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Transportation + Infrastructure Meeting #8

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ATTENDEES


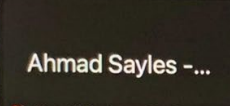













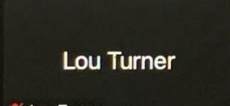
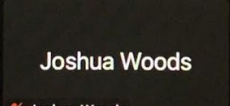

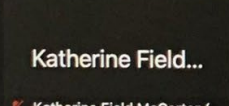
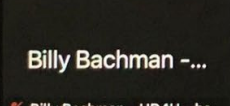
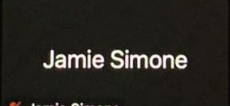


- Cindy Fish
- Ben Cosgrove
- Joshua Woods
- Lou Turner
- Melvin Thompson
- Tim Gustafson
- Billy Davis
- Lillianne Webb (facilitator)
- Katherine Field McCarter
- Jamie Simone
- Billy Bachman
- Sandra Blakemore
- Veronica Cruz
- Malika Hainer
- William Garcia
- LaTanya Lane
- John Paige
- Perry Georgopoulos
- Jamie Osborne
- Leah Mooney
- Ashley Gratz
- Jose Estrada
- Daniel Comeaux
- Laurie Dittman
- Devon Braunstein

Recording

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 Tim Gustafson (he/him)	 Lou Turner	 Joshua Woods	 Malika Hainer Chicago De...	 Ashley Gratz (she/her/hers)
 Katherine Field McCarter (...)	 Billy Bachman - UD4H - he...	 Jamie Simone	 Leah Mooney, CTA, she/her	 William Garcia

MEETING GOAL

Discuss metrics, final objectives, cross-pillar topics, and innovative policy directions.

WHERE WE ARE



Step 1

We Are*Setting the Stage*

Step 2

We Have and Need*Develop A Policy Toolkit*

Step 3

We Will*Set Policy Framework*

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1

Community partners members are hosting events to get community participation on answering the guiding questions as well as sending out surveys.

2

Pillar members want to increase accessibility throughout the city and invest in alternative modes of transportation.

3

Pillar members want to craft policies that improve the safety of bikers and pedestrians. They also want to reduce the amount of pollution produced by freight trucks.

CONVERSATION HIGHLIGHTS

"The number of those traffic camera tickets in Black and Brown neighborhoods [are] excessively targeting Black and Brown [people]. [They are] taking more money from the financially less fortunate. "

Shadan Tofighi | Volunteer

"Freight activity is a vital economic driver for communities. It is not something that people want to remove. But you want to be smart about the way it interacts in neighborhoods and on those corridors where you have heavy bike traffic and transit."

Dr. Billy Bachman | Urban Design 4 Health, Senior Analyst & Marketing Strategist

"It's one thing to look at truck routes and do what we can to improve safety on the streets, that's our job. The other piece of it is land use and zoning. And where the city will allow those types of developments."

Jamie Simone | Chicago Department of Transportation, Deputy Commissioner

"We have a plethora of 18-wheelers all over the place, idling overnight and I know that doesn't happen in all neighborhoods ."

Melvin Thompson | Endealeo Institute, Executive Director

NOTES

- Cindy Fish presents the Objectives Report-out. Fish gives tips for refining objectives generated in previous meetings. The objectives, which correlate with guiding questions, will be finalized and the language clarified by communications staff before making them public.

Draft Objectives

Guiding question: “How can we ensure that our transportation networks and infrastructure systems are safe, equitable and accessible to all, including those with disabilities and the most vulnerable?”

1. Ensure transportation and infrastructure systems are equitably distributed, universally accessible and affordable.
2. Prioritize infrastructure that reinforces safe movement for all.
3. Design and maintain infrastructure that enhances the life and pride of place.
4. Empower and involve communities who have been excluded or harmed by previous processes.
5. Ensure access to high quality broadband internet across the City.

Guiding question: “How can we create transportation networks that support greater connectivity by walking, biking, transit, and other more active and sustainable modes?”

1. Remove inequities that historically created transit deserts by expanding transportation options without requiring travel through downtown.
2. Enhance seamless integration between active and sustainable travel modes.
3. Design spaces prioritizing sustainable modes that are calm, protected and safe.
4. Prioritize investments in infrastructure and services that promote active sustainable modes over single occupant vehicles.
5. Promote collaboration and coordination among all City departments and other partners responsible for transportation and infrastructure to ensure actions are aligned with community input.

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How do we balance the economic benefits of moving goods that mitigates negative impacts and equitably distributes burdens?

1. Make freight corridors safe for all travelers, prioritizing the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.
2. Mitigate the negative health and environmental impacts of freight and goods movement systems.
3. Eliminate the disproportionate burden that freight and goods movement currently impose on historically marginalized communities.
4. Improve the efficiency of all freight systems to mitigate negative impacts on local areas while maintaining its role as an economic engine.
5. Ensure that freight-related projects are consistent and compatible with local community plans allowing those affected to share economic benefits of the goods that move through their community.

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Guiding question: “How can we create a framework for future investments in transportation and infrastructure that address past inequities in historically marginalized communities and ensure community priorities and goals are realized?”

1. Ensure that robust community engagement and outreach is part of transportation and infrastructure investments.
2. Prioritize infrastructure investments in historically marginalized communities.
3. Support neighborhood-scale projects that are initiated and advocated by local communities.
4. Integrate historical reckoning into project selection and evaluation to create transparency and trust building.
5. Create a process that establishes accountability, adherence, and follow-through.

Guiding question: “How can we leverage resources for transportation and infrastructure projects that promote environmental sustainability and resilience?”

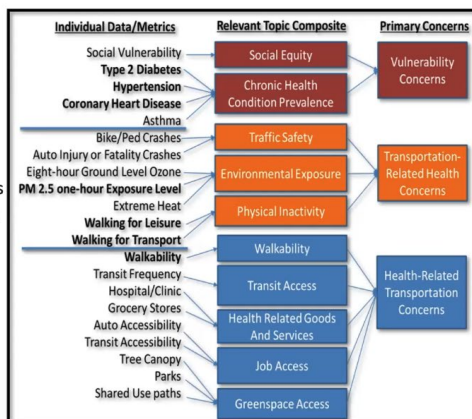
1. Provide equitable access to funding resources to all neighborhoods supporting sustainable modes of transportation.
 2. Invest in green infrastructure that supports and protects water resources.
 3. Mitigate climate change and improve livability by reducing or eliminating impacts of flooding, stormwater runoff, and sewage on the built and natural environment.
 4. Support requirements that incentivize renewable and sustainable sources of energy.
- Fish then presents a visual illustrating the overlap between Transportation & Infrastructure and other pillars based on shared topics of interest. Fish explains thinking about overlap will be helpful for the research team to identify policies that touch multiple pillars.
 - Community partner provide updates on their engagement events:
 - Billy Davis of Bronzeville Community Development Partnerships (BCDP) shares information on their upcoming event focused on discussing the Transportation & Infrastructure guiding questions.
 - Melvin Thompson of Endeleo Institute shares information on their upcoming engagement event. They are planning to gauge awareness of the CREATE project outside of their church, Trinity United Church of Christ.
 - Jose Estrada of Arquitectos reflects on their first engagement event, which was closed door and largely attended by their executive board members. Estrada says their organization intends to build programming to build on infrastructure, transportation and neighborhood design.
 - **Fish then presents on metrics.** The research team’s goal is to develop metrics based on guiding questions, which will be used as a baseline to measure policy outcomes. In this meeting, pillar members will help narrow down the inventory of potential metrics and can suggest additional metrics.

- Pillar members walk through proposed metrics based on guiding questions and add input.
- **Innovative Policy Directions** - Dr. Billy Bachman from Urban Design 4 Health (UD4H) delivers a presentation that evaluates the impact of freight activity on health and quality of life.
 - Bachman is currently working on a project for the Chicago Department of Transportation focused on the Southwest industrial corridor, looking at health metrics for the freight sector and developing a toolkit for DOT to evaluate health

impacts in other areas.

Support data-driven metrics

- Long range planning
- Project funding prioritization
- Need-based metrics – community health, environmental justice
 - Vulnerable populations
 - Transportation-related health concerns
 - Health-related transportation access concerns



Bachman presents goals and metrics they are considering for this project and suggests approaches for creating indexes to support a data-drive approach.

Bachman emphasizes prioritizing community investment.

- **Policy Creation Exercise/Report-out** - Webb introduces the exercise, to use the Health & Race Equity Impact Assessment (HREIA) framework—which is being developed and piloted by the City—to dissect example an policy. Pillar members discuss in breakout groups.
 - Joshua Woods: "I was initially lost by the jargon but the HREIA made it more legible and easier to understand."

RESOURCES

BCDP

[Bronzeville Community Development Partnership](#)

Bronzeville Community Meeting - We Will Chicago T&I Planning

[Eventbrite to register for BCDP's upcoming virtual engagement meeting](#)

Endeleo Institute

[Melvin Thompson's Organization](#)

Traffic Camera Tickets Targeting minorities

[Chicago Camera Tickets](#)

UD4H[Urban Design 4 Health](#)**Useful Metrics**[EPA's smart database](#)**NEXT STEPS**

- Meeting #9 will have more policy discussion.
- Meeting #9 will have updates on community partner events.
- Meeting #9 will have more data and metric introductions by pillar leaders.