

# 95th Street Corridor Plan Public Meeting #1

November 1, 2023 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



# While we get started

In the chat, type in your name, your community area, and a meaningful place for you on 95th Street!



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### NOV. 1st Public Meeting Breakdown

Total Registrants: 370

Total Participants: 195

Attendance Rate: 53%

Q&A Questions Asked: 68



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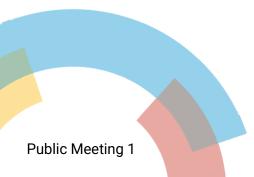


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# **Moment of Silence**



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# Meeting Purpose

The 95th Street Corridor Plan will foster Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) along 95th Street between Halsted Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

- Launch 95th Street Corridor Plan process
- Introductions
- How we got here
- What is Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD)
- Building on previous efforts
- Plan scope & timeline
- How to get involved

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# Rules of Engagement During Meetings



We check for diversity gaps (who is missing) and propose solutions for it.

We actively pursue engagement of less vocal members.

We assume good faith.

We are mindful of speaking time to avoid a few people dominating the meeting.

We are aware of our power and our privilege.

We listen with an open mind.

We embrace different communication styles, especially the ones farther apart from ours.

We give and receive feedback, criticism and questioning.

We seek multiple points of view.

Public Meeting 1 Source: Elevated Chicago

## **Introductions**

**Speakers today** 













**Jasmine Gunn** 



**Quinn Kasal** 



**Katanya Raby** 





Dr. Kirk E. Harris



Hubert Morgan





Teena Francois-Blue





Kimberley Rudd



### **Introductions**

Other team members

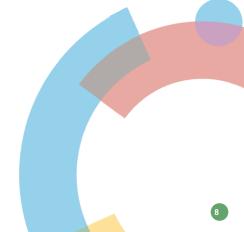




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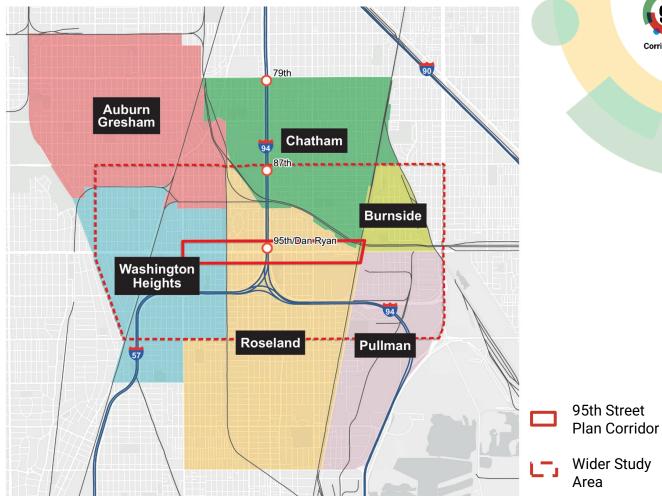






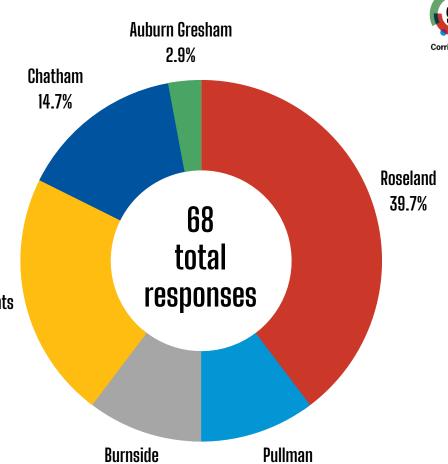


# What community area do you live/work in?





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Washington Heights 22.1%



# What is your zip code?

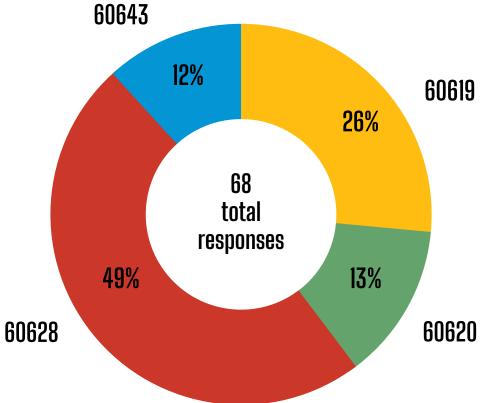




Wider Study Area

# What is your zip code?





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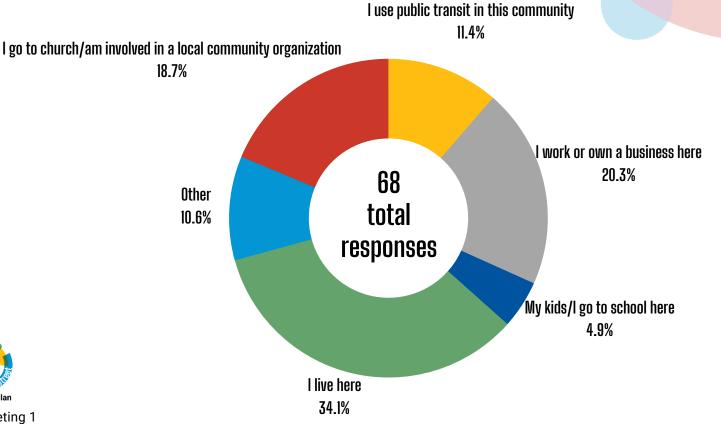


# Tell us what connects you to this community?

Please respond to the poll on your screen. Select each answer that applies to you.

- I live here
- I work or own a business here
- My kids / I go to school here
- I use public transit in this community
- I go to church / am involved in local community organization
- 6 Other

Tell us what connects you to this community. Select all that apply.



# Early Community Support for the 95th Street Corridor Plan





# Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Application Collaborators & Supporters

#### **Applicants**

- Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)
- Department of Planning and Development (DPD)

#### **Elected Officials**

#### **Senators & Congressmen**

- Rep. Jonathan Jackson
- Rep. Bobby Rush (Former)
- Sen. Richard Durbin
- Sen. Tammy Duckworth

#### Aldermen

- Alderman William E. Hall 6th Ward
- Alderman Michelle Harris 8th Ward
- Alderman Anthony Beale 9th Ward
- Alderman Ronnie L. Mosley 21st Ward
- Alderman Howard Brookins 21st Ward (Former)

#### **Stakeholders**

#### Source: ITDP

#### **Community / Non-Profit Organizations**

- Endeleo Institute
- Elevated Chicago
- Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)
- Roseland Heights Community Association
- Chicago Community Trust (CCT)
- Far South Community Development Corporation

#### Institutional

- Chicago State University (CSU)
- Trinity United Church of Christ

#### **Local / Regional Agencies**

- Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT)
- Metra
- Pace
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)









### What is ETOD?

Every Chicagoan, regardless of their identity or background, should be able to live in a healthy, walkable, vibrant community connected to transit and all its benefits.

#### **ETOD Stands for:**

#### **Equitable | Transit | Oriented | Development**

- ETOD are development projects built close to bus and train stops that make living in the area better for ALL.
- It's accessible amenities and activities.
   It's housing, work and play spaces.
- It doesn't price anyone out, and is welcoming to everyone.

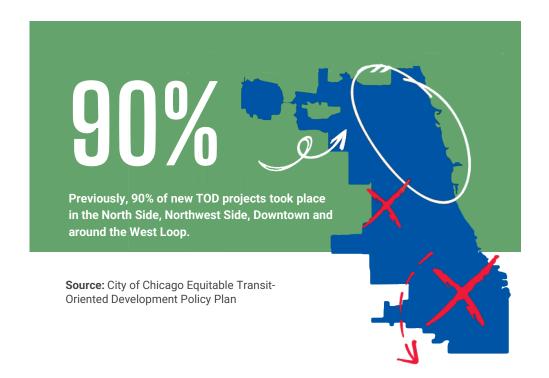
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### **ETOD Goals**

Investing in disinvested communities

Preventing displacement



Little TOD activity occurred near station areas in the South and West Sides

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### **ETOD Goals**

## Promoting affordable housing and community wealth building

**Example:** 43 Green is a 10-story building that includes 99 units (50 affordable units), a large number of resident amenities, and 5,500 square feet of retail space for local and minority-owned businesses like Cleo's Southern Cuisine.









### **ETOD Goals**

Walkable people-centered neighborhoods

Delivering community resources and amenities needed



**Example:** Green Line Performing Arts Center



**Example:** POP! Courts



**Example:** Chicago Market co-op grocery store at Wilson L stop

### **ETOD Benefits**

- Household transportation cost savings of up to \$10,000 per year
- Access to 24-50% more jobs
- Retail sales up to 88% higher in transit and pedestrian-friendly areas
- Health improvements, including 3x lower obesity rates among adults who walk, bike or take transit
- Household transportation emissions up to 78% lower in communities near transit

Source: Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT)





## Plan Area



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## Plan Scope Overview

- Community Engagement & Ownership
- 2 Existing Conditions & Market Analysis
- 3 Land Use & Zoning
- 4 Economic Development

- 5 Multimodal Connectivity
- Design Guidelines & Development Concepts
- 7 Final Plan

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## We are continuing previous planning efforts







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Far South Chicago Quality of

Life Plan (LISC, Far South

Community Coalition, 2021)

Chicago State University 95th St. Development Framework (CSU, DPD 2023)



Avenue (DPD, 2005)

Rosemoor and North
Pullman Neighborhoods
Plan (UIC, 2016)



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2022



Washington Heights & 95th Street Planning Priority Efforts (Endeleo Institute & CMAP, 2016)



Roseland Medical District Plan (DPD, Far South CDC, Roseland Chamber of Commerce)



NOW: 2023-2024

SECUME EXTENSION
Transit-Supportive
95th Street ETOD

Constitute Plans

Corridor Plan: Community-informed ETOD



Red Line Extension Transit-Supportive Development Plan (CTA, DPD, 2023)



## Housing

Maintain and provide affordability

Diversify housing types, and expand opportunities to grow families

















# Commercial spaces & local businesses

Strengthen 95th Street as a branded recognizable community destination

Support **local business** development on main commercial corridor for economic development, employment and wealth building opportunities, and serving shopping needs















# Vacancies & vacant lots

Repurpose vacant and abandoned buildings for cultural pride

Development without **displacement** 















# Right-of-way, walkability & transit access

Improve transit, walking, and biking infrastructure and connectivity















# Civic, health, educational & religious institutions

Community **health & safety**: healthy food, healthcare services, mental health and access to nature & open space

Leverage **community partnerships** for community development

















# Poll: What are your priorities for your community?

(Pick your top 2)



Housing & Equitable Development



Economic Vitality & Local Jobs



Walkability & Public Space



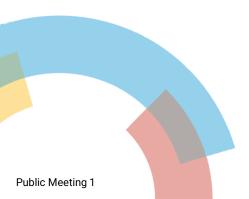
Health Services & Amenities



Community Voices

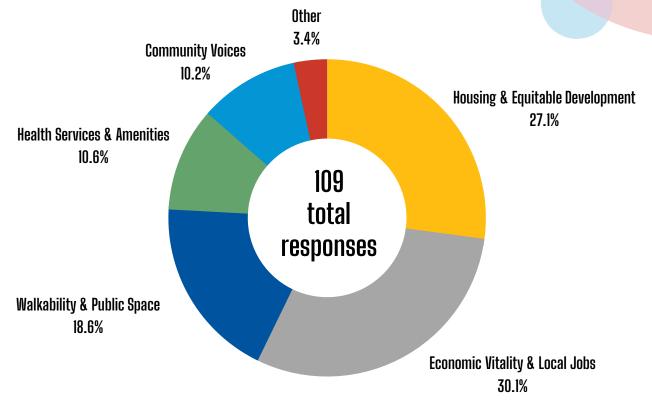


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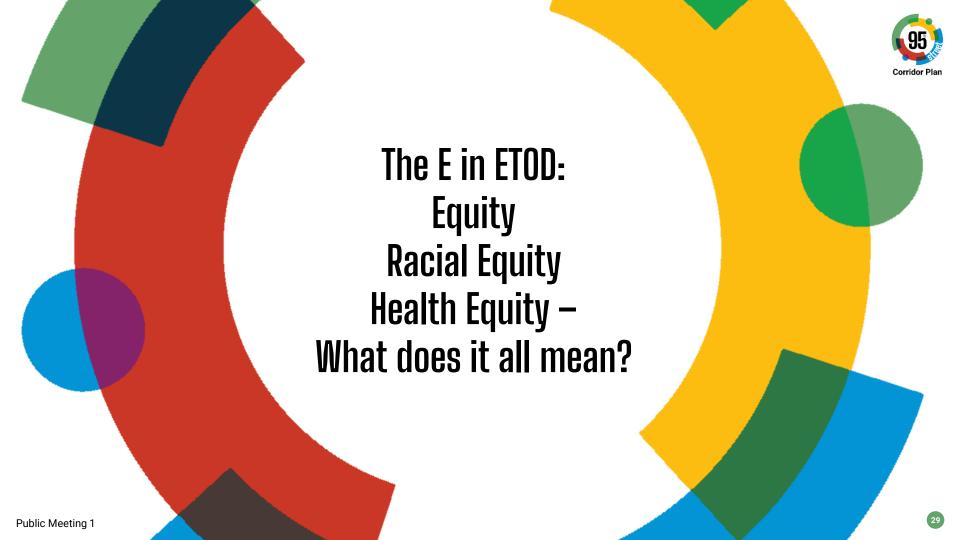
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# What are your priorities for your community? Pick your top two.





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## **Equity**

Ensures that outcomes in the conditions of wellbeing are improved for marginalized groups, lifting outcomes for all.

Equity is a measure of justice.





**Health Equity:** Attainment of one's fullest potential for health and well-being.



**Racial Equity:** A process of eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for everyone.

It is the <u>intentional</u> and <u>ongoing</u> practice of changing policies, practices, systems, and structures by prioritizing measurable change in the lives of people of color.

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## Health & Racial Equity Impact Assessment (HREIA)

Our roadmap to ETOD along the 95th Street Corridor



- Asset-Based
- Ongoing
- Cyclical
- Assessing
- Analyzing
- Engagement
- Evaluation



- Elevated Cultural Identity
- Acknowledgement and Atonement
- Opportunities for Self-Determination



# HREIA Priority Building Community Power

- Communities should have much greater influence and control over the plans, decisions, and public services that affect their lives
- Key to advancing equity
- Empowered communities flourish more and are happier and healthier
- Builds resilience and cohesion



#### **HREIA Focus Areas**



#### **Empowered Community Voices**

- Civic Engagement
- Cultural Preservation
- Digital Equity



#### Community Wealth Building

- Education Access
- Economic Development
- Job Opportunities



#### Safety & Mobility

- Access to Transit
- Public Safety



#### **Health & Wellness**

- Healthcare Access
- Social Services



#### **Equitable Development**

- Building Development
- Land Use
- Real Estate
- Affordable Housing



#### **Environment**

- Climate
- Heat
- Air Quality
- Green Space
- Toxic Exposure





"HREIA" stands for Health & Racial Equity Impact Assessment





The Community Table is a strategy that organizes the community on a long-term basis beyond the 95th Street Corridor planning process.

The Community Table is meant to not only engage the community and sustain that engagement, but to also hold accountable City decision-makers and other key influencers with respect to acting on community priorities, and to support the development of the Corridor over time.





#### **Structure & Principles Of Community Table**

- The Community Table will be comprised of trusted community leaders who will serve as representatives for community wisdom and lived-experiences.
- The Community Table will be a self-governing body that represents a broad set of community interests from across the various neighborhoods abutting the 95th Street Corridor.
- The Community Table will uphold the principles of transparency and democratic practice as the foundation for its work and will lead with equity as the key guiding motivation for its service to the community.



#### **Responsibilities And Functions**

- The **Community Table** will work with trusted community leaders to reach into their networks to enhance community engagement and participation amongst the neighborhoods and communities along the corridor.
- The Community Table Members will be supported in their efforts to understand the technical elements of the planning process such that Community Table Members can participate at their highest level of engagement with a full understanding of the technical issues.





#### **Community Table Membership Criteria**

- Community Table Members must live in a Community that is in geographic proximity to the 95th Street Corridor
- Community Table Members should possess the capacity to leverage community networks and relationships within the following communities
- Community Table Members should have a demonstrated history of or interest in community leadership

#### **Chicago Community Areas (CCA)**

- Pullman Community Area
- Roseland Community Area
- Washington Heights Community Area

#### **Neighborhoods within the above CCAs**

- West Chesterfield
- Cottage Grove Heights
- Roseland Heights
- Rosemoor
- Burnside
- Fernwood
- Longwood Manor
- Ivy Park and Lowden Homes Communities



#### **Community Table Membership Criteria**

- The Community Table seeks to be demographically representative
  - Youth (high school, college)
  - Diversity of age groups
  - People with disabilities





### **Representation From Community Table For 95th Street ETOD Planning Process**

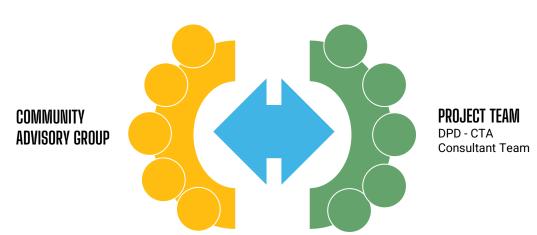
The Community Table will support a Community Advisory Group (CAG) composed of members from the Community Table Membership. The CAG will be the Community Table's representatives to the 95th Street ETOD Corridor planning process.





#### Community Advisory Group: Collaborate & Champion ETOD on 95th Street throughout the planning process

#### 95TH CORRIDOR ETOD PLAN

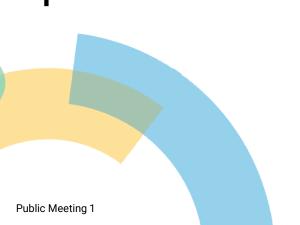


#### ROLE OF CAG

- Collaborate with project team
- Provide feedback on alternatives
- Inform HREIA process
- Report back to Community Table
- Champion the project



# Engagement opportunities for a community-informed ETOD plan





We will **present** balanced and objective information to assist you in understanding the problem, strategies, and solutions.

- Sign-up to receive news on the website
- Review documents provided on webpage

#### I WANT TO:





We will **seek public feedback** on analysis, strategies, and decisions.

- Attend public meetings
- Respond to surveys





We will work directly with you throughout the process to ensure that community concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

- Participate in 95th Street Community Table
- Volunteer for Focus Groups / Corridor Tour





We will **partner** with you in developing strategies and identification of preferred solutions.

 Apply to be part of the 95th Street ETOD Plan Community Advisory Group



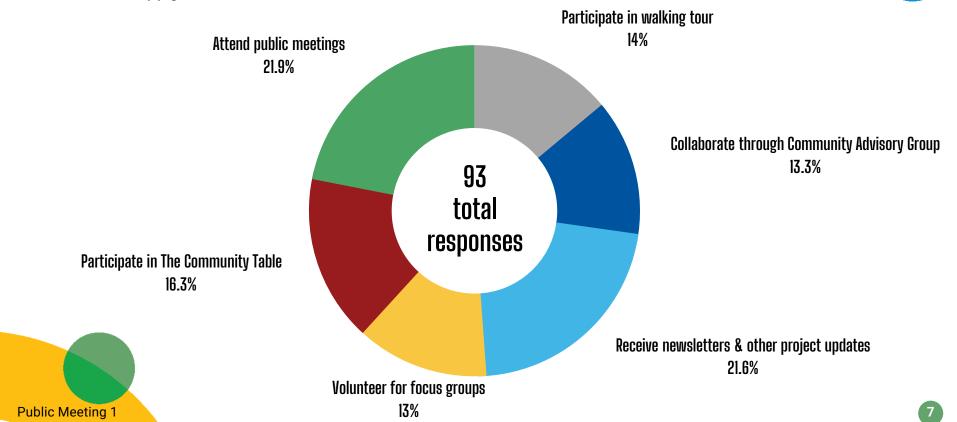
# How would you prefer to be involved?

Please respond to the poll on your screen. Select each answer that applies to you.

- 1 Receive newsletters & other project updates
- 2 Attend public meetings
- Participate in walking tour
- 4 Volunteer for focus groups
- 5 Participate in The Community Table
- 6 Collaborate through Community Advisory Group

### How would you prefer to be involved?

Select all that apply.





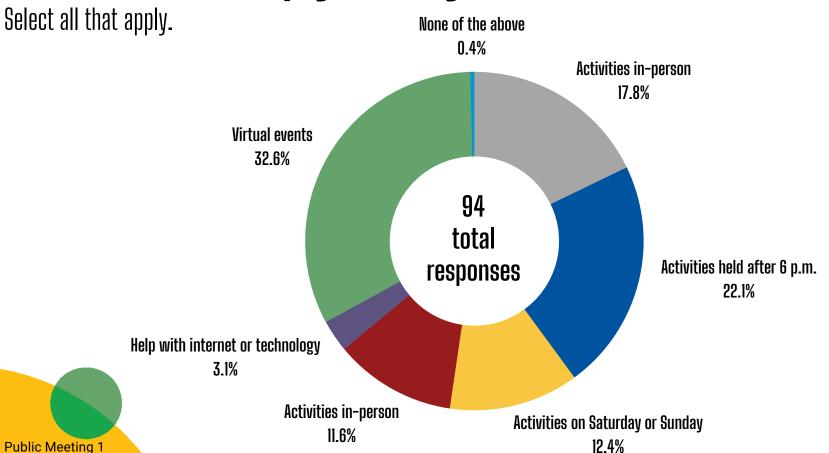
# What would help you stay involved?

Your answers will help us prioritize engagement methods that are accessible and inclusive for as many community members as possible.

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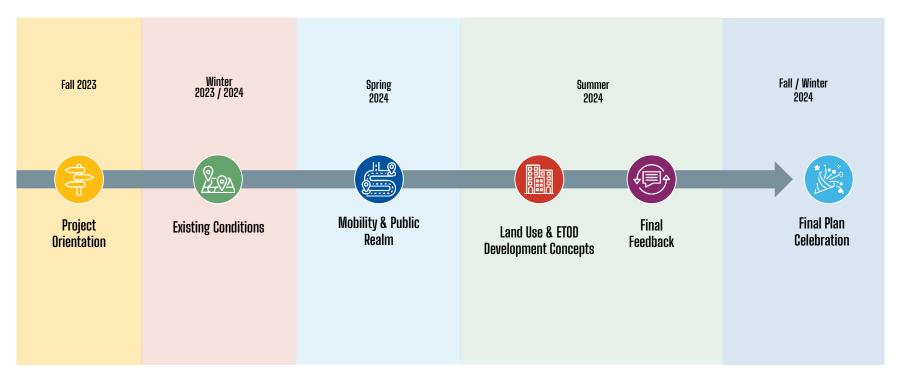
- Activities held during business hours
- Activities held after 6 p.m.
- Activities on Saturday or Sunday
- Activities in-person
- Virtual events
- Help with internet or technology
- None of the above

## What would help you stay involved?



# Project Schedule / Getting Involved





# Next Steps and Q&A

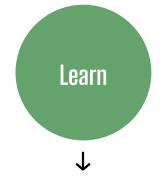




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Attend next in-person public meeting: Winter - Existing Conditions & HREIA



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#### **Learn More**



# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



We received 68 questions through the Q&A feature in Zoom. Additional questions were received via the Zoom chat. Questions were answered through the presentations, live and direct by panelists, and via project team members managing the Q&A box. Unanswered questions will be followed up through the FAQs on the project website or directly by members of the project team.





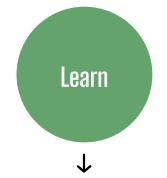




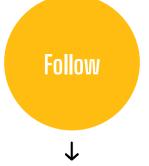
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