

Dearborn Street Complete Street Project



Project Overview

Limits: Dearborn Street, from Polk Street to Kinzie Street • Length: 1.15 Miles

CDOT will begin work in fall 2012 on the Dearborn Street Complete Street Project. This project will balance roadway space to ensure pedestrians, transit users, bicyclists and motorists can travel along and across the street safely. Between 2006 and 2010, there were 986 reported crashes on this stretch of Dearborn. Pedestrians and bicyclists accounted for 57% of injury crashes and 63.5% of serious injury crashes while only accounting for 14% of all crashes.

Highlights:

- Two-way barrier protected bike lane with bicycle signals at all intersections
- Shortened pedestrian crossing distances reducing pedestrian exposure to motor vehicles
- Travel lane removal will reduce excessive motor vehicle speeds and discourage wreckless driving

Pedestrian Improvements:

- High-visibility continental crosswalks at all intersections
- Pedestrian countdown timers at all intersections
- Shortened pedestrian crossing distances

Transit Improvements:

- Two-way protected bike lane on the west side of the street, opposite of bus traffic, reducing bike/bus conflicts
- Bus-only lane from Congress to Adams and Washington to Lake will be maintained

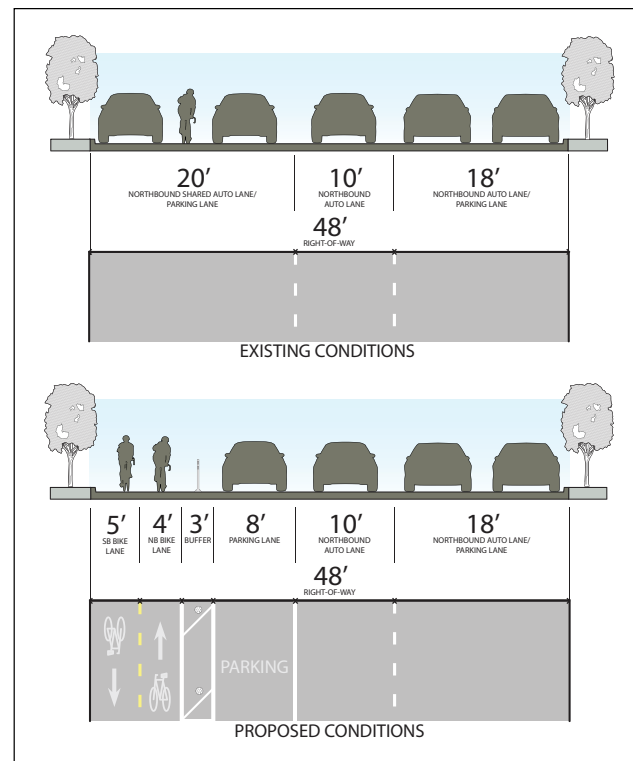
Bicyclist Improvements:

- First north/south bikeway through the Loop to complement Chicago's future Bike Share System
- Improved bridge crossing over the Chicago River
- Bicycle signals at every intersection
 - Southbound bicycle signals at all intersections for contraflow travel
 - Northbound bicycle signals at westbound cross streets to separate northbound bicyclists and left turning motorists

Motorist Improvements:

- New left turn lanes at intersections where none currently exist
- New dedicated left turn arrows at westbound cross streets to allow more efficient turns
- Clearly marked parking areas, loading/standing/valet zones and taxi stands

This section of Dearborn is a one-way northbound street. With this project, Dearborn will function as a two-way street for bicyclists, with southbound bicyclists located adjacent to the west curb and northbound bicyclists located between southbound bicyclists and parked cars.



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