01 Pavement Condition Rating

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Ervin, 28th Ward, requested a copy of the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Report for the 28th Ward.

Every arterial street segment has a PCI value. The street segments are typically 1/8 to 1/16 of a mile in length. As result, there is a very large volume of pavement condition data for each ward. This PCI data is in geographic information system (GIS) format. Mapping is the most efficient way of presenting such large volumes of GIS formatted data. Please see attached map to review the pavement condition of your ward.

The arterial streets on the map are color coded to indicate pavement conditions: (Green = Good, Yellow = Fair, and Red =Poor).

In addition, streets that have been resurfaced since the PCI survey was completed or will be resurfaced under a current active project are indicated by the overlay of x's.



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Ref ID: 84-04 List of MBE/WBE Contractors

The information below is in response to questions posed at CDOT's department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Hairston, Ward 5, requested a list of Hispanic MBE and Asian MBE contractors used in 2015.

HISPANIC MBE CONTRACTORS:

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ASIAN MBE CONTRACTORS:

ACCURATE GROUP, INC. ANDERSON & SHAH ROOFING INC. APS CONSULTING, INC. DESIGN CONSULTING ENGINEERS DYNASTY GROUP, INC. ENGINEERING SERVICES GROUP, INC. GANDHI & ASSOCIATES, INC. GLOBETROTTERS ENGINEERING CORP **GROUND ENGINEERING** HORIZON CONTRACTORS INC KALGEN CONSULTANTS INC LAKESHORE ENGINEERING MERU CORPORATION OCEAN MIST INC OMEGA & ASSOCIATES INC. **ORIENT EXPRESS** PAN-OCEANIC ENGINEERING CO INC **R.M. CHIN & ASSOCIATES RUBINOS & MESIA ENGINEERS INC.** SENRYO INC SINGH & ASSOCIATES, INC. SITE DESIGN GROUP SONOMA UNDERGROUND SERVICES, INC. SPAAN TECH, INC. SUMIT CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. TECMA ASSOCIATES, INC. WANG ENGINEERING, INC.



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Ref ID: 84-05 Capital Project Status

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Hairston, 5th Ward, asked for the status of the intersection 67th & South Shore Drive.

The Chicago Department of Transportation has completed improvements to the intersection of South Shore Drive and 67th Street. This work included, resurfacing of South Shore Drive and the installation of a new crosswalk on the north leg of the intersection. There are currently no additional capital improvements planned for this intersection at this time however, CDOT will continue to monitor the location.



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Ref ID: 84-06 Engineering vs. Construction Contracts

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Villegas, Ward 36, requested a break-down of the Design/Engineering vs. Construction contracts of the \$317M contract expenditures spent by CDOT to date in 2015. The break-down is as follows:

Design/Engineering Contracts: \$75,723,838

Construction Contracts: \$210,425,295



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Ref ID: 84-07 List of MBE/WBE Contractors

Below is information in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Villegas (36th) asked for a list of MBE/WBE Contractors for 2015:

MBE: AC IRON, LLC ACCURATE GROUP, INC. ACURA INC ALTAMANU, INC. ALVAREZ, INC. ALZATE, INC. ANDERSON & SHAH ROOFING INC. APEX CONSULTING ENGINEERS LLC APS CONSULTING, INC. ARAIZA CORPORATION ARDMORE ASSOCIATES, LLC AREATHA CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. AZTEC SUPPLY CORPORATION BARRICADE LITES, INC. CARRERA CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CHERI K. LEWIS ENGINEERING LLC

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Ref ID: 84-08 Active Trans

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Reilly asked how much grant funding the City provides to Active Transportation Alliance organization.

Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) organization receives approximately \$172,000, annually for consulting services. ATA manages the Bicycle Ambassadors and the Sage Routes Ambassadors for the City. Funds are from a federal grant through the State Highway Safety Program, commonly called Section 402 funding, for safety education and outreach.



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Ref ID: 84-09 List of MBE/WBE Contractors

The information listed below in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Scott Jr., Ward 24, requested a list of MBE/WBE Contractors for 2015:

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Ref ID: 84-10 Federal, State Funding for Resurfacing

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Dowell, Ward 3, requested a comparison of the 2014 and 2015 Federal and State Funding for Arterial Street Resurfacing.

Arterial Street Resurfacing	2014	2015	
Federal	\$26,544,000	\$32,285,000	
State	\$47,589,001	\$10,714,481	
County	\$0	\$ 3,000,000	



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Ref ID: 84-11 Pavement Condition Rating

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Dowell, 3rd Ward, requested the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) survey for arterial streets in the Ward 3.

Every arterial street segment has a PCI value. The street segments are typically 1/8 to 1/16 of a mile in length. As result, there is a very large volume of pavement condition data for each ward. This PCI data is in geographic information system (GIS) format. Mapping is the most efficient way of presenting such a large volume of GIS formatted data.

Please see attached map to better illustrate the pavement condition of your ward.

The arterial streets on the map are color coded to indicate pavement conditions: (Green = Good, Yellow = Fair, and Red =Poor).

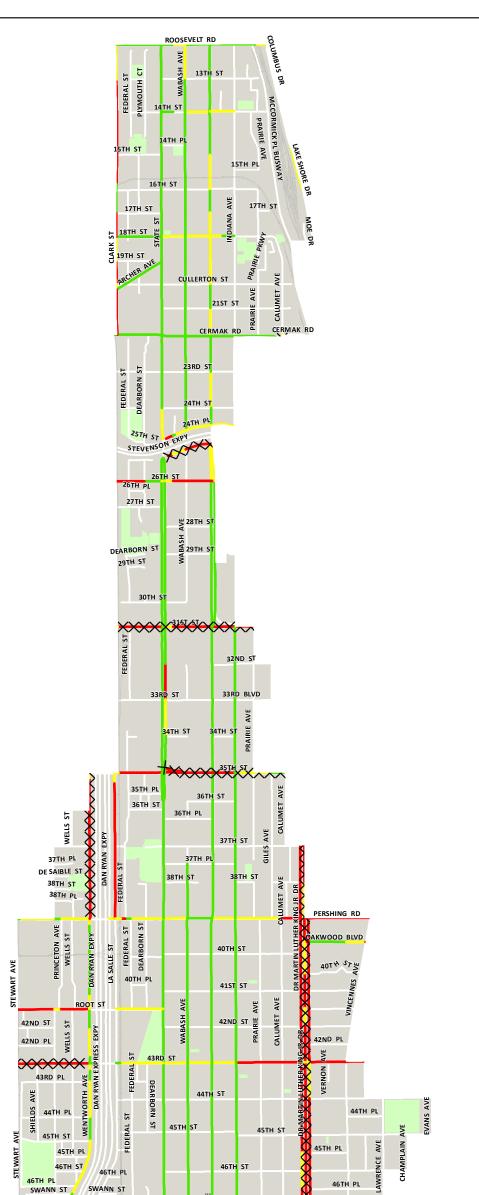
In addition, streets that were resurfaced since the PCI survey was completed or will be resurfaced under a current active project are indicated by the overlay of x's.

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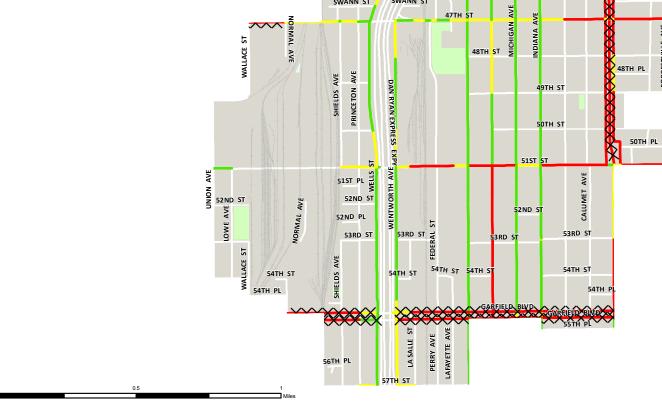
2014/2015 Arterial Resurfacing

Completed or Programmed Resurfacing



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Ref ID: 84-12 Sign Shop Privatization

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Smith, Ward 43, requested CDOT to provide information on the benefits of privatizing the Sign Shop.

In previous years, CDOT has conducted various cost analyses regarding the privatization of the Sign Shop. The results showed that it is more cost effective for the City to keep this function inhouse.

CDOT has not conducted any analyses recently however the Department does continue to monitor costs of in-house vs. private vendors and is finding that in-house forces are still more cost effective than private vendors. For example, the cost for the Sign Shop to make a Stop Sign is \$41.01 while the vendor charges \$61.45. The cost for the Sign Shop to make a Do Not Enter Sign is \$30.82, while the vendor charges \$51.04.



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Ref ID: 84-13 Tort Settlements

The information below is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman, Ward 17, requested a breakdown of recent legal settlements related to CDOT.

As provided by the Law Dept., the breakdown for judgments and settlements for 2013-15 is:

2013	Fall Downs/Personal Injury	\$1,154,440
	Motor Vehicle Accidents	\$61,045
	Motor Vehicle Accident-Property Damage	
	Only	\$36,358
	Property Damage	\$27,890
	Total:	\$1,279,733
2014	Fall Downs/Personal Injury	\$1,092,739
	Motor Vehicle Accidents	\$147,750
	Motor Vehicle Accident-Property Damage	
	Only	\$181,494
	Property Damage	\$26,995
	Total:	\$1,448,978
2015*	Fall Downs/Personal Injury	\$271,109
	Motor Vehicle Accidents	\$351,000
	Motor Vehicle Accident-Property Damage	\$43,540
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Property Damage		\$21,012
	Total:	\$686,661
*Through September 2015		



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Ref ID: 84-14 List of MBE/WBE Contractors

The information provided below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman David Moore, Ward 17, requested information on much of the \$317M in contract expenditures for 2015 to-date spent by CDOT in 2015, went to MBE/WBE vendors.

In 2015, \$75,343,672 went to MBE/WBE vendors contracts.



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Ref ID: 84-17 Absenteeism

The information below is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Smith, Ward 43, asked if CDOT had a report that compared their department's absenteeism statistics to that of private industry; and if CDOT could provide their absenteeism by days of the week.

CDOT does not have a report that compares their absenteeism to those of private industry. This analysis would be difficult because of the varied nature of CDOT's operations and workforce across divisions. However, CDOT does have information of absenteeism by days of the week (excluding vacation time).

The percentage of absenteeism for each day is as follows: Monday 23.5% Tuesday 17.8% Wednesday 18.7% Thursday 18.4% Friday 21.3%



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Ref ID: 84-18 Sidewalk Construction Projects

The information below is in response to questions, submitted through the Chair, after CDOT's department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Tunney, Ward 44, requested an explanation on why a City employee and a consultant are both required for sidewalk construction.

For CSR/311 Sidewalk Survey requests, a consultant is tasked with photographing the property. The photos are forwarded to a city employee who assesses the damage and makes a recommendation on the appropriate action (sidewalk repair, shared cost candidate, etc.) City employees then enter the recommendation into the CSR database. City employees make the determinations for sidewalk repair surveys.

Consultant construction managers are assigned to oversee sidewalk work performed by contractors. If there are questions or issues which need to be addressed, City employees are assigned to make final decisions.



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Ref ID: 84-19 2015 Menu

The information below is provided in response to questions, submitted through the Chair by Alderman Tunney - Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

The 2015 menu construction season started later than normal due to the 2015 elections. The election results affected many wards and subsequently the release of the Menu packages. This later release pushed back the Aldermanic CIP briefings which are necessary to fully inform Aldermen of their infrastructure needs and changes to the program. These types of delays are unavoidable and should not happen again until the next election.

CDOT prefers getting aldermanic menu requests as early as possible in order to better manage the construction schedule. Menu work in Ward 44 was still able to start in early June 2015.



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Ref ID: 84-20 Shared Sidewalk Program

The information below is in response to questions, submitted through the Chair, by Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Shared Sidewalk Program

Alderman Tunney requested information on the Shared Sidewalk Program, specifically, why sidewalks are replaced in small sections rather than in larger stretches. Could the program could be expanded; and what happens if the money is not expended in the first batch of surveys.

In order to minimize the cost to property owners and maximize the number of Shared Cost Sidewalk Program participants, only the portion of deteriorated sidewalk in need of replacement is eligible for the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. The property owner does have the option of replacing the entire sidewalk, however, the cost to remove and replace the portion of sidewalk determined to be in good condition, must be paid for by the property owner. The City will only participate in the cost to remove and replace deteriorated sidewalk.

The program is funded at \$2.5 million (city share) and there are no plans to expand this program. All available funds have been exhausted for this program, there are no funds to reallocate.

Alley Aprons and Curb & Gutters (as part of the Shared Sidewalk Program)

Alderman Tunney requested information on why driveway aprons and curb & gutter work is not included when a sidewalk is replaced.

If curb & gutters are in need of repair and are attached to carriage walks, they are included. The removal and replacement of permitted driveway aprons (the portion of driveway between the sidewalk and curb) can be added to the project. However, the entire cost to remove and replace the driveway apron will be charged to the owner. This year of the 858 participants, 22 homeowners elected to have their driveways replaced.



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Ref ID: 84-21 Hazardous Right-of-Way Program

The information below is provided in response to questions, submitted through the Chair, by Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, submitted after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

In repairing sidewalks, why does the city patches holes rather than remove and replace damaged sidewalks for longer lasting improvements.

There are different types of repairs completed in the Hazardous Sidewalk Repair Program based on the need of each location. In some cases, CDOT crews do remove and replace squares of sidewalk or courtesy walks that are trip and fall hazards, as deemed necessary. However, crews also perform sidewalk patching. It all depends on the condition of the concrete.



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RefID: 84-22 Ward 44 – ADA Tiles

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Through the Chair, Alderman Tunney (44th) asked when the remaining ADA tiles would be replaced on Sheridan from Diversey to Belmont.

The ADA ramp improvements associated with the resurfacing project on Sheridan from Diversey to Belmont are complete. If there are any issues with any of the ADA tiles, Alderman Tunney's office can contact CDOT for assistance.

Through the Chair, Alderman Tunney (44th) asked when the ADA ramps would be installed on Clark and Halsted from Diversey to Addison.

Both Clark Street from Diversey to Addison and Halsted Street from Aldine to Addison were resurfaced as part of the 2012 Arterial Street Resurfacing program. Up until 2013, ADA ramps were not included in the construction scope and were installed as part of a separate project only after the resurfacing project was completed. The ADA ramps associated with these locations will be constructed as part of a future improvement. Funding is currently programmed for FY 17.

Through the Chair, Alderman Tunney (44th) asked if CDOT had found a solution for ponding on ADA ramps.

CDOT has revised the construction details of the ADA ramps to include a minimum 0.4% slope in the gutter pan. This is the same minimum slope of the curb and gutter. This is intended to reduce any ponding.

Through the Chair, Alderman Tunney (44th) asked if there was a maintenance program for replacing ADA ramp tiles.

Deteriorated ADA tiles can be addressed through the 311/CSR system. Once the survey is completed and photos reviewed, the outcome of Sidewalk Repair Program ADA Tile Repair can be entered. Work would be performed by IHC and composite tiles would be used to replace the existing tiles.

Through the Chair, Alderman Tunney (44th) asked for the current wait time for ADA ramp tile replacement.

Replacement of ADA tiles can be submitted through the 311/CSR system. They are replaced within 2-8 weeks based upon material supply, manpower, and weather conditions.

Through the Chair, Alderman Tunney (44th) asked if there was a capital program to address non-compliant ramps.

There is no dedicated capital program to complete non-compliant ADA ramps. After 2013, we now incorporate ADA Ramp construction into all capital improvement projects as standard construction scope.



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Ref ID: 84-23 Street Resurfacing Program

The information below is provided in response to questions, submitted through the Chair by Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

The policy on reinstallation of speed humps following street resurfacing.

CDOT makes every effort to restore speed humps following resurfacing in a timely manner on streets where humps previously existed, unless otherwise requested by the Alderman.



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Ref ID: 84-24 Electrical Operations

The information below is in response to questions, submitted through the Chair by Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked if there was a capital plan for installing white lights in the 44th Ward, including arterial streets. And what is the life expectancy and energy savings are for these lights.

The current standard specification for all new street lighting is LED "White Light". New residential street lights are installed through the Aldermanic Menu Residential Street Lighting program. Arterial street lighting is replaced through street reconstruction projects. In some instances TIF funding has been used to install new street lighting.

The life expectancy of the traditional high pressure sodium lights is approximately 10,000 hours or $2 \frac{1}{2}$ years. The new LED Standard has a 10 year warranty with a life expectancy of 16 years.

The energy savings varies. The City pays a fixed per kilowatt cost, potential costs savings are directly related to wattage reductions. For example, if we convert from a 295 watt High Pressure Sodium fixture to a 70 watt LED fixture the wattage is reduced by over 75% and would thereby reduce our costs by the same ratio. Every physical location is unique and requires a different assessment as to wattage requirements.



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Ref ID: 84-25 Electrical Operations

The information below is in response to questions, submitted through the Chair from Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Information was requested regarding an LED street light pilot program conducted in Ward 44 in prior years. There was no formal pilot program performed by the City, however, LED technology and the illumination has improved to the point where the City has made LED street lighting fixtures standard installation for all lighting projects in 2015.



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Ref ID: 84-26 Electrical Operations

The information below is provided in response to questions, submitted through the Chair from Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Tunney requested information regarding CDOT's Division of Electrical Operations crews, whether they test their work on one-outs or all-outs before leaving a site and closing out a 311 request.

In response to street lighting-related Customer Service Requests (CSR), a Division of Electrical Operations repair crew is required to activate the lighting circuit upon arrival at the location to identify all existing lighting issues. Upon completion of the repair work, the crew is required to perform a site walk-through to ensure that all lighting outages have been repaired and that any related issues have been properly addressed.



MEMORANDUM

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RefID: 84-27 Ward 44 – Homeowner Notification for Lighting Installations

The attached information is in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Through the Chair, Alderman Tunney (44th) asked for the policy regarding homeowner notification for lighting installations in the parkway, whether homeowners could be given advance notice, and for the policy on signage replacement for such installations.

CDOT typically notifies the impacted alderman's office 2 weeks prior to the commencement of work. We are developing door hangers with the project and contact information that will be utilized for 2016 projects. These will be hung on houses about one week before the project begins. All signage on poles removed for 2015 street lighting projects, not carried over from 2014, will be replaced by the contractors performing the work. CDOT's Sign Shop will replace the signage for projects which were carried over from 2014.



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Ref ID: 84-28 Pedestrian Countdown

The information below is in response to questions, submitted through the Chair, from Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked the following traffic signal related questions:

Question #1: Is there was a plan to replace pedestrian crosswalk lights with countdowns at busy intersections?

Answer: CDOT does install pedestrian countdown signals as standard project scope for all traffic signal capital improvements.

Question #2: Are the traffic lights at Roscoe and Lake Shore Drive going to be updated soon?

Answer: There is no funding programmed for improvements to the signals at the intersection of Inner Lake Shore Drive and Roscoe. This intersection is included in the North Lake Shore Drive Phase I Study. This major capital improvement project is many years away from construction.

Question #3 Does CDOT coordinates tree trimming with the Department of Streets and Sanitation's Bureau of Forestry when installing staggered lighting?

Answer: CDOT designs the pole location to minimize impacts to existing trees. CDOT provides the pole locations to the Bureau of Forestry during the design process through the Office of Underground Construction (OUC). If there are issues with pole placement CDOT will coordinate with the Bureau of Forestry to possibly relocate the poles or trim the trees as needed.



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Ref ID: 84-29 Bike Lanes

The information below is in response to questions, submitted through the Chair, from Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Tunney asked what the required specifications were for streets to be eligible for protected bike lanes. And why did CDOT install buffered bike lanes on North Clark instead of protected bike lanes.

A street with one parking lane and one travel lane in each direction must be 52' wide in order to have protected bike lanes installed. This allows for a 5' bike lane, 3' barrier, 8' parking lane, and 10' travel lane in each direction. However, this width presents operational and maintenance challenges. CDOT only installs protected bike lanes on 52' roadways when there are no bus routes on the street or for short stretches to minimize maintenance challenges (narrow protected bike lanes require special equipment for snow removal/street sweeping).

On streets with parking and one travel lane in each direction, the preferred street width for protected bike lanes is 58'. This allows for a 7.5' bike lane, 3' barrier, 8' parking lane, and 10.5' travel lane in each direction.

Clark St, between Diversey and Addison, is 51' wide and buffered bike lanes were installed in 2012. In order to install protected bike lanes on this stretch of Clark St, on-street parking would have to be consolidated to one side of the street. This would allow for a 7.5' bike lane, 3' barrier, and 11' travel lane in one direction, and a 7.5' bike lane, 3' barrier, 8' parking lane, and 11' travel

lane in the other direction. If on-street parking is consolidated to one side of the street, all lost metered spaces would have to be replaced elsewhere in the 44th Ward.



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Ref ID: 84-30 Divvy Placement and Sidewalk Width

The information below is in response to questions, submitted through the Chair by Alderman Tunney – Ward 44, after our department's hearing on October 8, 2015 to discuss the proposed 2016 budget.

Alderman Tunney requested information regarding when a Divvy station is placed on a narrow sidewalk, he wanted to know if the sidewalk would be expanded.

The Chicago Department of Transportation and the Divvy bike share system does not have funding for expanding narrow sidewalks to accommodate Divvy station installations. Approximately two-thirds of Divvy stations are located on sidewalks or in parks.