

February 20, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairwoman Flores:

We, the members of the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Community Table and Community Advisory Group, are writing to express support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan adoption.

The 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan is a community-informed vision for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street including future community and economic development.

By acknowledging the past, centering on the lived experience and needs of those who currently live, work, study, or visit this Corridor, and carefully outlining goals and strategies to promote future development without displacement, the comprehensive 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor planning process has resulted in a thoughtful vision for growth along 95<sup>th</sup> Street. The Plan outlines strategies to empower community voices in decision making, build community wealth, enhance mobility and safety, promote health, prioritize equitable development, and protect the environment.

As respected leaders of our community, we have played a key role in shaping this vision by acting as project advisors, meeting facilitators, and encouraging our neighbors to get involved. We have helped ensure that the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan reflects the aspirations and concerns of residents, businesses, and institutions along the Corridor. Our involvement underscores the importance of continued community leadership in implementing the Plan's recommendations and fostering inclusive development that benefits all.

Given the numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs.

Sincerely,

Members of the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Community Table:

**Matoya Tolliver-Brown**, Community Table Ambassador

**Lauren Lewis**, Resident & Community Table Ambassador

**Sandra Patterson**, Community Table Member

**Kevin Tyson**, Vice-President, Imani Works!

**Gloria Cosey**, RCA MEMBER

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**Michael E. LaFargue**, President, Greater Far South Halsted Street Chamber of Commerce

**Sharon Pincham**, West Chesterfield Community Association, Community Table Member

**Cynthia Jenkins-Powell**, President, Roseland Heights Community Association

**Andrea D. Reed**, Executive Director, Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce

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**Deborah Truss**, President , Red Line Extension Coalition

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February 20, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

As the 21<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman who was raised in and dedicated to serving the place that has invested so much in me, I am pleased to offer my support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove.

The 95th Street Corridor Plan is a vital initiative that seeks to transform a historically significant yet underutilized corridor into a thriving hub. This plan leverages key assets such as the Woodson Library that serve as anchor institutions that can drive long-term investment and neighborhood revitalization.

This initiative builds upon significant investments in transit infrastructure, including the \$60 Million Pace Pulse investment along 95<sup>th</sup> Street and Halsted, by creating a vision that supports local businesses and creates new opportunities for housing and economic development. Through extensive community engagement and collaboration with stakeholders, the 95th Street Corridor Plan reflects the voices and aspirations of those who live and work in the area.

I encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide to supporting a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a huge step forward in ensuring that this vital corridor reaches its full potential, driving economic development while preserving the character and integrity of our community.

Sincerely,

Alderman Ronnie L. Mosley  
21<sup>st</sup> Ward, City of Chicago



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February 20, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

As 9th Ward Alderman for more than 25 years, I have long advocated for the communities located on the Far South Side of our city. It is for that reason I am writing to express support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted Street to Cottage Grove Avenue.

This initiative builds upon the historic and unprecedented investments in transit infrastructure, including the transformational Red Line Extension project, by creating a vision that supports local businesses and creates new opportunities for housing and economic development. Through extensive community engagement and collaboration with stakeholders, the 95th Street Corridor Plan reflects the voices and aspirations of those who live and work in the area.

I urge this body to adopt the 95th Street Corridor Plan. This is a huge step forward in ensuring that this vital corridor reaches its full potential, driving economic development while preserving the character and integrity of our community.

Sincerely,

Alderman Anthony Beale  
9th Ward, City of Chicago

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February 20, 2025

Laura Flores,  
Committee Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairwoman Flores:

As the 8th Ward Alderman who has lived in my ward for over fifty years, I am pleased to offer my support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove.

The 95th Street Corridor Plan is a vital initiative that seeks to transform a historically significant yet underutilized corridor into a thriving hub. This plan leverages key assets such as Imani Village and the Chicago State University campus as anchor institutions that can drive long-term investment and neighborhood revitalization.

This initiative builds upon significant investments in transit infrastructure, including the \$56 Million investment in revitalizing the 95<sup>th</sup>/CSU Metra station, by creating a vision that supports local businesses and creates new opportunities for housing and economic development. Through extensive community engagement and collaboration with stakeholders, the 95th Street Corridor Plan reflects the voices and aspirations of those who live and work in the area.

I encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a huge step forward in ensuring that this vital corridor reaches its full potential, driving economic development while preserving the character and integrity of our community

Sincerely,

Michelle A. Harris  
Alderman, 8<sup>th</sup> Ward



CITY OF CHICAGO

WILLIAM E. HALL  
ALDERMAN, 6TH WARD

February 20, 2025

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Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

As the 6th Ward Alderman who was born and raised in my ward, I am pleased to offer my support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove.

The 95th Street Corridor Plan is a vital initiative that seeks to transform a historically significant yet underutilized corridor into a thriving hub. Attracting investment to key sites such as the one located at the corner of 95<sup>th</sup> and State Street can drive long-term investment and neighborhood revitalization.

This initiative builds upon significant investments in transit infrastructure, including the \$218 Million investment in renovating the 95<sup>th</sup>/Dan Ryan Red Line station, by creating a vision that supports local businesses and creates new opportunities for housing and economic development. Through extensive community engagement and collaboration with stakeholders, the 95th Street Corridor Plan reflects the voices and aspirations of those who live and work in the area.

I encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street. This is a huge step forward in ensuring that this vital corridor reaches its full potential, driving economic development while preserving the character and integrity of our community.

Alderman William Hall  
6th Ward, City of Chicago





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Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores,

Chicago State University (CSU) strongly supports the adoption of the 95th Street Corridor Plan, a community-driven framework for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along this critical two-mile stretch from Halsted to Cottage Grove. This plan will serve as a catalyst for revitalizing 95th Street, fostering economic growth, and enhancing community development.

As the largest employer along the 95th Street Corridor and a long-standing anchor institution in the community, CSU is deeply committed to advancing regional economic development. We commend the Chicago Department of Planning & Development (DPD) for its dedicated engagement in this area, including its invaluable partnership in the creation of CSU's Economic Development Plan. With significant transit enhancements and employer-driven initiatives on the horizon, our neighborhood is uniquely positioned for sustainable growth.

To maximize the impact of the upcoming transit investments, we urge city leaders to prioritize resources and accelerate action in this corridor. Swift and sustained engagement will ensure that our community fully benefits from the billions of dollars in investment shaping the future of our region.

We appreciate your leadership and look forward to continued collaboration in advancing this transformative initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zaldwaynaka Scott', written over a horizontal line.

Zaldwaynaka Scott, Esq.  
President  
Chicago State University

February 6, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairwoman Flores:

As a supporter of its planning process and aspirations, Metra is writing to express our support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan, which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance along 95<sup>th</sup> Street including future community and economic development. In addition, this effort symbiotically supports Metra's own efforts to enhance Transit Oriented Development efforts across the Chicago region.

Metra is a key supporter of the plans to revitalize 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Metra is investing \$56 million in a rehabilitation of the 95th Street/CSU station on the Metra Electric Line, which will provide direct access to the 95th Street Corridor and Chicago State University (CSU). Our project elements include construction of a new platform, ADA access improvements, a reconstructed entrance on 95<sup>th</sup> Street, a new entrance providing proximate access to the CSU campus, improved viaduct lighting, and platform-level headhouses on each end of the platform with on-demand heat. Upon completion of the project, the station's flag stop designation will be removed and it will become a full-service station. This transformational investment sets the stage for equitable growth on 95<sup>th</sup> and increased access to employment and educational opportunities for area residents, as outlined in the Corridor Plan.

During public meetings for the corridor plan, many community residents expressed their interest and support of our project. The rehabilitated station will support students, existing and future residents, and transit users in the community.

In recognition of numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs.

Sincerely,



Jim Derwinski  
CEO/Director





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February 14, 2025

Chair Laura Flores  
Chicago Plan Commission  
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Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Chairwoman Flores,

As a supporter of the planning process and its goals, Pace is writing to express our strong support for the 95th Street Corridor Plan. This community-informed plan aims to promote equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a vital two-mile stretch of 95th Street. Pace has actively participated in several open houses and has had positive experiences throughout the 18-month planning process at these events. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan, which will serve as a guiding framework for the revitalization of 95th Street, fostering future community and economic development.

Pace Suburban Bus currently provides a high level of transit service along the 95th Street Corridor, with significant improvements planned for the near future. The upcoming Pace Pulse 95th Street Line and Pace Pulse Halsted Line will offer arterial bus rapid transit service to the 95th/Dan Ryan CTA station from points to the west and south, respectively. Both lines will converge on the 95th Street Corridor between Halsted and the Dan Ryan Expressway. These lines will deliver fast, reliable, and frequent service, featuring free Wi-Fi and other onboard amenities, modern heated stations, real-time bus arrival information, and Transit Signal Priority (TSP) at select locations. Pace is committed to the success of the 95th Street Corridor and fully supports the strategies for equitable, transit-oriented community growth outlined in the Plan.

Given the numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor soon, it is vital for the city to focus and prioritize resources in this area to seize the opportunity for ETOD that addresses community needs.

Sincerely,

Melinda J. Metzger  
Executive Director

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**Vital resources for the Growth and Development of Under-Served Persons, Families and Communities**

February 14, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

The Endeleo Institute is writing to express our support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street including future community and economic development.

The Endeleo Institute empowers and serves the Washington Heights and surrounding communities by repurposing existing assets and leveraging Community Engaged Research (CEnR) to improve health, education, and economic outcomes for greater quality of life. As an affiliate of Trinity United Church of Christ, which is a key stakeholder along the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor, Endeleo advocates for communities along the corridor and seeks to promote a thriving and healthy community.

Endeleo played the central role in the community engagement and involvement elements during the plan's development and is excited about the potential that the plan offers.

Given the numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Wordlaw  
Executive Director

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February 20, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

Far South CDC is writing to express our support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide to support a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street including future community and economic development.

Far South CDC is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization that provides specialized and strategic community development services to Chicago's far south side neighborhoods and south suburban Cook County villages/cities. The 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan aligns closely with our mission to alleviate low-income communities within Chicago's far south side and south suburban Cook County of poverty, blight, and economic distress through effective economic and community development.

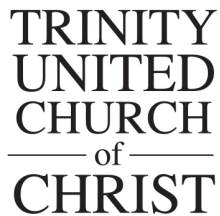
As a community engagement partner on the project team for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, Far South CDC has worked alongside the project team and the community to integrate the community's vision with city policy into a plan, that, we believe, centers place-keeping, equitable transit-oriented development, and economic development. The benefits of this plan extend beyond its much-needed adoption and approval. Far South CDC and the Endealeo Institute convened the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Community Table and constituent Community Advisory Group, to shape plan priorities and embolden community empowerment with regards to implementation. The robust community engagement with the plan-making process – at public meetings, focus groups, walking tours, and more – has helped shape this plan into a powerful document for positive change. As an organization, Far South CDC will continue to work towards the plan's implementation after approval to support a renaissance along 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

Given the numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs.

Sincerely,

Abraham Lacy, President

William Bouman, Project Program Coordinator



February 20, 2025

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121 N. LaSalle St.  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

Trinity United Church of Christ is writing to express our support for the 95th Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95th Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove. We encourage the Chicago Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95th Street including future community and economic development.

Trinity United Church of Christ serves the Washington Heights and surrounding communities by repurposing existing assets and leveraging Community Engaged Research (CEnR) to improve health, education, and economic outcomes for greater quality of life. The church a key stakeholder along the 95th Street Corridor, advocates for communities along the corridor and seeks to promote a thriving and healthy community.

Trinity United Church of Christ, along with the Endealeo Institute has played a central role in the community engagement and involvement elements during the plan's development and is excited about the potential that the plan offers.

Given the numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III".

Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor  
Trinity United Church of Christ



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121 N. LaSalle St.  
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**Re: Letter of Support – 95th Street Corridor Plan**

**Matthew Brewer**  
*Interim Chairman of the Board*

**LaShawn Cobb**  
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**James Matanky**  
**Debra Parker**  
**Francine Washington**  
*Board of Commissioners*

**Angela Hurlock**  
*Interim Chief Executive Officer*

Dear Chairwoman Flores:

The Chicago Housing Authority is writing to express our support for the 95th Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95th Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95th Street including future community and economic development.

The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) provides homes to over 65,000 households, while championing vibrant, healthy communities across the city. Planning efforts like the 95th Street Corridor plan support our mission by setting the foundations for investment and new development in the communities where our residents live.

The DPD and CTA team leading the 95th Street Corridor planning effort have been thoughtful and collaborative partners throughout this project. For example, the 95th Street Corridor plan team were able to hold a resident meeting for the plan at Lowden Homes and gain insight into their experiences and needs. CHA staff were also able to meet with the project team to discuss how the draft plan could incorporate more opportunities for partnership and collaboration with CHA.

In recognition of numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs.

Sincerely,

**Angela Hurlock**  
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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# ***Roseland Heights Community Association***



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February 20, 2025

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Chicago Plan Commission  
121 N. LaSalle St.  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

The Roseland Heights Community Association (RHCA) is writing to express our support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan (Plan). As a proud partner of the community, we know the economic importance of a viable and equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) plan as seen throughout other Chicago neighborhoods. We strongly encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide to support a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street from Halsted Street to Cottage Grove Avenue.

The Roseland Heights Community Association was founded in 1956 to "assure a healthy and wholesome environment for ourselves and our children." To this day, we continue to strive to meet our founding purpose. As our northern border of 95th Street from State Street to Cottage Grove Avenue sits in the heart of the 95th Street Corridor Plan (Plan), we wholeheartedly support the development that can be realized with the implementation of the Plan. RHCA will remain persistent in supporting this Plan and other efforts that will bring economic growth and stability to this and our surrounding communities.

As a member of the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan Community Advisory Group, RHCA was able to share our thoughts and vision from the start of this process. The opportunity to participate was encouraging to our community. We are eager to continue supporting the Plan to ensure that our voices are heard.

Given the numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area. Providing the required resources to support this opportunity for ETOD can address the community needs identified on the far south side of Chicago.

Respectfully,

*Cynthia Jenkins-Powell*

Cynthia Jenkins-Powell, President  
Roseland Heights Community Association



#### **Steering Committee Members**

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Dear Chairwoman Flores and Chicago Plan Commission members,

On behalf of Elevated Chicago, please accept this letter of support for the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan to foster Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) along 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Halsted Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

As a coalition of organizations working to advance ETOD, Elevated Chicago supports and promotes public, private, and civic investment within the ½-mile radius surrounding public transit stations in all Chicago communities. A key component of ETOD is also ensuring residents are meaningfully involved in planning and development processes. This community-informed plan empowers community voices, promotes equitable development, and recommends actionable strategies for community wealth building, mobility and safety, health, and environmental improvements for the Washington Heights and Roseland communities.

The proposed plan will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95<sup>th</sup> Street including future community and economic development. Notably, this is the first corridor plan by the Chicago Department of Planning and Development to include a Health and Racial Equity Impact Assessment, which will ensure that long-term and new residents equitably benefit from future development. It was also created with a robust 18-month planning and community engagement process, including public meetings, open houses, and regular convenings of a community table and advisory group of residents and planners funded in part by Elevated Chicago and led by one of our Steering Committee partners, Endeleo Institute. We commend DPD for this engagement approach, which should be a model for all future planning efforts.

In recognition of numerous planned transit investments coming to this corridor soon, it is imperative that the City focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [juansebastian@elevatedchicago.org](mailto:juansebastian@elevatedchicago.org).

Sincerely,

**Juan Sebastian Arias**  
Elevated Chicago



February 1, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores and Members of Chicago Plan Commission:

Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC), a 90-year-old independent, nonprofit policy and planning organization dedicated to building equity in the built environment, submits this written testimony in support of the 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for the equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

MPC is committed to promoting transit-oriented development for people of all incomes across the region and believes this plan offers the ability to bring economic investment, housing diversity, and improve walkability and connections between and cultural and community assets along the 95<sup>th</sup> street corridor. The use of a Health and Racial Equity Impact Assessment (HREIA) was critical in amplifying community voice, environmental and health concerns as well as strategies for equitable development. The Plan has the ability to encourage targeted and coordinated development that will have long-term positive impacts as the Red Line Extension is built south of the study area. There is a unique opportunity for the city to provide leadership by prioritizing the development of publicly owned parcels adjacent to the station that have sat dormant for years. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95th Street including future community and economic development.

In recognition of numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources to support this opportunity for ETOD responsive to community needs. MPC believes the Plan offers the ability for community stakeholders to work in partnership with the City of Chicago to shape the implementation of this Plan.

Sincerely,



Kendra J. Freeman  
Vice President of Programs and Strategic Impact

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Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
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2/16/2025

Dear Chairwoman Flores:

I am writing to express my staunch support for the adoption of the 95th Street Corridor Plan. As someone who has been actively involved in our community for over thirty years, I recognize the significance of this initiative in shaping the future of our neighborhood.

The 95th Street Corridor Plan stands as one of the most comprehensive and well-executed community engagement efforts I have witnessed in recent years. This plan presents a forward-thinking vision for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a vital two-mile stretch of 95th Street, from Halsted to Cottage Grove.

The planning team has worked diligently to engage key stakeholders, including community leaders, business owners, and university representatives. The Plan outlines a strategic framework to amplify community voices in decision-making, foster economic growth, enhance mobility and safety, promote public health, prioritize equitable development, and protect our environment.

We firmly believe that this ETOD initiative is essential for the sustainable growth and prosperity of our community and the surrounding areas.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to share my support. I appreciate your leadership and consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

*Eli Washington*

Eli Washington  
Chairman

Dear Chairwoman Flores,

I am writing as both a long-time resident and the owner of Nywele Salon on 95th Street to express my strong support for the 95th Street Corridor Plan. This community-informed initiative for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along the two-mile stretch from Halsted to Cottage Grove represents an exciting opportunity for our neighborhood, and I urge the Commission to adopt this forward-thinking plan.

As a business owner, I see firsthand the potential benefits that this project will bring. The plans focus on improving transit and revitalizing our streetscape will not only enhance the beauty of 95th Street but also create a more vibrant and sustainable economic environment. In particular, addressing issues such as sewage build-up and water accumulation under our streets is crucial. These infrastructural improvements will protect the foundation of our buildings, ensuring long-term stability while making our community safer and more appealing.

Beyond the physical improvements, the proposed development will foster a robust local ecosystem. A revitalized corridor will serve as a hub for residents by offering easy access to a range of essential services, including shopping, schooling, and healthcare. It will also support local amenities such as healthy food markets, laundry services, car repair shops, and many Black-owned businesses that are vital to our community's prosperity. Ultimately, this project will help maintain a neighborhood where residents have access to the food, clothing, shelter, and services they need without having to leave the area.

I am particularly encouraged by the comprehensive 18-month planning process that has engaged community members and local stakeholders in shaping a vision that truly meets our needs. With the planned transit investments and targeted improvements, I am confident that the 95th Street Corridor Plan will not only boost local businesses like mine but also ensure that families, elders, and individuals continue to thrive in their own neighborhood.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I look forward to seeing how this project will transform our community into a vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive hub for all residents.

Sincerely,

Melinda Cobb

Owner, Nywele Salon





February 20, 2025

Laura Flores, Committee Chair  
Chicago Plan Commission  
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Dear Chairwoman Flores:

Paramount Elite is writing to express our support for the 95th Street Corridor Plan, a community-informed plan for equitable transit-oriented development (ETOD) along a key two-mile stretch of 95th Street from Halsted to Cottage Grove. We encourage the Plan Commission to adopt this Plan which will act as a guide supporting a renaissance of 95th Street including future community and economic development.

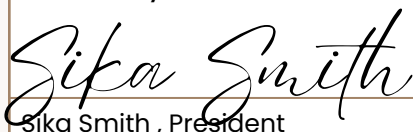
Paramount Elite is an anesthesia service company dedicated to the equitable treatment of all people. Our mission is to serve as a vehicle for change, bridging the gap in economic and health disparities that plague underrepresented and underserved communities. We fully support the ETOD initiative, recognizing its immense value and its profound impact on the lives of those within the community.

The past 18 months have been enlightening and empowering for all involved. A community with a voice is a community with great promise. This plan has amplified that voice, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity among everyone involved. Paramount Elite is committed to being at the forefront of educating the community on the leading causes of health disparities that disproportionately affect our communities. Additionally, we aim to support efforts in understanding how small changes can lead to significant impact.

We believe that a community empowered with knowledge and provided with good environmental contributions such as clean spaces, a safe water supply, and nutritious food options can rewrite the narrative for generations to come. This is true wealth.

Given the numerous planned transit investments coming to this Corridor in the near future, it is imperative that the city focus and prioritize resources in this area to support this opportunity for ETOD that can address community needs.

Sincerely,

  
Sika Smith, President



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February 19, 2025

## RE: 95th Street Corridor Plan - Presentation before the Chicago Plan Commission

Prepared By: Redline Extension TIF Coalition

Happy Black History Month!

Good morning, Chairman Laura Flores, Vice Chair Andre Brumfield, City of Chicago - Chicago Plan Commission; fellow Commissioners and Ex-officios, Aldermanic sponsors representing the 6th, 8th, 9th and 21st wards and department staff.

Redline Extension TIF Coalition is a regional public engagement platform group working to monitor spending and planning programs aligned to the land development, intergovernmental agreements, environmental protection, uniform code compliance, workforce solutions and railroad operations within the Red Line Extension TIF Project area.

This planning document serves as a wonderful testament of the Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) and its consultant team's desire to engage wholeheartedly with its public to exchange ideas and information on urban planning. The document also served as the Chicago first Federally funded ETod Plan for the Southside of Chicago and Health Equity Impact initiative.

The plan dedicated significant time to build out ideas at key intersections along a two mile stretch of 95th. This stretch of 95th boasts a host of community assets that, if planned correctly, can leverage significant private investment and pedestrian friendly infrastructure. The corridor has a combination of both a strong vehicle and foot traffic base that would require friendly designs and good lighting throughout the thoroughfare. These improvements will encourage entrepreneurship, business attraction and recreational access across the district.

The scheduled PACE "Pulse Halsted Line" Bus Project and CTAs approved change of scope (this month, CMAP transportation committee approved \$2 million increase in engineering) relative to electrical work along South Halsted, will provide added time to introduce even more innovations in energy efficiency and service delivery along Halsted Street.

The Halsted Street Plan will require added public engagement to balance out both Pace and CTA continued contractual tasks and an opportunity to revisit tree canopy and speed limits options in design. Already, the Department of Fleet Services is projecting \$5 million in energy efficiency for its FY 2025 Budget.

Simultaneously, the plan will add value to the community's interest to introduce environmental solutions and bus stop improvements near the Dan Ryan Expressway, Eggleston to Steward,

Michigan Av, King Dr. and Cottage Grove. The Department of Public Health (CDPH) spoke recently about the need to introduce more Greenness Programming on the Southside in order to improve health outcomes and combat declining life expectancy rates.

This month, we were introduced to the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) new Senior Director of Greenest Programming, Read Mansour, who spoke about his interest to support our regional climate action goals. In addition, during the January 2025 Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Board Retreat, staff indicated an interest to consult with MPC Transit Oriented Development (TOD) alongside DePaul University Graduate Students.

We look forward to working with community partners and City departments to further this great planning document on the following:

- Build a permanent cultural walkway along King Dr from 95th to 100th and 100th street East to Cottage Grove. We should intentionally include and/or make known the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Bridge at 100th and King Drive; Or consider a walking path along 98th/99th from the Dan Ryan toward the Dr King Jr Bridge at 100th street. Both Rosemoor Homeowner Association and Roseland Heights Homeowners Association can assist.
- Build in pedestrian friendly infrastructure and lighting at 90th and Halsted Street near the railroad tracks. This location has always been dangerous, especially in fog conditions.
- Consider ways to incorporate the bridge over the Dan Ryan Expressway at 93rd. Years ago, the nearby school and church began conversations about walkway enhancements.
- Incorporate Tree Canopy Programming along the Dan Ryan 87th to 99th Street (Alderman Mosley indicated interest in Greenest Programming during the last CPC presentation). IDOT, Streets and Sanitations and the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative can help. A study from Georgia State University found that planting trees and other vegetation near city highways can dramatically lower air pollution from cars.
- Revisit TOD conceptual designs near the soon reconstruction of the 95th Street East METRA station ( scheduled for construction on March 3rd)
- Revisit the 87th to 98th Street Reclassification Ordinance relative to the scheduled Hilco Properties Real Estate Auction scheduled for March 7th.
- CDOTs new Policy and Planning Office will consider 95th Street alongside the recently enacted Interagency Working Group ordinance on Traffic Safety and Speed Limits recommendations

In closing, we appreciate the work and dedication of city staff, consultants and its local planning team. We equally appreciated the planners decision to adhere to the “Coalition” request to

welcome community input beyond the 60628 zip code. This strategic move increased the online virtual participation rate well over 150%. Thereby, inviting input from neighbors in Chatham, Burnside, Washington Heights, Riverdale, South Chicago and Chesterfield.

We look forward to an improved 95th Street. The scheduled FY 2025-2027 General Obligation GO Bond Spending program and its use along 95th Street will serve as a national model. Thank you for this great marketing tool that will further economic activities in the region.

Truly,

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DePaul University Housing Institute and Geography Department  
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2/3/25

95th Corridor Project Team

I am writing to express my appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Community Advisory Group (CAG) as well as the community table over the past year. As a dedicated member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the comprehensive planning approach for the Red Line CTA extension and the broader improvements in the surrounding neighborhoods.

This initiative has provided a vital platform for community members to voice their perspectives, ensuring that our recommendations were not only heard but genuinely considered. I commend the project's commitment to inclusivity and strategic development that prioritizes the needs of residents while fostering long-term growth.

Thank you for your dedication to this transformative effort. I look forward to seeing the continued progress and positive impact on our community.

Best regards,

Sika Smith

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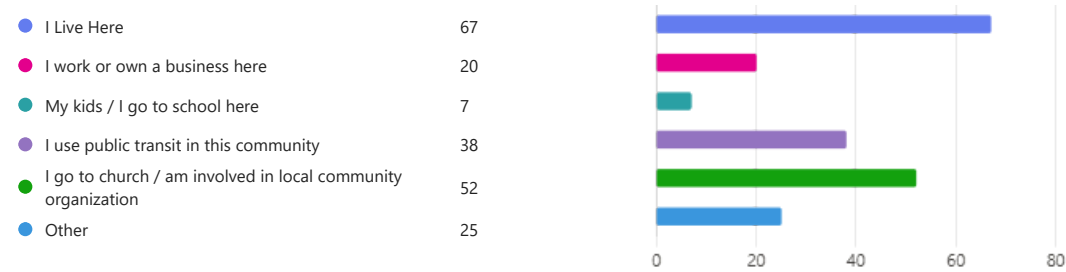
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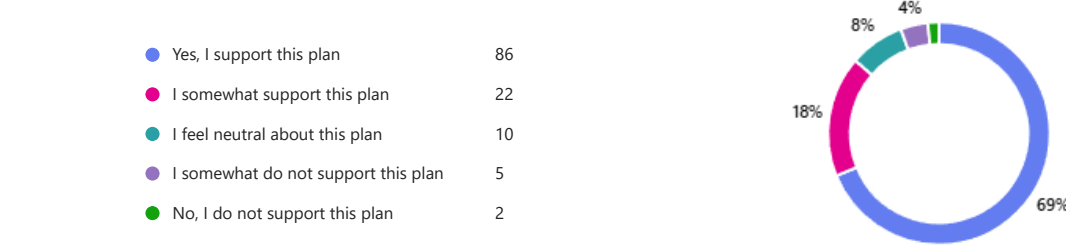
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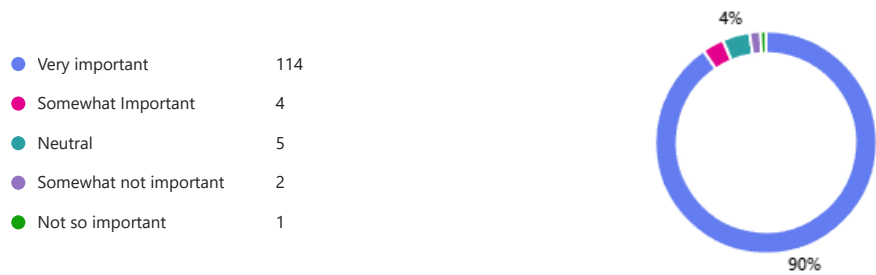
2. What connects you to the 95th Street Corridor (from Halsted to Cottage Grove) and surrounding neighborhoods? Select all that apply.



3. After reviewing the document, do you generally support the Draft 95th Street Corridor Plan?



4. The 95th Street Corridor Plan is the first Corridor Plan in the Chicago Department of Planning and Development to use a Health and Racial Equity Impact Assessment. How important is it to evaluate and consider health and racial equity in new community plans or investments?



5. Do you have any general comments or questions on the 95th Street Corridor Plan? (For example: Anything that you feel needs to be further clarified or explained? Is there something you feel could be better or that is missing?) Please share below

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6. Would you like a member of the project team to follow-up and answer your questions/comments? If so, please provide your email or phone number below.

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## Public Comments Received During the Public Comment Period: Nov. 15-Jan.17th

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60628	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	Gathering at TUCC Church was very informative. Thanks for listening & addressing our concerns
60619	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Not at this time.
60619	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	Consideratuon of Fail-over power sources should be considered as part of Health Equity planning.
60620	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I police station is a good idea
60640	Live on the Red Line;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Great to see the city taking the time to listen to communities. I love the new zoning that does not allow for future auto-oriented businesses, those do not belong in a dense, walkable, livable city.
60619	I regularly visit a family member who I care for. I grew up very close to 95th St.;	I somewhat support this plan	Somewhat Important	The plan fails to prioritize public safety and the need for greater private investment in this area.
60409	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I drive, but am very pleased that those who don't drive will have easy access to public transportation that stretches its boundaries to accommodate the public.
60620	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60660	I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I think that this is a fantastic plan, especially if the pedestrian infrastructure elements are fully followed through. How will corridor ambassadors be integrated into the plan to improve public safety & comfort?

60615	I use public transit in this community ;Shop/Visit ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	The gas stations bookending 95th are negatively impacting the health of nearby residents, according to recent research. Since the plan uses a health and racial impact assessment, these probably need to be planned for. Long term plan for them? Services that can replace them (ie snacks and food for lower-income residents)?
60619	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;My kids / I go to school here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I feel that Chicago State University should be the anchor of implementing this plan. The school should be used to more influential students to help plant a seed of productive growth and prosperity. This will help attract new types of businesses to cater to the students and staff. I believe this will help bring value to existing properties. This will also encourage more people to buy property in the community.
60643	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;	I somewhat support this plan	Neutral	The plan is overall pretty good, but many of the zoning recommendations need to spread beyond the one block radius from the corridor. While the neighborhood is largely single family, it should be allowed by write to develop at least a two-flat and an ADU on every property in the study area. This will allow the necessary increase in density to support a vibrant walkable area around the corridor. Also, the proposed developments on vacant lots could use a little work. The set backs on the proposals make it more uncomfortable to walk. Landscape buffers should come inbetween roads and sidewalks, not inbetween sidewalks and buildings. Sidewalks should run right up against the sidewalk, witch should also be increased to at least double width in along the commercial corridor.
60643	I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Neutral	In general, more density and more development along 95th would go a long way to making it a more livable place
60619	Over three decades of public service and organizing;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	We need higher density along some portions of 95th Street. Two block stretch surrounding train stations should receive high level pedestrian friendly features pertaining to business entries. The plan should better highlight Chicago Park District sites and the inclusion of Agroforestry at the Park sites and along the Dan Ryan Expressway 87th to 99th. Also, include the Chicago State University arboretum in the report located at 97th and King Drive. Tie in the 93rd Dan Ryan Pedestrian Bridge. We would need a two block safe route/walk strategy to this plan. It would add significantly to the Health Impact and Cumulative Health Impact Ordinance. Satisfying the HUD Consent Decree must be a critical component of the plan outlining the city's interest to care for Racial equity and better health outcomes. The city should anticipate the use of Heat Vulnerability Index programming tools in 2025, underway by CDPH and Northwestern University.
60617	I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;My kids / I go to school here ;I use public transit in this community ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	
60617	I travel to the southwest side often;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	



60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Property appreciation and mixed use rental properties
60614	I'm interested in eTOD and investment plans throughout Chicago;	Yes, I support this plan	Somewhat Important	It's really important for the health of Chicago to have a healthy 95th street corridor. To do this we do need to invest in non-auto-oriented development here and everywhere in the city. And this includes making sure the red line is also safe and clean to use by all 24/7/365.
60615	Other;	I somewhat do not support this plan	Neutral	
60628	I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Somewhat Important	
60620	I travel 95th often ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Looking forward to local business growth
60660	I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	How can corridor ambassadors be integrated with the plan to assure the safety of community members, visitors, & travelers?
60617	I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	As a commuter, I am often challenge with getting goods after transitioning from the train to bus. It would be a great addition to the plan if it included the development of a grocery store, retail and designated park and wait space for taxis, shared rides and personal pick up.
60617	I work or own a business here ;I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Somewhat not important	Can the children in the community be informed on the awesomeness of the developments going on in their City. As a means of igniting the spark to want to further learn grow a passion of progress in their hometown.
60628	I use public transit in this community ;I work or own a business here ;I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Not so important	Build it all faster
60619	I use public transit in this community ;I Live Here ;	I somewhat do not support this plan	Somewhat not important	<p>of 95th and State is highly inappropriate. It is too close to the northbound on-ramp of the Dan Ryan Expressway and vulnerable populations such as young children or individuals with cognitive issues are at too great of a risk of being injured or killed due to heavy, high-speed traffic. Another problem with locating a large residential complex at this corner is the petroleum based air pollution associated with being near two major expressways and a CTA bus terminal. It is interesting that a proposal which discusses health equity issues in the area would ignore a problematic site location for large scale residential housing due to its proximity to internal combustion petroleum pollution. The corner was originally zoned as retail commercial property. For many years, a gas station and a "Maxwell Street" style walk-up fast food restaurant occupied the corner. The corner should retain its retail commercial zoning and land use and residential development should go elsewhere. Moreover, a large high-rise style residential complex is not in keeping with the general architecture and and residential land use of the area. A better proposal would be to locate lower scale residential properties scattered through the 95th corridor area. There is ample vacant or abandoned property that would be appropriate for 2-flat or 3-flat in the residential sections of the community just north or south of 95th Street. I think the CTA, which owns the land at this part of 95th and State and desperately needs money in light of the post-COVID funding transit fiscal cliff, should lease it to private interstate bus carriers to site a new interstate bus terminal for Greyhound, Megabus, Badger, and other regional bus carriers. There have historically been Greyhound and Trailways buses that have stopped in or near the 95th Street and Dan Ryan CTA terminal area; however, there have never been any rider amenities such as bathrooms, a food court, climate control environment, a place to purchase rider accessories like pillows or snacks, a</p>

60628	I Live Here ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	
60620	I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60620	I Live Here ;	I somewhat do not support this plan	Very important	<p>I appreciate the community-driven approach and the emphasis on Equitable Transit-Oriented Development (ETOD) to ensure local residents benefit from new investments. However, I have a few comments and questions: 1. Affordable Housing &amp; Anti-Displacement Strategies The plan highlights preventing displacement, but more clarification is needed on specific anti-displacement policies that will be enforced. How will the city ensure long-term affordability for current residents, especially seniors and low-income families? 2. Community Wealth Building While there is a focus on supporting local businesses, I would like to see more about how the city plans to assist existing businesses in competing with potential new developments. Will there be grants, loans, or mentorship programs for local entrepreneurs? 3. Public Safety Measures The plan mentions improving mobility and streetscapes, but safety improvements (like better lighting, crosswalks, and public safety presence) should be a priority. How will the plan address concerns around crime prevention and pedestrian safety along 95th Street? 4. Youth Engagement &amp; Programming There is a need to include youth-focused spaces and programs to help engage younger residents. Are there plans to incorporate youth centers, job training programs, or recreational spaces as part of the development? 5. Implementation Timeline &amp; Accountability What are the timelines for implementation, and how will the community be kept informed of progress? Will there be regular updates or meetings to ensure the city remains accountable to residents?</p>
60617	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60619	I Live Here ;	I somewhat do not support this plan	Very important	<p>95th and Michigan left turn onto 94th and Michigan. It's a southbound street for a reason and no one was contacted to find out why. I'm almost sure no one who might have been knows because most weren't on the block when it was made a one way. I would appreciate being contacted to ensure that a change will not be made until a justification can be explained to the residents of 94th and Michigan.</p>
60628	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	<p>I feel it is important to tackle the littering problem in this new plan by expecting the businesses and organizations to keep the front of their property and street clean. It is important to show the community that we care by keeping the area clean. Provisions should. Be made for street cleaners and fines should be issued for businesses not doing the duty of keeping the front of their stores and street clean</p>

				I would like to and impacts on the heat related deaths? The more high rise buildings and accounting for air circulation is important for the communities that are highly developed. Are there any cooling centers? What type of energy sources will be upgraded to use clean affordable energy. Will there be maintenance for clearing snow and ice in a walkable community? What safety measures will be provided since we do not have adequate police protection from predators that hover in our community? Any community garden space to grow produce and available water source for community gardens? Will additional senior housing that is middle to upper income facilities be built so transitioning from home to senior independent or assisted living is available in the community? Has air quality data been included considering the proximity of the Dan Ryan, the Finkl steel manufacturing in Burnside polluting the air across the street from some senior buildings but also impacting blocks in Chatham as well? Will there be an ice rink in the area? Either there has been any consideration to the heat vulnerability
60619	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	
60643	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60643	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60620	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60620	We have our Drs office that is on the corridors;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	No it is very well detailed
60620	I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60620	Residential adjacent;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Not at this time.
60643	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60619	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	
60827	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	What plans do you have for the closed McDonald's Restaurant on 95th Street
60619	I Live Here ;	I somewhat do not support this plan	Neutral	Businesses and opportunities need to be better for their ability to ensure that safety and security remain a priority for residents. Some businesses attract crowds that do not support community safety.
60461	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	

60617	I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;Shop , restaurants, park, schools;	No, I do not support this plan	Neutral	I feel the questions sb ask door to door for people who have no access to what is going on
60628	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	
60619	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60643	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I like the propose rezoning of the corridor (no liquor stores & auto repair shops). I'm a firm believer of, if you build it they will come. Nice sit in restaurants in our own community. Boutiques and upscale business of different varieties.
60615	I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;Woodso n CPL/Regional Library;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	Want to see the corridor developed with community input.
60619	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	More Business for the community no fast food, no beauty supply, no storage facilities, no liquor stores, we need groceries stores, manufacturing
60619	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Also, invest more into Chicago State University more dorms, and more STEM program make that area into a college town like they did for the UIC campus so much investment around that campus Chicago State Campus area should be the same
60610	My kids / I go to school here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	No, I do not support this plan	Very important	Listening to the residents in that area
60478	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I was raised within the 60628 Zip Code.;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	If this plan benefits the community and not just the planners I don't have questions.
60620	I Live Here ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	Are the timelines and budget for implementation realistic? Are there any potential challenges that could affect the success of the plan?
60620	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;Food Pantry ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	I would like to have Information on vacant properties , The vacant McDonald property on 95th Street.
60619	I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	How can business be involved?

60628	I use public transit in this community ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	
60628	I use public transit in this community ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	
60620	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60466	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I go grocery shopping near the Dan Ryan;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	City officials need to canvass and survey this area thoroughly. More police presence and protection is necessary. All restaurants/ shops/ stores should be closed to the area. More church and community meetings will be required.This area is heavily populated and traffickers on foot, cars and buses. People should feel safe going to work churches and schools on a daily basis. Traffic control should be maintained.keeping street people, homeless solicitors off the streets.
60620	I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	None
60617	travel it to go to southwest side ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60643	I work or own a business here ;		Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	
60643	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I live West of Halstead to Western ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	What about drugstore, and a decent grocery store?
60617	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	None
60628	I Live Here ;I work or own a business here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	None
60619	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	

60619	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 ;I plant trees here;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Employment of local senior talent with hopeful youth to go from planning to implement aspects of the corridor improvements; ensure surrounding neighborhood improvement assistance, support assistance for fixed-income and a percentage of low income housing stability
60628	I live near by, my family lives in the area and I want the opportunity for my business Kraft it Up to have placement in this development;	I somewhat support this plan	Somewhat Important	I want to ensure that small businesses can be featured in this process and especially those who live in the area. Not a small business and the person lives in Northbrook, etc. Also, the pricing needs to be fair. The plan mentioned generational wealth and making more homes support that. Apartments do not.
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	is the entire project financially secured
60619	I work or own a business here ;I Live Here ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	Ample affordable housing & shopping
60619	I Live Here ;Advisor on 95th Corridor ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	As a business person along the 95th St. Corridor and has a member of the 95th Street community table, I would like to send my strongest support for the planning commission to adopt the 95th St. plan. We need a plan in place to be able to guide investors like myself to getting our investments off the ground and this is a blueprint for being able to do that. thank you
60619	I Live Here ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60620	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	Someone needs to survey/poll/talk to several residents in a neighborhood before installing huge Divvy bike stations and eliminating crucial parking spaces in an area with numerous apartments. For example, the Divvy bike station at 92nd Wentworth is underused, as there are always numerous bikes parked there! There are other nearby Divvy stations, such as the one in front of Lowden homes. Also, I rarely see anyone in this neighborhood riding a Divvy bike. Most people prefer the electric scooters. With all the auto crimes, residents want to park their cars close to home. Now we cannot do that in this area due to the elimination of 3 valuable parking spaces!

60619	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I use public transit in this community ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	Concern about how this will affect the flow of traffic which is currently heavy and too often congested
60619	I Live Here ;I work or own a business here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	1.) Will Public Sector Money similar to TIF funds be available for developers? 2.) How or will community members be able to invest in a building on the corridor? 3.) My hope is that developers will very sustainable energy oriented, This will make the area somewhat unique. 4.) How flexible are the plans to developer's interests? be very
60619	I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I believe the facilitators of the process did a phenomenal job in leading this effort. The participants were great in sharing their vision and concerns.
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	The plan was well thought out and addressed many of my concerns with the current corridor. The fact that it is inclusive of current residents is a strong point. I look forward to the growth ahead.
60619	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	Yes I do not fully understand.
60628	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	The plans for the 95th Street Corridor are a catalyst for long awaited and much need change for the corridor that opens the door for change that should extend to the southernmost boundaries in a community that has suffered gross disinvestment for decades. Long overdue!!!
60619	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 ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I pray that Blackness is preserved by Blackness with this plan. This plan serves as the foundation for us to really take our community in the direction we need it to go in.
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	No
60628	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	



60652	I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Will this provide jobs for the community?
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60643	I was a student at Chicago State University ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	No. I understand the plan
60628	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	No
60619	I work or own a business here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I would like to see a better funding stream for start ups alone the corridor. Everyone don't have the dollars needed to get the doors open.
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;My kids / I go to school here ;I'm a CSU alum; active in the alumni association;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60643	I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	

60628	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 ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	More funding resources new biusneses
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60620	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Not right now
60619	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	It would be important to include more lauguage from the 2022 Life Expectancy data that records health outcomes in the Far South region of Chicago. Also, the report should include information from the Chicago Region Tree Initiative and Heat Vulnerability Initiative from Chicago Department of Public Health. The December 2024 ordinance on the Zone Reclassification along the Dan Ryan Expressway from 92nd to 98th should be documented in the report. The CTA Board ordinance to introduce a two year pilot program with DePaul University to perform TOD planning and DBE Technical Assistance at each of the station areas along the Redline Extension starting at 95th Street.
60626	I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;I'm involved in my local community organization... Roseland Heights Community Association ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	My concern is will this Corridor Plan increase the value of those of us that are Homeowners!
60643	I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Garden area with water feature for pollinators
60628	I Live Here ;I work or own a business here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	

60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;I use public transit in this community ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	No
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	No
60619	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I appreciate the thoughtfulness of the bike lane strategy.
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60620	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I have no additional comments.
60628	I Live Here ;I use public transit in this community ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	It is my hope areas are created that are family friendly... restaurants and green spaces where residents can gather.
60619	I work or own a business here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Lighting, art/aestheticsand landscaping is VERY IMPORTANT
60619	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	CSU can use being an urban setting university to their advantage. Networking with school administrators, teachers, parents and students can construct opportunities to design programs. Programs designed to increase classroom achievement, social- emotional support to students dealing with trauma and health initiatives to increase healthier lifestyles. At the end of the school year the programs' effectiveness can be evaluated. The programs can be published and presented to conferences and media outlets.
60619	I use public transit in this community ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	It was not clear how the plan will realistically address the level of crime occurring at increasing rates. Most criminals are not seeking jobs.
60628	I Live Here ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	I want to ensure that our Abbott Park is renovated.
60628	I Live Here ;I go to church / am involved in local community organization ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Please, no tall buildings ( over 4 stories) along 95th street.
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	No fast food stores unless have better class of stores.

60628	I am involved in local community organization. ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Yes will there be any grocery store and gas stations.
60628 home & 60619 business	I work or own a business here ;Own a business and live here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	I believe that the 95th corridor will be a success. Base on the presentation that has been presented. I have one concern about the water under ground. I've recently paid a lot of money for a subpump and daily I can hear it working. That should be in this area, I would love to hear how this will be prepared and fema doesn't work for business. Also we have gas and sewage issues at home and business will there be programs for current residents to get home check and business evaluate by the departments that handle these issues.
60628	I Live Here ;	Yes, I support this plan	Very important	Was wondering if the people living in there area could receive help to establish a business on the corridor?
60619	I Live Here ;	I somewhat support this plan	Very important	What is CTA doing to encourage residents to participate in entrepreneurship. How can residents partner with CTA to build sustainable businesses within the corodoir
60628	I Live Here ;	I feel neutral about this plan	Very important	

## Other Comments Received Via E-mail

- 1.) The opportunity for community/renter/condominium owner to invest in the development.
- 2.) Wanted and Environmentally or Sustainable leading-edge development that might include:
- Thermal or Solar Panel Heated Side Walks (To have snow and ice-free sidewalks)
  - Thermal Heating for buildings...
  - Solar Electric/Wind power for buildings
  - Green technology/sustainable concrete parking Lots
  - Reuse of glass with concrete and Epoxy versus marble or Terrazzo floors and marble counters
  - Photovoltaic windows
  - Green roof tops
- 3.) Easy drive-in front parking to increase retail business.
- 4.) A decorative water fountain
- 5.) Possibly a small parking lot for CTA passengers. This lot might EV charging stations. There would be at least twenty spaces. (The community in the pass had history of no parking for CTA Terminal
- 6.) A mini police station/office
- 7.) A one or two-story coffee shop or restaurant. A two-story restaurant would allow customers to enjoy a second story view of the CTA Terminal and Abbot Park...

As a Community Table member, I have the following observations:

### Positive Aspects:

The process did include ample opportunity to participate at the Community Table level. Participants were taken through the process and had the opportunity to share their views and visions.

There was new information and options provided based on other communities that were helpful for comparison.

The outreach to the general community and the steps taken to include them in the process was excellent.

### Abstract Aspects:

Upon reflection, the end product left me a little puzzled. We dealt with partial pieces of property and housing options that through me off the mark. I believe as planners, you have a wider view of options. As a long-time resident, my vision was narrower, and focused on the commercial needs of the area. As the southside continues to lose big box stores, I did have a vision that we may develop markets of smaller vendors, with all possibilities pointing to constituents from within the community.

Another abstract concern was that the planning went from 95th and Halsted to 95th and State Street. The present project involving Chicago State University starts at 95th and King Drive and goes to 95th and Cottage Grove. West Chesterfield and Roseland Heights have expressed an avid interest throughout the process, but there has been no concentration in the 95th Street, Wabash to King Drive part of the corridor. This exclusion has never been addressed to my knowledge.

The other unclear piece to the process is where will monies be sought to finance this progress. Right now it appears that the exploratory phase has been funded, but no pursuit of funds at governmental levels are in the picture for actual development.

I am not negative to the planning for this corridor improvement, however I feel that a lot of gaps need to be closed before I can feel excited about the endeavor.

It may not sound like it, but I really did appreciate the ability to participate. It was enlightening to be a part of this process. However, I am left concerned about the intended thrust toward density. I see this as an opportunity to create wealth building within our community.

Thank you for caring about our community's opinion.

The 95th Street Corridor Draft Plan indeed establishes a strong foundation for city planning in Chicago, particularly for the Far South community. As a first-time homebuyer in the community of Burnside, taking part in the Community Advisory Group exposed me to my neighbors. Bringing back to community comradery after the seclusion of the pandemic, our residents brought our blocks to provide the feedback to the future of the 95th Street Corridor. The big, deserving visions my neighbors along the corridor to preserve one of the many entrances of Black ancestors in the Great Migration. In the plan we recognize the importance of intentional partnerships, and it makes sense to ensure the Far South Chicago Coalition is explicitly recognized given its contributions and engagement in the planning process. The plan's approach to integrating both community-driven solutions and a holistic relationship between residents and the built environment demonstrates a commitment to sustainable, people-centered development. If Joyce Chapman is being honored in the Memoriam, then reinforcing the Far South Chicago Coalition's role in shaping this vision and energy to plan across the Far South, would not only acknowledge past efforts but also solidify its role in future implementation.

**Introduction:** For the past year, I have had the privilege of serving as a community table member, a role that has allowed me to deepen my commitment to engaging youth in meaningful civic action. My involvement stems from a belief that young people have a responsibility to be civically involved and that their voices and actions can drive real change. Before stepping into my current role as Public Engagement Coordinator at Shedd Aquarium, I served as a Resource Coordinator, where I had the opportunity to help facilitate resources and connections that furthered the aquarium's mission of education, conservation, and community engagement. My work continues to be rooted in my dedication to empowering others, particularly the next generation, to actively shape the world around them.

## 1. Purpose & Community Engagement

- **Strengths:** The focus on collaboration with residents, community partners, and agencies is strong. This kind of engagement is essential for creating a plan that truly reflects the community's needs.

## 2. Key Focus Areas

- **Mobility & Safety:**
  - **Strengths:** The focus on public transit and multi-modal connectivity is great, especially in a city like Chicago. The emphasis on walking and biking infrastructure can improve not only transit options but also public health.
- **Community Wealth Building:**
  - **Strengths:** Supporting local businesses and entrepreneurship is a smart way to ensure the economic benefits of development stay within the community. The focus on local hiring is another great touch.
- **Equitable Development:**
  - **Strengths:** The balance between preserving existing housing and developing vacant parcels is key to ensuring that the community isn't displaced.
- **Health & Wellness:**
  - **Strengths:** Increasing access to healthy food and healthcare aligns well with broader public health goals. Promoting local food production is particularly innovative.
- **Environment:**
  - **Strengths:** Focus on green spaces and sustainability is forward-thinking. The city could use more green infrastructure, and the clean mobility aspect is crucial for future urban planning.

### 3. Implementation Strategies

- **Funding & Resources:**

- **Strengths:** Identifying grants and programs is a practical approach to funding.

**Community Involvement:**

- **Strengths:** This is a central part of the plan, and it's good to see that ongoing involvement is prioritized.
- **Considerations:** Could more be done to empower community members in decision-making processes? How will feedback be systematically integrated?

- **Sustainable Practices:**

- **Strengths:** High-quality, sustainable design can really enhance the long-term viability of the project.
- **Considerations:** What specific sustainable practices or technologies will be prioritized? Will there be incentives for developers to adopt greener solutions?

### 4. Catalyst Sites

- **Strengths:** Identifying key locations for development is an important first step in making the plan actionable.
- **Considerations:** How will these catalyst sites be chosen, and what will ensure that they align with the community's needs? Are there protections against gentrification around these sites?

### Final Thoughts

- **Overall Strengths:** This plan is forward-thinking and well-rounded. It tackles a wide range of important areas, from mobility and safety to environmental concerns, all while centering equity.
- **Possible Areas for More Clarity:** It might be useful to include more specifics about community engagement processes, the long-term sustainability of development, and how to prevent displacement. Adding data or examples could help clarify these points further.