

**INVEST SOUTH/WEST**

**MAY NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE**  
***MESA REDONDA DE MAYO***

**NEW CITY / BACK OF THE YARDS**

MAY 19, 2022



# Agenda

**Welcome / Bienvenidos**

**CTA Better Streets for Buses**

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**Orange Line Connections**

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# Ground Rules for This Meeting / *Reglas*

- ✓ Please stay muted while others are speaking  
*Por favor, mantenga silencio cuando otras están hablando*
- ✓ Please raise your hand to speak  
*Levanta la mano para hablar*
- ✓ Feel free to use the chat and Q&A features  
*Puede usar las funciones de “chat” y “Q&A” (Preguntas y Respuestas)*
- ✓ This meeting is being recorded and will be posted online in two weeks  
*Estamos grabando esta reunión y postará en el sitio del web entre dos semanas*

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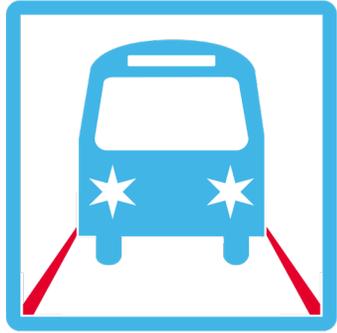
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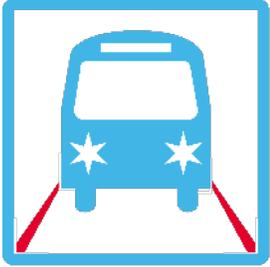
**Better**  
Streets  
for Buses

# Back of the Yards ISW Roundtable

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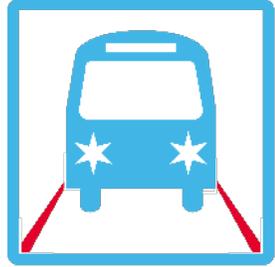


# Overview

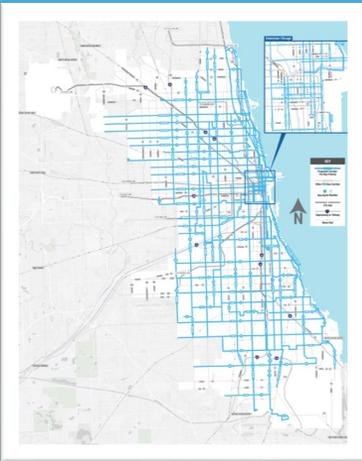


- CTA and CDOT launched a citywide public engagement process to shape a “**Better Streets for Buses**” plan that will represent consensus about where to focus bus priority treatments.
- What will the **Better Streets for Buses** plan include?
  - A proposed **network of streets** to target for bus-focused street treatments
  - A proposed **toolbox of street treatments** to consider as bus priority solutions
  - (Not assignments of specific treatments to specific corridors)

# Plan Components – FOR COMMENT!



The plan will provide a framework of **where** streets should be made better for buses and **how**

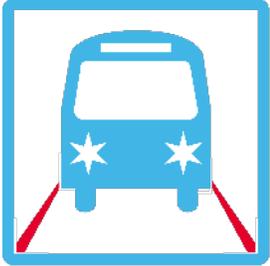


Proposed  
Network



Proposed  
Toolbox

# How to Help Shape the Plan



- Via the [website](#)'s maps, survey, and toolbox at [betterstreetsforbuses.com](http://betterstreetsforbuses.com)
- Text or call [\(312\) 772-5496](tel:(312)772-5496)
- Email [betterstreetsforbuses@transitchicago.com](mailto:betterstreetsforbuses@transitchicago.com)
- Fill out a [comment card](#), at local library or alderman's office
- Help us [spread the word!](#)

**Public comment period ends May 31<sup>st</sup>!**

When **streets** work  
better for **buses**,  
buses work better  
for **people**.



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# CPL: The Process Until Now

- \$15M in funding acquired by Rep. Mah
- CPL conducting research on potential sites



# Library Site Review

4701 S Damen Avenue | Former Checkers

## Property Info:

- Former Checkers
- Vacant and on market for \$1.3m
- Zoned B3-2
- 17,750 SF
- **Site too small to provide full range of amenities the community wants**
- **Not centrally located**



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4751 – 4765 S Ashland Avenue

## Property Info:

- Single-story commercial (8 storefronts)
- Zoned B1-3
- Previously on market, delisted due to lack of interest; previous list price: \$825,000
- Property owner indicated property is fully leased and would be willing to sell at higher price point
- **Property has a 99-year easement by adjacent Hamline school, complicating the transaction**
- **Would require relocating existing businesses**



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# Library Site Review

1400 W 47<sup>th</sup> Street | Bishop Plaza

## Property Info:

- Former Walmart Neighborhood Market and outlet at corner of 47<sup>th</sup> and Bishop
- 55,000 SF existing big-box retail building
- **Owner not willing to sell outlot; want purchaser to own entire mall**
- **Not centrally located**



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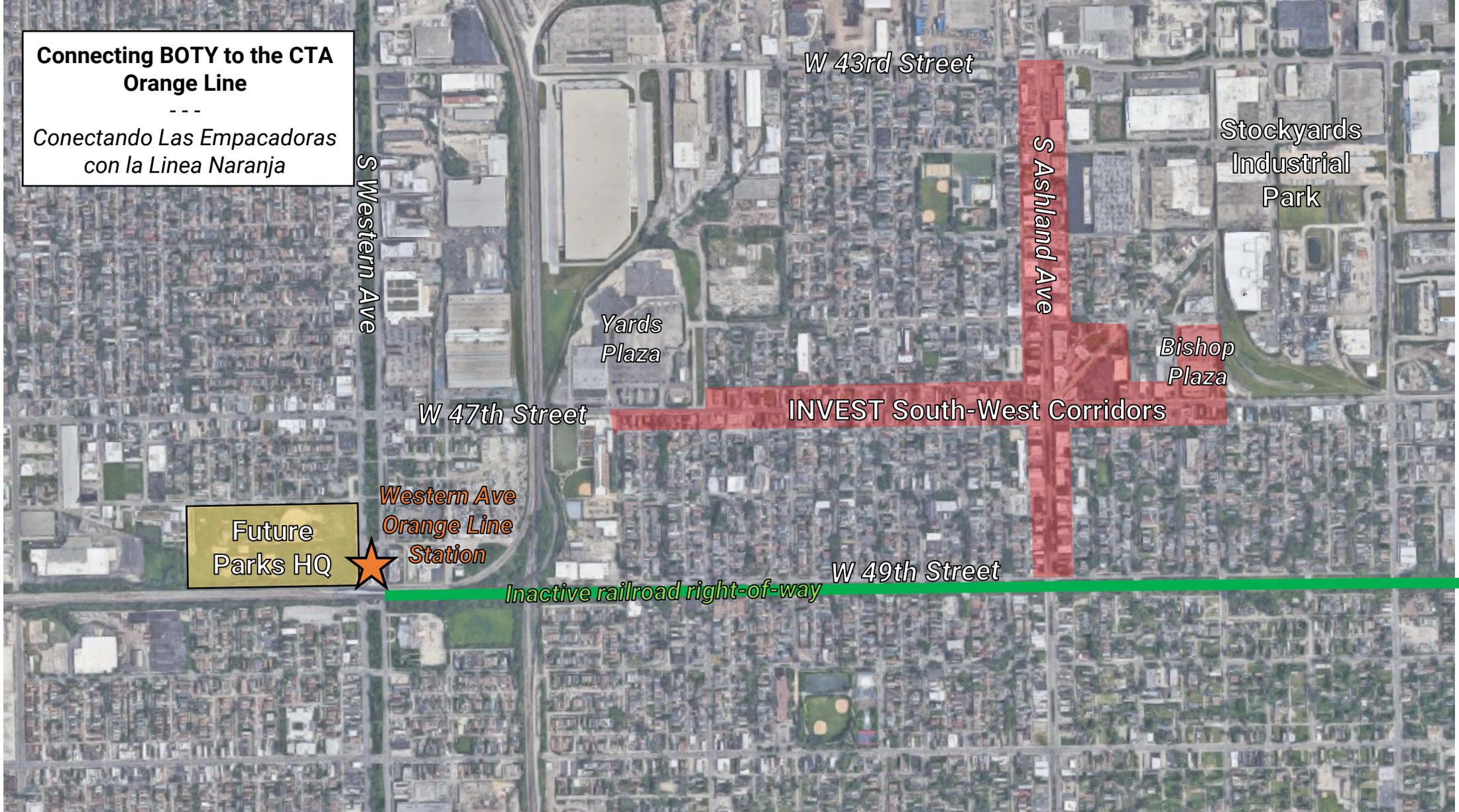
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**Connecting BOTY to the CTA  
Orange Line**

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*Conectando Las Empacadoras  
con la Linea Naranja*



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# Connecting to the Orange Line

## 49<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Line

- Canadian National (CN) would need to initiate rail abandonment process
- CN would need to determine there is no future use for the rail line
- Abandonment process is a federal process managed by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) so it can be lengthy
- City would then have to work with CN on acquisition



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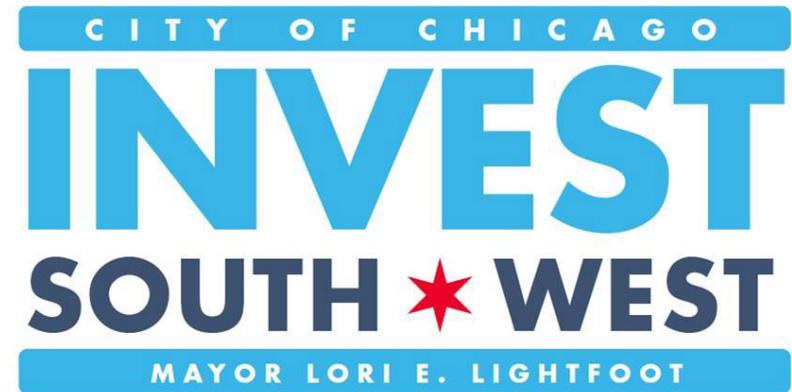
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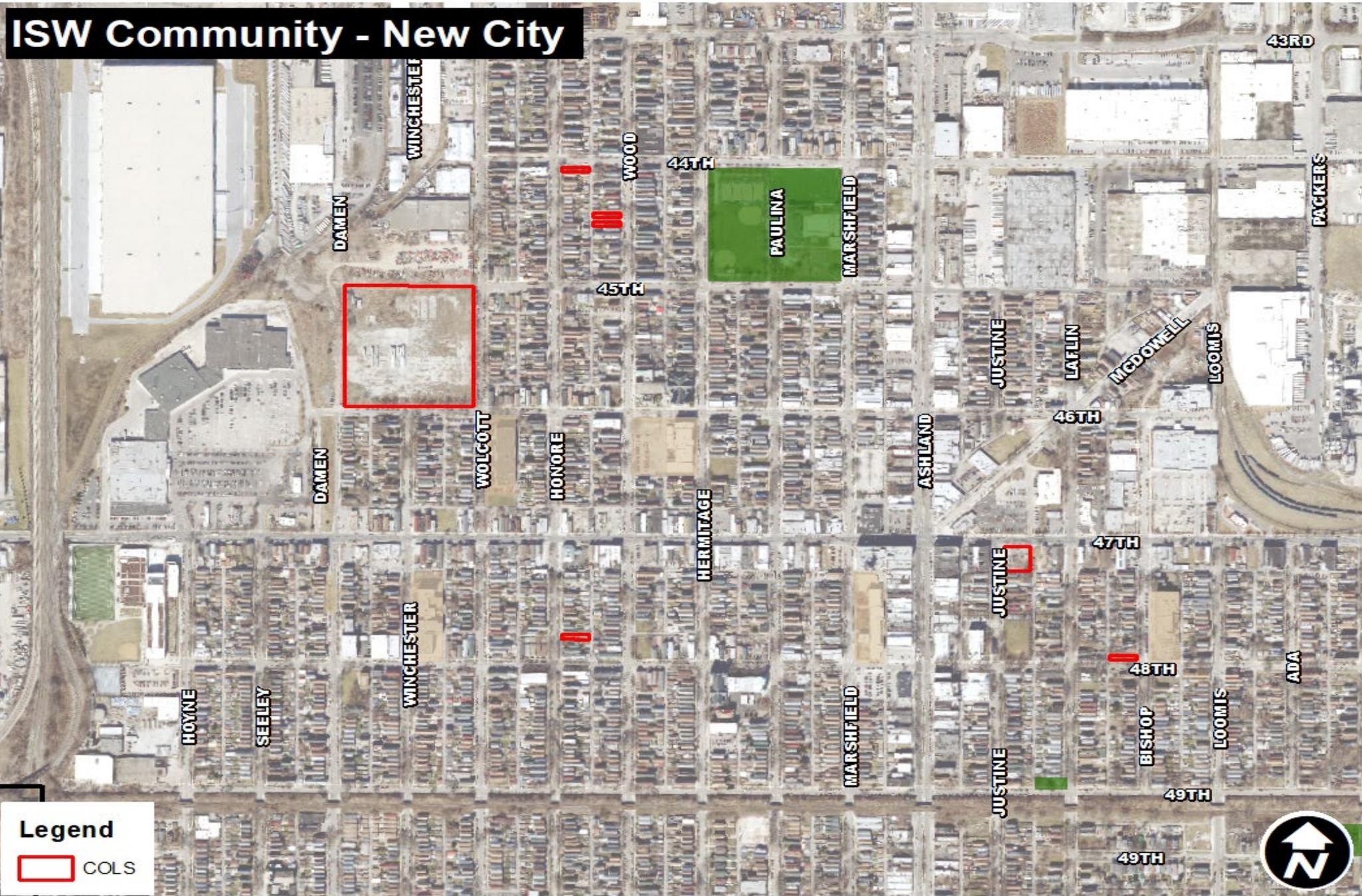
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# ISW Community - New City



**Legend**  
[Red Outline Box] COLS

