

Chicago Mobility Collaborative

March 13, 2025

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Avondale-Logandale School

Meeting Summary

Number of Attendees: 98 total attendees (including participants joining via Zoom and in-person at Avondale – Logandale School)

CDOT Staff Attendees: Romina Castillo; Mary Nicol; Brad Huff; David Miller; Jamie Osborne; Kyle Peppin

Meeting Overview: This meeting was held both in-person at Avondale-Logandale School, and virtually via Zoom. Romina Castillo, CDOT's Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, began the meeting welcoming all attendees, outlining meeting format, expectations, and sharing the event's agenda. She also introduced the panel discussion, which will be a new agenda item at each meeting. Traolach O'Sullivan, from Palenque LSNA moderated the panel with the following panelists: Juan Sebastian Arias, Elevated Chicago; Lisset Castañeda, Commissioner Dept. of Housing; Carlos Ramirez Rosa, 35th Ward Alderman; Leslé Honoré, Urban Gateways; Juan Carlos Linares, Association House of Chicago; Arely Barrera, Palenque LSNA.

After the panel discussion, participants joined community table conversations. A summary of each community table is outlined below.

Community Tables Summaries:

Table 1 – Better Streets for Transit: BRT corridor implementation: building projects and building coalitions

Facilitators – Robert Schultz (ATA), Jennifer Henry (CTA), Jason Meter (CTA), Audrey Wennink (Metropolitan Planning Council), Gary Jimenez (Palenque LSNA)

- Action Items
 - No action items were identified.
- High-level participant feedback and conversation overview
 - Participants expressed concern over the output of funding cuts particularly around potential service gaps.
 - They raised questions about how a 40% increase in service would be managed.

- Community members expressed concern that an increase in service is at odds with the current state of funding.
- Red Line Extension
 - Participants seemed unclear on which stakeholders had ownership of which components of the extension.
 - Which aspects does CDOT, CTA own?
 - Participants wanted to know the cost to operate the Red Line extension.
- CDOT Funding and Governance
 - CDOT's governance structure was unclear to participants who wanted to know which departments could be held accountable for planning for equity
- There were broad concerns about equity, service gaps, and accountability but a lack of clarity on how community members could effectively voice their concerns and to which stakeholder they should direct them.
- Bus prioritization planning should be centered in equity through inclusive community engagement.
- Implement multi-modal corridors by better coordinating bike lane infrastructure planning, design, and installation along with bus priority corridors.
- Prioritize corridors in transit-disconnected areas.
- Provide a path forward for automated enforcement of bus lanes, bus stops, and bike lanes.

Table 2 - Divvy Program and Expansion: Electrification of stations

Facilitators – Kyle Peppin, CDOT

- Action Items
 - Continue expanding the network.
 - Set a time to reconvene the table to provide micromobility updates.
- High-level participant feedback and conversation overview
 - Participants are interested in reconvening this community table to get updates about micromobility more often.
 - A future conversation topic will be identifying locations for infill stations across the city.
 - Data gaps identified: CDOT is working on how to better address fees associated with docking outside of a station when the station is full.
 - Charging stations
 - Benefits of charging stations vs. Swappable batteries
 - Costing
 - Connection to existing grid
 - How are charging station locations currently determined and how this can be improved with an aim towards safety, equity, and convenience?

Table 3 – Safe Travel for All Plan: Improving connectivity for people biking and walking

Facilitators – Joseph Seymour, Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways

- Action Items: None identified
- High-level participants feedback and conversation overview
 - Broad themes from site specific safety feedback:
 - Desire for more speed calming measures or devices – speeding cars pose safety hazard for peds and bikers.
 - Bike lanes and sidewalks are inconsistent and bring bikes/peds into conflict with cars.
 - Additional highway ramp treatment for motorists.
 - Positive CDOT safety implementations: Curb bulb outs, bus boarding islands, always stop intersections, protected bike lanes, midblock crossings
 - Less effective safety implementations: Paint instead of concrete – high levels of wear and tear

Table 4 – Enhancing Connectivity Through Vibrant Public Spaces

Facilitators: Jamie Osborne, (CDOT), Dave Miller, (CDOT), Carmen Martinez (Department of Planning and Development), Traolach O’Sullivan (Palenque, LSNA)

- Action Items
 - Find and select dates to facilitate community updates and insight
- High-level participants feedback and conversation overview
 - Strong desire for high levels of public input/engagement at all stages
 - La Placita’s design should be Logan Square specific – incorporate local history/culture
 - CDOT procurement time for design may slow execution timeline
 - Friends of La Placita would like to continue their partnership and ability to share feedback/input

Announcements:

Upcoming CMC meetings:

- June 26 – Central Region – location TBD
- September 11 – South Region/Englewood – Harper High School
- December 11 – Southwest Region – Jungman School