

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

**Project Limits:** 79<sup>TH</sup> Street, Paulina to Fielding;  
Halsted, 78th Street to 80th Street

**Section 1 Limits:** 79th St, Sangamon to Fielding and Halsted St, 78th St to 80th St.

**Section 2 Limits:** 79th St, Sangamon to Paulina

## Scope:

- Refresh of the previously completed streetscape on 79th Street, Ashland to Wallace
- Full width resurfacing
- Drainage improvements
- New sidewalk, curb, and gutter
- Pedestrian safety improvements
- ADA ramps and crosswalks
- Street lighting
- Traffic signal upgrades
- Pavement markings and signage
- Paver parkways
- Site furniture and seating areas
- Light pole identifiers
- Sidewalk medallion replacement
- Tree planting and landscaping
- Coordination with DCASE around public art



**Imagine Evergreen**  
(838 W. 79th)



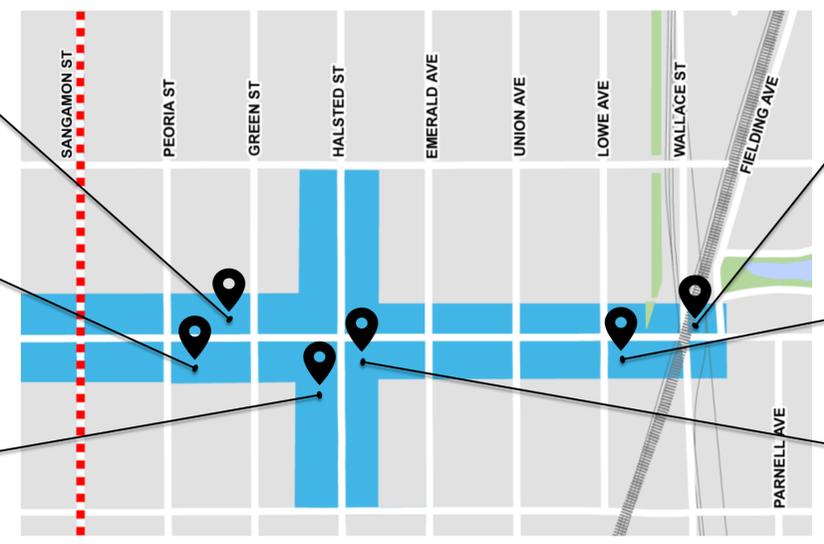
**Healthy Hub**  
(839 W. 79th)



**Sav-a-Lot Redevelopment**



## Section 1 Corridor Activity:



**CREATE Project**



**Auburn Park Metra Station**



**Imagine Evergreen**  
(757 W. 79th)

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# STREETSCAPE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Schedule



## What We've Heard

### Traffic & Safety

- Pedestrian safety identified as a key issue
- Congestion at Halsted, Ashland, and various other locations
- Too many stop signs on 79th street. Cars are not stopping.
- Hard to cross the street at many locations, including Leo High School

### Landscaping & Seating

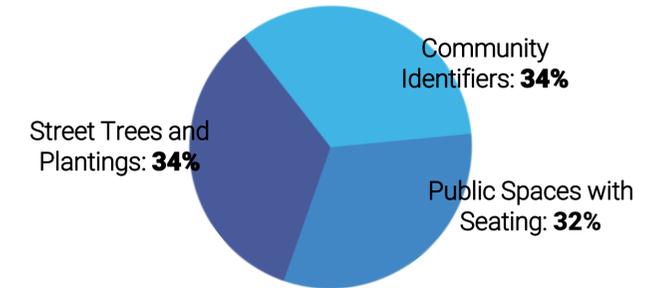
- Preference for "traditional mix" corridor character
- Desire for more street trees and plantings
- Desire for more public seating

### Community Identity

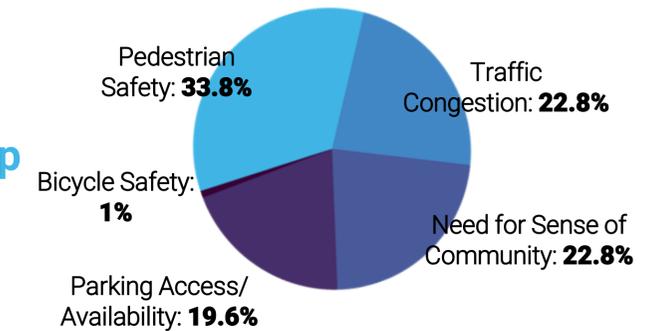
- Concrete sidewalk medallions crumbled over time
- Refresh existing light pole identifiers
- Bolder colors on light pole identifiers
- Preference for varied patterns and text on light pole identifiers

## Poll Questions

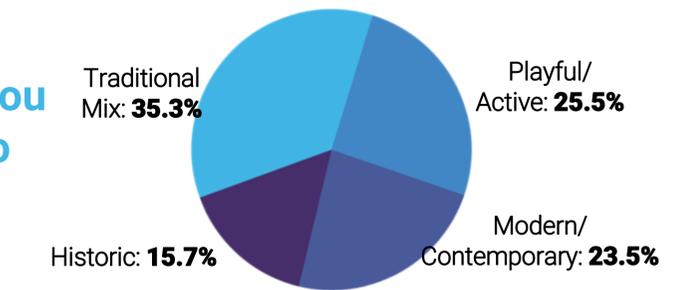
What are the elements in the corridor that you'd most like to see more of?



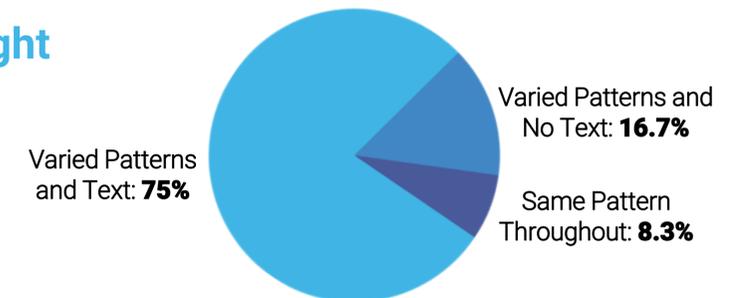
What are the key issues along the corridor? Select up to 3.



What kind of character would you like the corridor to have?



What is your preference for light pole identifier designs?



Source: Community Meeting #1 February 15, 2022

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# EXISTING CONDITIONS DATA

## Roadway Data

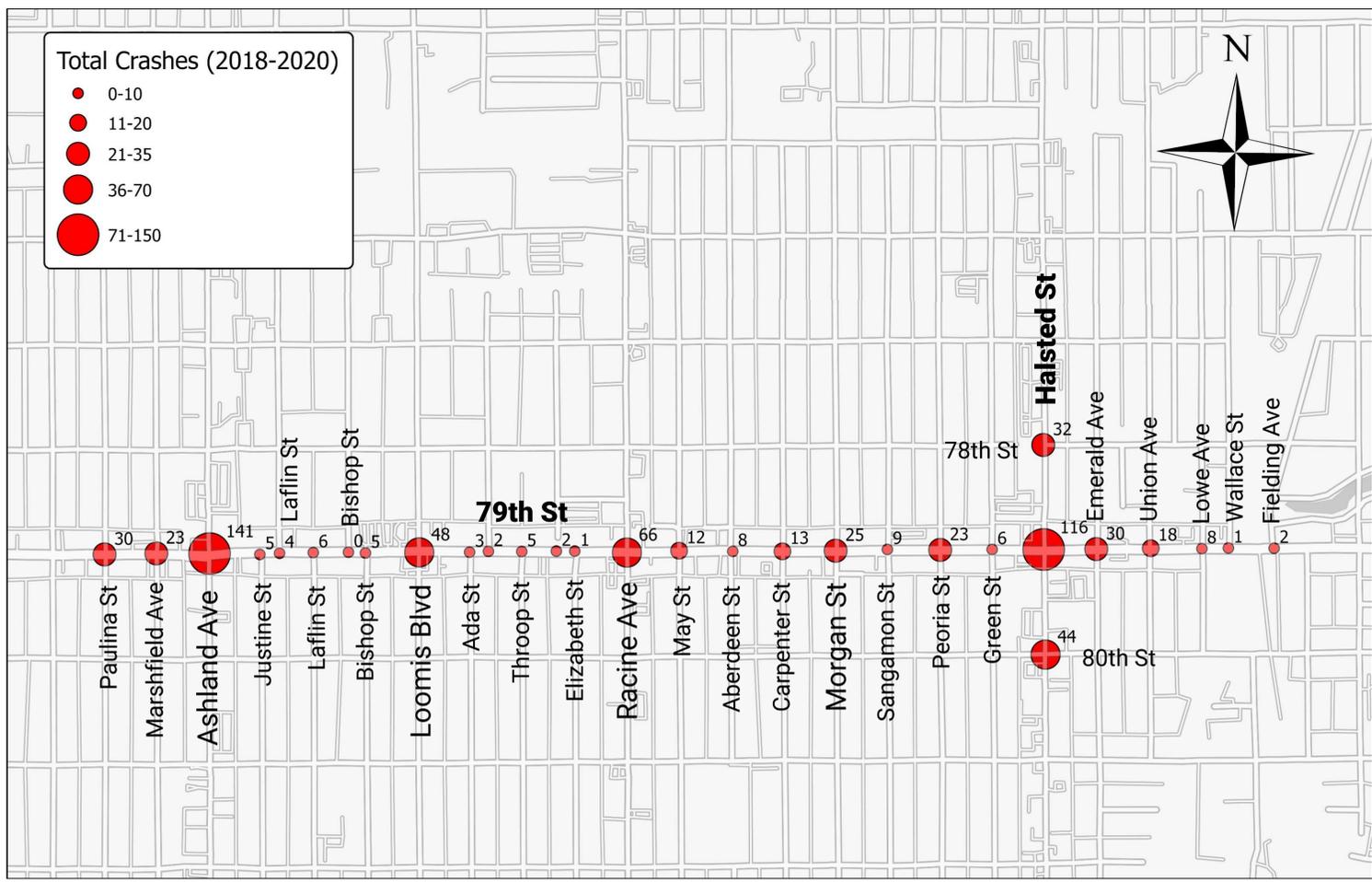
### 79th St

-  15,900 vehicles per weekday
- 85% of drivers travel 30 mph or slower
-  6.0% small trucks
-  4.7% large trucks
-  7,600 people on buses

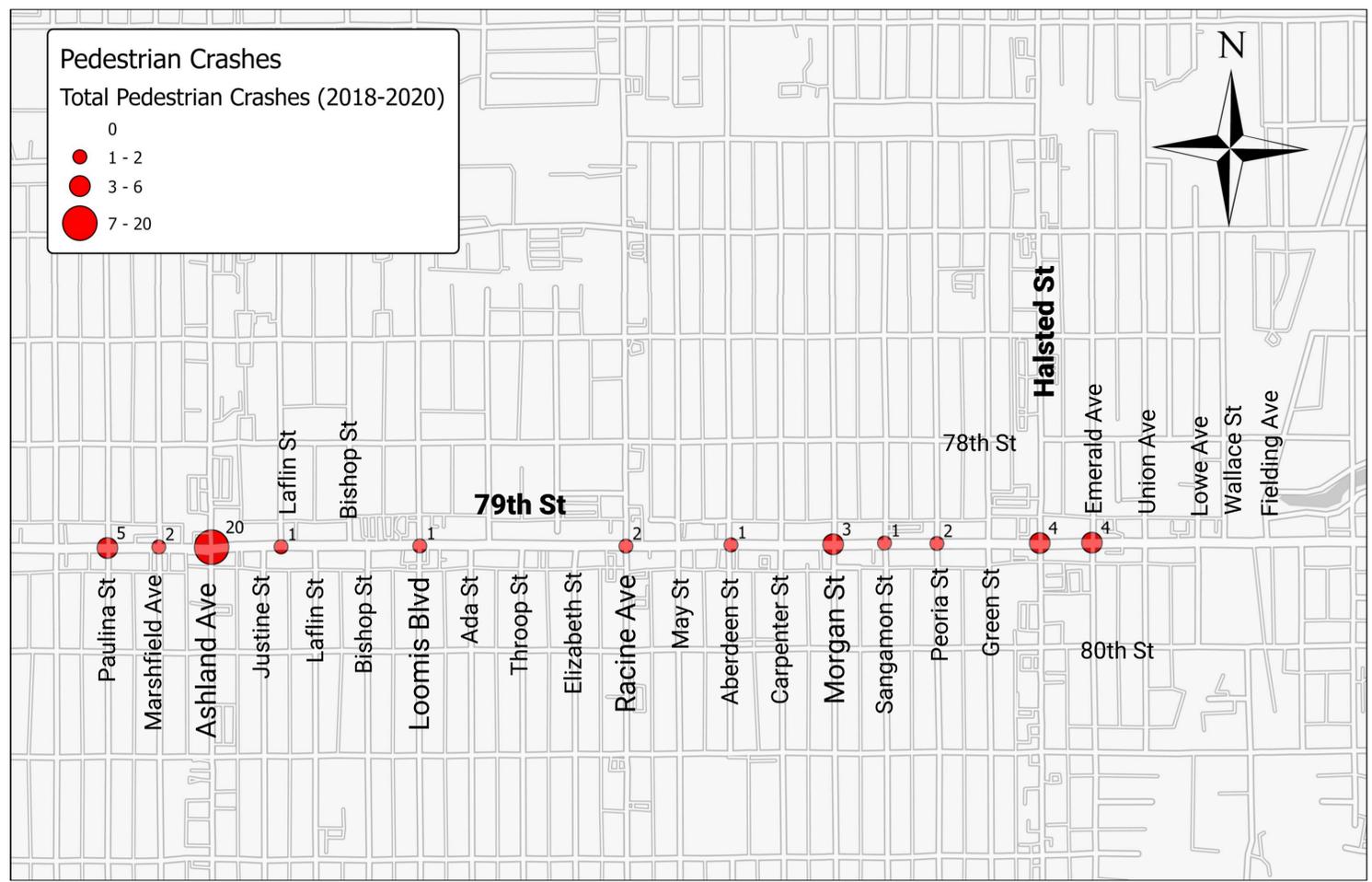
### Halsted St

-  14,000 vehicles per weekday
- 85% of vehicles travel 35 mph or slower
-  5.2% small trucks
-  3.4% large trucks
-  1,700 people on buses

## All Crashes



## Pedestrian Crashes



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# PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLE, AND TRANSIT TREATMENTS

## Pedestrian Refuge Islands

- 46% average crash reduction factor
- Reduce driver speeds and increase yielding behavior
- Easier to find gaps in traffic and reduce pedestrian delay



**Where:**

- Leo High School (79th St at Sangamon and Peoria)
- New Auburn Park Metra Station (79th St at Lowe)

## Curb Extensions

- 37% average crash reduction factor
- Shorter pedestrian crossing distances
- Better visibility between motorists and pedestrians
- Eliminate illegal parking in the corner clearance zone
- Discourage passing on the right
- Reduce turning speeds around corners
- More sidewalk space at intersections



**Where:**

- Throughout project area

## Protected Bike Lanes

- 56% reduction in all crashes
- 71% decrease in injury crashes
- Reduce pedestrian crashes
- Reduce "dooring" crashes
- Lower traffic speeds



**Where:**

- Halsted St

## Transit Treatments

- **Bus Priority Zone:** Maintain and refresh red lanes from Green to Emerald
- **Bus Bulbs:** Reduce delays, decrease travel times, improve service reliability



Example Bus Priority Zone (Image: CTA)

**Where:**

- New Auburn Park Metra Station (79th St at Lowe)



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# CAST YOUR VOTE: LIGHT POLE IDENTIFIERS

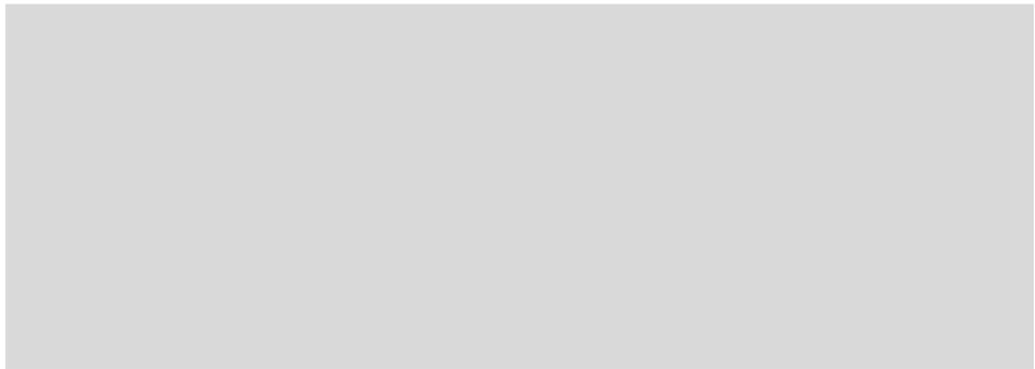
Existing Light Pole Identifier



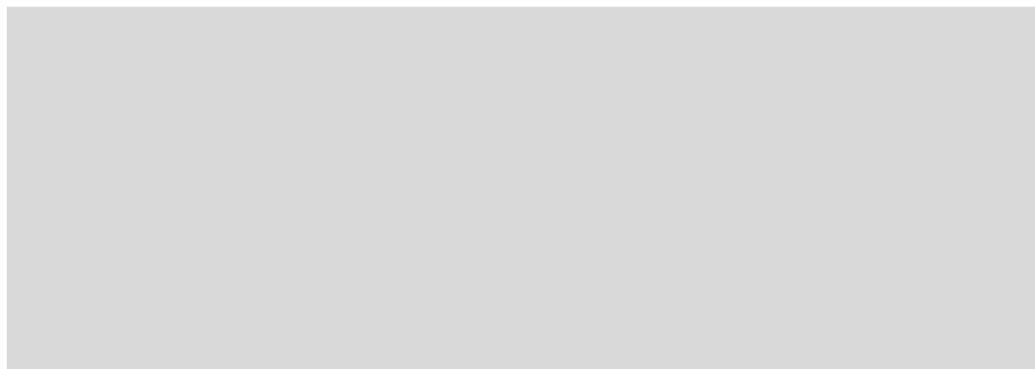
Refreshed Light Pole Identifier



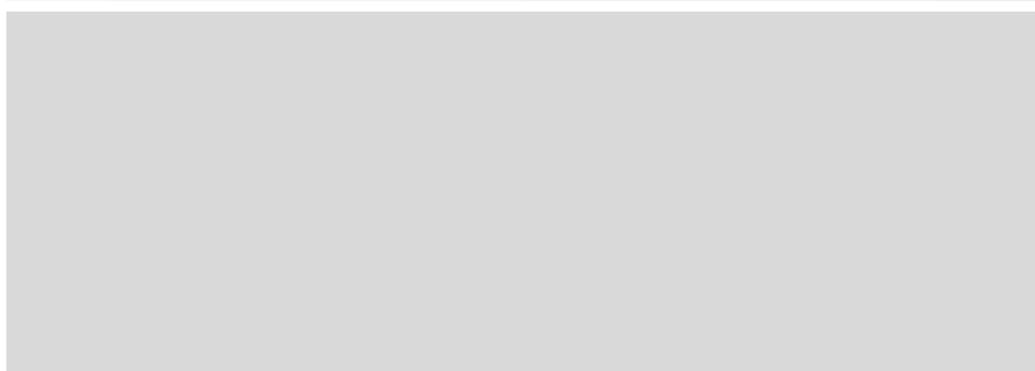
OPTION A: Place Voting Stickers Here



OPTION B: Place Voting Stickers Here



OPTION C: Place Voting Stickers Here



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# PROPOSED MATERIALS AND SITE FURNITURE PALETTE

Clay Pavers

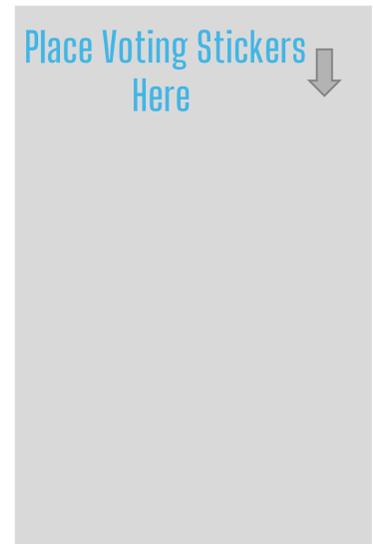


Sidewalk Medallions



## Cast Your Vote: Waste Receptacles

Option 1: Standard Waste Receptacle



Bench Type 'A'



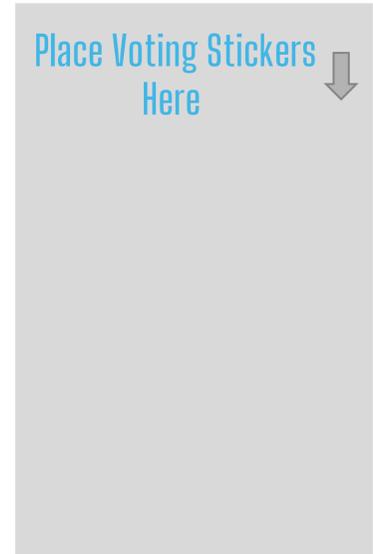
Bench Type 'B'



Bike Rack



Option 2: Branded Waste Receptacle



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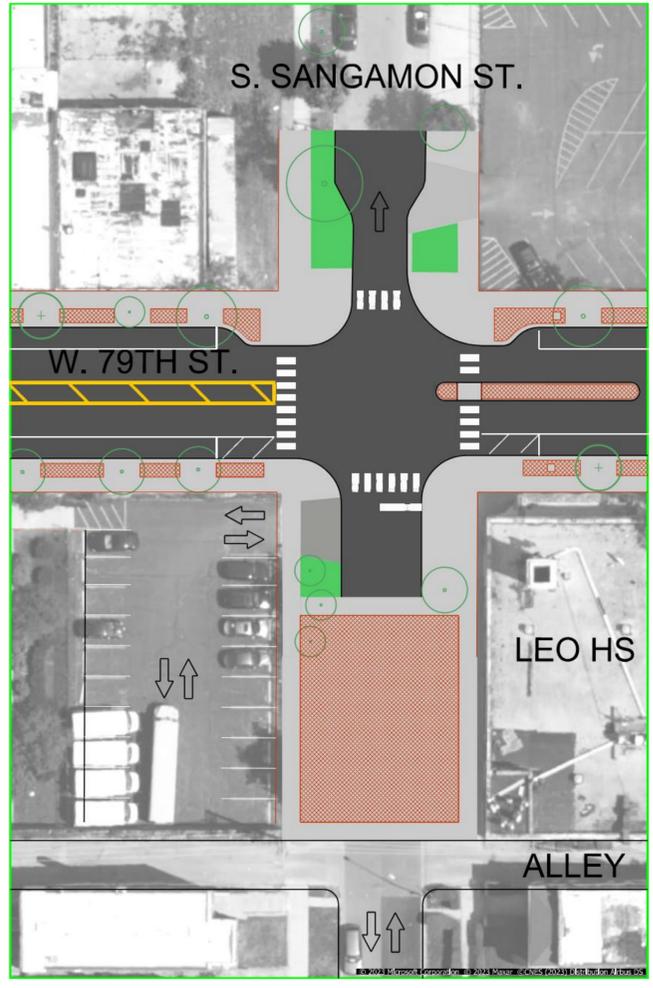
# CAST YOUR VOTE: SANGAMON PLAZA

## Existing Conditions



Source: Google StreetView

## Option 1

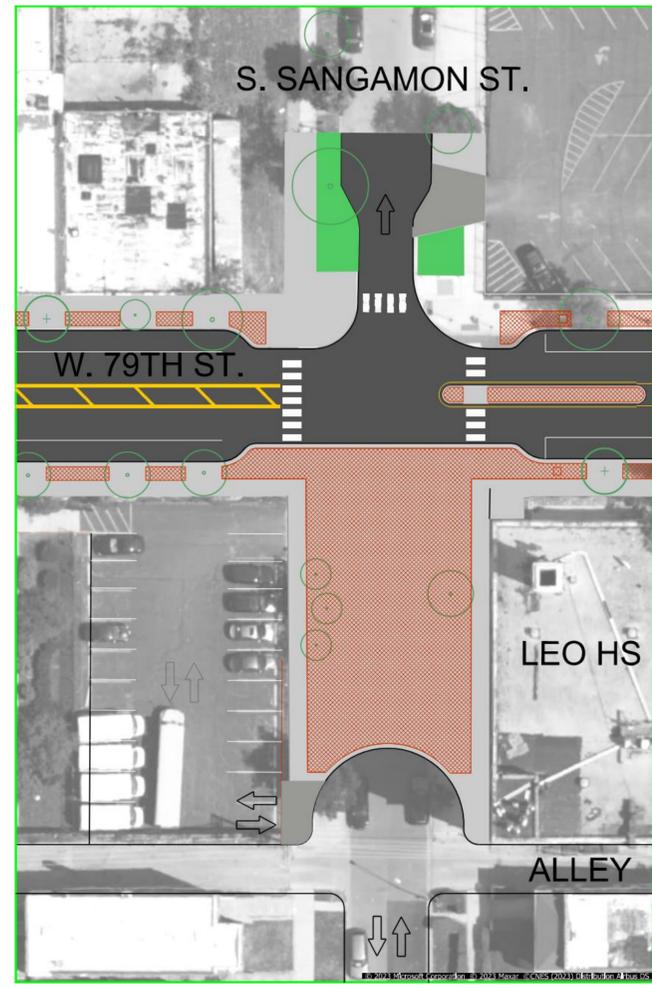


- No change to parking lot access
- Convert existing cul-de-sac to plaza (approx. 5,100 sq. ft.)
- 19 parking spaces in Leo lot

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## Option 2

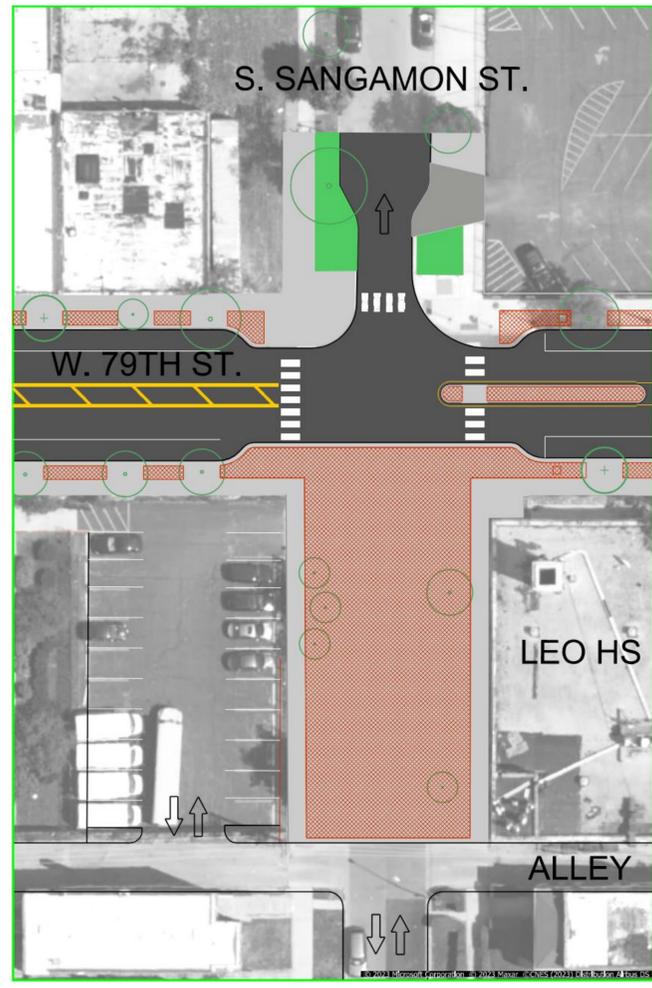


- Move driveway to south end of Sangamon St
- New plaza (approx. 6,000 sq. ft.)
- 19 parking spaces in Leo lot

Place Voting Stickers Here



## Option 3



- Move parking lot access to alley
- New plaza (approx. 7,500 sq. ft.)
- 21 parking spaces in Leo lot

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# BEFORE AND AFTER RENDERINGS

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

## PROPOSED CONDITIONS

79<sup>TH</sup> ST

(looking west from Green St)



HALSTED ST

(looking south from 78<sup>th</sup> St)



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