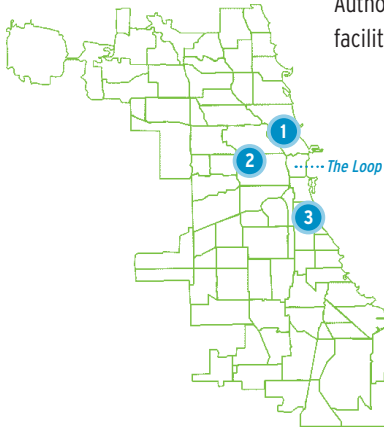




ABOUT RECONNECTING NEIGHBORHOODS

Reconnecting Neighborhoods is a project that invites residents and stakeholders of three Chicago neighborhoods to participate in the planning for the future of their communities. Led by the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development (DPD) with support from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), Reconnecting Neighborhoods will result in recommendations for enhanced transit services and facilities, an improved pedestrian environment, and new commercial opportunities in the following neighborhoods:



1. Near North

Orleans to Halsted Street and Chicago to North Avenue, including the site of the former Cabrini-Green neighborhood

2. Near West

Ashland to Western Avenue and Monroe to Lake Street, including much of the former Henry Horner Homes

3. Mid-South

35th to 43rd and Lake Shore Drive to King Drive, including the site of the former Madden-Wells neighborhood

These neighborhoods were selected because each is attracting an influx of new homes and residents, fueled in part by the Chicago Housing Authority's (CHA) construction of new mixed-income communities under its Plan for Transformation.

While the need has long existed, this groundswell of growth has created additional demand for enhanced public transit, pedestrian connections, and new retail and service opportunities to accommodate lifelong residents and their new neighbors, as well.

PROJECT STRUCTURE

Local Task Forces

A Task Force, consisting of local community leaders, has been assembled in each of the neighborhoods. These Task Forces will consult regularly with the project team to develop a blueprint for transit service and infrastructure improvements in their neighborhoods. Task Force members also will encourage the involvement of their neighbors in all stages of the process.

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

Reconnecting Neighborhoods will be guided by an Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IGAC) consisting of representatives from the City of Chicago DPD, RTA, Metra, Chicago Transit Authority, CHA, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago Department of Transportation, and Illinois Department of Transportation.

Project Consultant Team

The City of Chicago DPD is being assisted by two groups, each with specialized skills, to complete the Reconnecting Neighborhoods study. The Metropolitan Planning Council will coordinate the public outreach component, and HNTB Corporation will develop technical analyses and recommendations.

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PROJECT DETAILS

