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**MAYOR EMANUEL INTRODUCES ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR FAR SOUTH SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS**

*CDOT Will Team with CMAP to Develop Plan for Improved Access to Transit, Jobs and Recreation for
Residents of Altgeld Gardens, Eden Green, Golden Gate and Riverdale*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today introduced an ordinance that will authorize a transportation study designed to improve access to mass transit, jobs and recreation for residents in the Riverdale Community Area, which includes Altgeld Gardens, Eden Green and Golden Gate on the far South Side of the City. The study will be conducted by the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

"No matter what community a Chicagoan lives in, they deserve full access to our world-class transit system and the jobs and education and recreation opportunities our city offers," said Mayor Emanuel. "These neighborhoods on the far South Side face unique transportation challenges, so I have directed our transportation team to come up with solutions that will outline to improve access for these residents to the city and region while also improving traffic safety and quality of life."

The study area is bounded by the Bishop Ford Expressway/I-94 to the east, Indiana Avenue to the west, 130th street to the north and 138th Street to the south. The study is moving forward with the support of Alderman Anthony Beale.

"All Chicagoans need access to high quality transportation options, and I look forward to working with Mayor Emanuel and CDOT to identify additional ways to improve our transit system for residents on the far South Side of the City," said Alderman Beale.

The goal of the project is to develop recommendations for improving transportation options and roadway safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and all users of the transportation network using CDOT's Complete Streets Design Guidelines which place pedestrians first in the hierarchy of transportation system users.

The approximately \$100,000 planning study will be 95 percent-funded by CMAP through the Local Technical Assistance Program, with the remaining five percent funded by CDOT. The ordinance will authorize CDOT to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to carry out the study with CMAP.

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