

## MEETING AGENDA

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PROJECT:            **Bloomington Trail**

MEETING DATE:    **30 June 2011**

LOCATION:           **30 N. LaSalle, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

TIME:              **10:30 AM**

SUBJECT:           **Aldermanic Coordination – Phase I / Framework Plan**

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### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Introduction of Project Partners and Roles
  - a. Chicago Department of Transportation
  - b. Chicago Park District
  - c. The Trust for Public Land
  - d. Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development
  
2. Introduction of Phase I / Framework Plan Design Team and Roles
  - a. ARUP
  - b. Ross Barney Architects
  - c. Burns & McDonnell
  - d. O+H Community Partners
  
3. IDOT Phase I Process
  - a. Process Components
  - b. Expedited Schedule Review
  
4. Framework Plan - Community Outreach
  - a. Public Engagement Strategies
  - b. Schedule of Activities
  - c. Project Stakeholders
  - d. Phase I / Framework Plan Advisory Task Force
  
5. Next Steps
  - a. Date for Aldermanic Recommendations for Advisory Task Force: 7/7/11
  - b. Date for the first Advisory Task Force Meeting during the last two weeks of July. (Location: 30 N LaSalle Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
  
6. Discussion



CITY OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date: 6/30 Project: Bloomingdale

Location: 30 N. LaSalle, Suite 500, Conf. 5B Topic: Aldermanic Meeting

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# PHASE I (NEPA PROCESS) SCHEDULE - BLOOMINGDALE TRAIL

## Schedule

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 PROJECT: BLOOMINGDALE TRAIL  
 LOCATION: CHICAGO  
 DATE: June 17, 2011



PROJECT PHASES	2011												2012												2013		
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M					
<b>1</b> Initiate Categorical Exclusion Process Obtain Available Project Data Topographic Survey and Establish ROW Preliminary Field Survey/Photos Bridge Condition Reports/Bridge Assessment Report IDOT Local Roads Coordination																											
<b>2</b> Inventory and Evaluate Alternatives Establish Evaluation Criteria Evaluate Preliminary Alternatives Environmental Survey Request Form/Environmental Clearances PESA Report/Special Waste Clearance Evaluate Potential Environmental Impacts Present Project at Coordination Meeting (FHWA/IDOT)																											
<b>3</b> Initiate Early Coordination Develop Public Involvement Plan Coordinate with Organizations/Individuals with Project Interest																											
<b>4</b> Evaluate Alternatives for Unusual Circumstances Refine Alternatives/Select Preferred Alternative Evaluate Alternatives (Engineering and Environmental Impacts)																											
<b>5</b> Prepare Project Report Location Drainage Study Project Report																											
<b>6</b> Notify Public and Affected Agencies Submit Report (Preliminary and Final) Public Meeting																											
<b>7</b> Design Approval																											



## **Bloomington Trail and Park Phase I/ Framework Plan Public Engagement Plan – DRAFT**

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### **Introduction**

Public engagement is a critical part of the long term successful development of Bloomington Trail. The community outreach work included in the Phase I engineering and Framework Plan development will built upon and be coordinated with the overall civic engagement strategy. This Public Engagement Plan draft is designed to identify stakeholders, and to specify strategies that will be used to inform our public engagement and invite stakeholders and the public to participate in the Bloomington Trail Phase I design and Framework Plan process.

### **Project Description and Background**

The goal of the Bloomington Trail design process will be to develop concepts to convert a 2.65-mile unused, elevated railway line to a multi-use trail for recreational users and commuters. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has identified the Bloomington Trail as a priority to reach his goals of creating a world-class bike network within Chicago, improving the pedestrian environment and creating new open space.

### **Purpose of the Public Engagement Plan**

The objectives of the Public Engagement Plan are to:

- Identify and understand stakeholder priorities for the Bloomington Trail
- Engage all relevant stakeholders in the Bloomington Trail design planning process
- Communicate the goals and progress of the planning process to the public
- Support any private fundraising efforts through engagement of stakeholders of all types

### **About the Public Involvement Team**

O-H Community Partners (OHcp), a minority-owned social impact/community engagement consulting firm will work with the Chicago Department of Transportation, Arup, and other project partners to lead the public engagement component of the Bloomington Trail Phase I design planning process. OHcp has experience working with diverse community groups and organizations of all sizes and levels of sophistication and the OHcp team brings expertise in diversity and inclusion in addition to understanding and working with local government officials and civic leaders.

- Sharon E. Jones will lead OHcp's public and stakeholder outreach efforts. Ms. Jones is a lawyer by training and has specialized in providing diversity/inclusion strategy consulting to leaders of law firms, corporations, government and not for profit organizations. Ms. Jones formerly served as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice-President for the Chicago Urban League, a community based organization focused on economic development within the African American community.



- Chinwe Onyeagoro will serve as a Senior Advisor to the OHcp outreach team. Chinwe Onyeagoro is the co-founder and CEO of O-H Community Partners. She has worked with public and private organizations to successfully complete a wide range of successful community and economic development programs. Prior to founding OHcp, Chinwe worked at the Pritzker Realty Group, and previously spent ten years in the field of management consulting for global strategy firms, including McKinsey & Company and The Monitor Group.
- Supporting Ms. Jones and Ms. Onyeagoro will be Isaac Jones, OHcp Associate. Isaac works on strategic planning, business planning, evaluation, and community engagement for OHcp.

### **Public Engagement Strategies**

Three key community engagement strategies are as follows:

1. **Task Force:** The Task Force will serve as the core group responsible for overall advice and guidance throughout the Bloomingdale Trail design process. The Task Force will be asked to contribute meaningfully to the design process, and will further assist the City and the project team with building partnerships and sharing information with elected officials and community leaders as well as the public at large. The Task Force will also advise the Project Team on how to best engage the broader community.
2. **Public Meetings:** These meetings will be an opportunity for local residents, community leaders, and business owners to hear updates on the design project, offer their opinions, share their concerns, hear other view points, and provide the project team with a snapshot of community concerns and reactions to particular proposals. Three public meetings, and a design charrette sponsored in conjunction with the Trust for Public Land will be held to encourage dialogue between the project team and the general public. These meetings will be advertised widely to encourage the participation of all stakeholders.
3. **Leadership Outreach:** The Project Team will work with community leaders to ensure that all stakeholders are kept informed of the planning process and are given the opportunity to provide guidance and advice. In particular, the Project Team will make sure that careful contact is maintained with elected leaders, community organizations, major community businesses, advocates, and citizens.



**Schedule of Activities**

Below is a preliminary schedule of outreach related events for Bloomingdale Trail.

Public Involvement Plan Element	Project Timeline									
	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12
Aldermen Meetings	•			•				•		
Task Force Meetings		•				•			•	
Public Meetings			•				•			•
Public Charrette					•					

**Stakeholders and Advisory Task Force**

By identifying key stakeholders, this Public Engagement Plan ensures that all individuals and groups who are potentially affected by the development of the Bloomingdale Trail are identified and invited to participate. A preliminary list of stakeholder categories and individual stakeholder entities is below. Please note that the following lists of stakeholders and potential members of the Bloomingdale Trail Task Force are not exhaustive. All participants in the Phase I Design process are encouraged to suggest additions or amendments to both lists; the Project Team will work to ensure that the voices of all stakeholders are included in the process.

**STAKEHOLDERS**

Stakeholder Type	Name of Group
Governmental Officials	Mayor Rahm Emmanuel
	Chicago DOT Commissioner Gabe Klein
	Alderman Proco "Joe" Moreno (1 <sup>st</sup> Ward)
	Alderman Robert Maldonado (26 <sup>th</sup> Ward)
	Alderman Scott Waguespack (32 <sup>nd</sup> Ward)
	Alderman Rey Colon (35 <sup>th</sup> Ward)
	U. S. Congressman Luis Gutierrez (4 <sup>th</sup> District)
	Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle
	County Commissioner Earlene Williams (1 <sup>st</sup> District)
	County Commissioner Edwin Reyes (8 <sup>th</sup> District)
County Commissioner John A. Fritchey (12 <sup>th</sup> District)	



	State Senator William Delgado (2 <sup>nd</sup> District) State Senator Annazette Collins (5 <sup>th</sup> District) State Senator Iris Martinez (20 <sup>th</sup> District) State Representative Cynthia Soto (4 <sup>th</sup> District) State Representative Derrick Smith (10 <sup>th</sup> District) State Representative Maria Antonia Berrios (39 <sup>th</sup> District)
<b>City Departments</b>	Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development Chicago Department of Transportation Chicago Park District Chicago Police Department
<b>Advocacy/Partner Organizations</b>	Active Transportation Alliance Friends of Bloomingdale Trail Friends of the Parks Trust for Public Land
<b>Corporations</b>	Canadian Pacific Railroad
<b>Educational Institutions</b>	Catholic/Parochial Schools Chicago Public Schools
<b>Community Organizations</b>	Bucktown Community Organization East Village Association Institute of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture Logan Square Neighborhood Association Near Northwest Arts Council Near Northwest Neighborhood Network West Bucktown Neighborhood Association
<b>Business Organizations</b>	Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Logan Square Chamber of Commerce Roscoe Village Chamber of Commerce West Town Chicago Chamber of Commerce Wicker Park/Bucktown Chamber of Commerce



**PHASE I / FRAMEWORK PLAN ADVISORY TASK FORCE DRAFT**

Name	Organization
Gabe Klein, Chair	Chicago Department of Transportation
Proco Moreno	Alderman, 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward
Robert Maldonado	Alderman, 26 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Scott Waguespack	Alderman, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Ward
Rey Colon	Alderman, 35 <sup>th</sup> Ward
Joe Deal	Director of External Affairs, Mayor's Office
Rupert Graham	Superintendent of Cook County Highway Department
Ben Helphand	President, Friends of Bloomingdale Trail
Michael Wilkinson	Architect, Wilkinson Blender/ Chicago Architecture Club
Nancy Aardema	Executive Director Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Adam Burck	Executive Director, Wicker Park/Bucktown Chamber of Commerce
Ron Burke	Executive Director, Active Transportation Alliance
Roberto Cornelio	COO of the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Charles Kyle	Principal, Stowe Elementary School
Ramon Canellada	Accessibility Program Coordinator, Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital
Linda Flores	Commander, Police District 14
Nathan Mason	Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
Lynne Basa	Artist
Erma Tranter	Friends of the Parks



Steve Vick	Executive Director, McCormick Tribune YMCA
Donna Robertson	Dean of Architecture, IIT
Dan Wheeler	Dean of Architecture, UIC
Peter Kindall	Chairman, Mayor's Open Space Committee
TBD	Reserved for a designee of Alderman Proco Moreno
TBD	Reserved for a designee of Alderman Robert Maldonado
TBD	Reserved for a designee of Alderman Scott Waguespack
TBD	Reserved for a designee of Alderman Rey Colon