Citywide Plan Introduction
Chicago Plan Commission, August 20, 2020
Agenda

• 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**
  - No mask. No service.
  - Face mask required.

- **Structural Inequity and Violence**
  - Protesters holding signs.

- **Impacts to Local Businesses**
  - Images of boarded-up businesses.

- **Climate Change**
  - Flooded roads with cars.

- **Economic Shifts**
  - Trucks lined up.

- **Widespread Unemployment**
  - Man writing on a window.
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 residents contribute to and recognize as a guiding vision for the city’s future.

- Inform priorities for government programs, investments 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?

CHICAGO I COVID-19 Citywide Positivity Rate

Positivity rate and positivity target (7 day rolling average)

RACIAL EQUITY RAPID RESPONSE

Forward Together
Building a Stronger Chicago
July 9, 2020

Loop looting - August 9

Rogers Park Tornado damage - August 10
8/19/2020
What Topics Should We Study?

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.
Healthy Chicago 2025: Vision

A city where all people and all communities…

- have power,
- are free from oppression, and
- are strengthened by equitable access to resources, environments and opportunities that promote optimal health and well-being.

Community-driven approaches to dismantle racist systems and promote health outcomes
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
- Cultural 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
First, We Must Revisit Our History

Post-war Plans
• Rebuild massive swaths of Chicago for transportation

• 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
First, We Must Revisit Our History

By the 1960s
- Urban renewal had altered US cities—entire blocks, neighborhoods, business districts, were demolished
- 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"
First, We Must Revisit Our History

1972 Lakefront Plan and 1975 Riveredge Plan
First, We Must Revisit Our History

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
First, We Must Revisit Our History

2003 Chicago Central Area Plan
- Documented residential, retail & hotel growth
- Projected increase in transit use for work

2009 Central Area Action Plan
- Identified infrastructure projects
- Lacked federal and state funds
Past Plans in Chicago, 1998 to Present
Planning Principles

- Equity
- Diversity
- Resiliency
**PLANNING PHASES**

- **MOBILIZATION**
- **VISIONING**
- **POLICY PLAN**
- **ACTION PLAN**
- **IMPLEMENTATION & BUDGETING**

**PUBLIC PROCESS**

- **ENGAGEMENT**
- **SHARING RESULTS**

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

- **2020**
  - 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.

- **2021**
  - 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.

- **2022**
  - Develop actions to support the plan recommendations, as widely supported by the residents and stakeholders.
  - Gain Plan Commission and Council approval of the plan.

- **2023**
  - Align budgets to support plan recommendations.
  - Begin to implement plan policies and actions.
  - Begin reporting on plan progress.

**Vision Topics**

Draft Policy Plan

Draft Action Plan

Final Citywide Plan

Budget Plans
Activities this Fall

**September**

**Workshops with Other Cities**

- The Metropolitan Planning Council hosts workshops with government, philanthropic, business and community organizations from Chicago and other cities to learn from and discuss the challenges and successes that have occurred in creating and implementing citywide plans in other places.

- CMAP develops a Civic Coordination Framework to guide the establishment of resource groups made up of subject matter experts and civic organizations to be engaged throughout the planning process.

- DPD establishes virtual home base for citywide plan.

- Partnership grows to facilitate the co-design of engagement with communities.

**October**

**Expanding Engagement**

- DCASE + artist team initiates broad public engagement program.

- DPD initiates topic forums.
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