• Citywide Plan Introduction
• Chicago Plan Commission, August 20, 2020
• Why plan, why now, and how do we start?
• Revisit our planning history
• Initial steps for the citywide plan
• Proposed schedule and products
Challenges We Face Today

Public Health Crisis

Structural Inequity and Violence

Impacts to Local Businesses

Climate Change

Economic Shifts

Widespread Unemployment
Resilient and Active Community
Why Plan?

To empower ourselves to look past immediate concerns, evaluate options for how best to proceed, and move toward a better future.

WE WILL:
• Create a document that the average resident recognizes as a guiding vision for the city’s future.
• Inform priorities for government programs and projects.
Why Now?

In order for Chicago to remain a world-class city, we need to create a new path. A path in which fairness and inclusion are our guiding principles. We can, and we must, do better.

We must do better by insisting on a comprehensive plan to invest in families and neighborhoods, and to end the violence that plagues too many communities.

2019, Lori Lightfoot, lightfootforchicago.com
Why Now?

COVID dashboard

CHICAGO COVID-19 Citywide Positivity Rate

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Racial Equity Rapid Response
What Topics Have We Studied?

1966 Comprehensive Plan of Chicago
- Residential Areas
- Recreation & Park Land
- Education
- Public Safety & Health
- Business
- Industry
- Transportation

1984 Chicago Works Together Development Plan
- Job opportunities for Chicagoans
- Balanced Growth
- Neighborhood development through partnerships & coordinated investment
- Public participation in decision-making
- A Regional, state and national agenda
How Do We Start?

By asking residents, businesses, institutions, students, local government staff and others to help frame the topics.
How Do We Start?

We will use:
- Social media
- Digital and print media
- A wide range of interactive activities designed and led by artists
- A planning platform where all the activities can be found and which also will host
  - Online surveys
  - Workshops
  - Forums
- Voter referendum on equity, diversity, and resiliency

Leading the Partnership
- Planning and Development
- Culture Affairs and Special Events

In collaboration with
- Other city departments
- Sister agencies

Regional Partners currently contributing:
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
- Metropolitan Planning Council

Pro Bono Partners assisting:
- Edelman
- Bloomberg Associates

Future Partners
First, We Must Revisit Our History

1909 Plan of Chicago
- Legacy - 24 miles of public lakefront
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1972 Lakefront Plan and 1975 Riveredge Plan
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Post-war Plans

- Rebuild massive swaths of Chicago for transportation to address growth of the suburbs
- Federal funds for the highway & transit network resulted in removal of communities and businesses

1946 Preliminary Comprehensive City Plan

Lots of data & and use maps

Vague proposals for clearing 9 square miles of “blight”
First, We Must Revisit Our History

Urban Renewal

• 1949 & 1954 Federal Housing Acts
• Federal-local partnership to “rescue blighted city districts”

1958 Growth Coalition and Development Plan for the Central Area of Chicago

• Keep government in the Loop
• Attract 50,000 new residents
By the 1960s

- Urban renewal had altered US cities—entire blocks, neighborhoods, business districts, demolished
- 1961-Jane Jacobs and The Death and Life of Great American Cities
- 1966 National Historic Preservation Act

1964 Polices Plan & 1966 Comprehensive Plan for Chicago

- Emphasized process and goals over prominent projects
- “Plan for a diverse, harmonious population
  - Reduce future losses of white families
  - While accommodating the growth of the non-white population”
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1984

“Chicago Works Together”
Chicago Development Plan

“Promote cooperative development planning in a city that has great opportunities but also significant enduring human needs.”
Past Plans in Chicago, 1998 to Present

CPC Policy Plans

CPC Action Plans
Past Plans in Chicago, 1998 to Present
Planning Principles

- Equity
- Diversity
- Resiliency
PLANNING PHASES

VISIONING
- Vision Topics

POLICY PLAN
- Draft Policy Plan

ACTION PLAN
- Draft Action Plan
- Final Citywide Plan

IMPLEMENTATION & BUDGETING
- Budget Plans

PUBLIC PROCESS

ENGAGEMENT

SHARING RESULTS
- COVID-19 Task Force Report
- CPC Informational Presentation
- CPC & Council Presentation
- CPC & Council Presentation of Final Plan
- CPC Annual Update

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Initiate an inclusive, comprehensive process with a diverse range of stakeholders

Develop long-term vision, values, and goals for the entire city, as expressed by its residents.

Outline topics to explore in the Draft Policy Plan

Engagement evolves, deepens and broadens to include more groups and individuals

Policy reports provide goals, metrics and recommendations for topic areas. Approved by CPC and City Council.

Develop actions to support the plan recommendations, as widely supported by the residents and stakeholders

Gain Plan Commission and Council approval of the plan

Align budgets to support plan recommendations

Begin to implement plan policies and actions

Begin reporting on plan progress
Activities this Fall

September
Metropolitan Planning Council holds virtual workshops with other cities

October
DCASE and Artist-led team initiate virtual engagement activities

October
DPD and engagement team initiate virtual topic forums
chicago.gov/wewill
sign up for updates