

Chicago Mobility Collaborative
September 19, 2024
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Olive-Harvey College
Meeting Summary

Event Date & Time: Thursday, September 19, 2024- from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Number of Attendees: 45 total attendees (including participants joining via Zoom and in-person at Olive-Harvey College)

CDOT Staff Attendees: Romina Castillo; Mary Nicol; Kyle Peppin

Guest speaker: David Pufundt, CDOT; Sarah Moore, IDOT

Leadership Group Attendees: Peter Taylor, Rochelle Jackson,

Summary of Meeting: This meeting was held both in-person at Olive-Harvey College, and virtually via Zoom. Community leader Deloris Lucas welcomed everyone to the meeting reminding attendees about the meeting format, the general goals of the CMC, and the community agreements of engagement. After this, Romina Castillo, Director of Outreach and Engagement shared some Department updates, upcoming projects, and initiatives, see below for a complete list of updates. David Pufundt presented about the Envision Unlimited summer adaptive cycling program. Romina Castillo, introduced the Community Tables facilitated by representatives of CDOT, CTA, and civic organizations. These conversations are summarized below.

CDOT Updates:

- [Bike Chicago Impact](#)
 - Based on [the Shared-Use Mobility Center \(SUMC\) report](#), CDOT's Bike Chicago, the country's largest free bike distribution program, has been successful at promoting active transportation and mobility justice in the neighborhoods that need it the most.
 - CDOT has efficiently distributed over 2,000 bicycles, along with equipment and safety training, since launching the initiative in July of 2022. This puts Bike Chicago on track to reach its goal of 5,000 by 2026.
 - Read more about the program's impact and community feedback in the articles below:
 - [Chicago SunTimes: Pedal power: City halfway through giving away 5,000 bikes](#)

- [Next City: Chicago's Unique Bike Giveaway Program Is a Win for Mobility Justice](#)
 - [Streetsblog: SUMC's Bike Chicago Evaluation Report highlights benefits of CDOT bicycle giveaway, need for safer streets](#)
- Damen Green Line
 - The long-awaited Damen CTA Green Line station was celebrated at its grand opening on August 5th Chicago Ave bus lane
 - CDOT led the design and construction of the state-of-the-art station, which fills a 1.5 mile service gap on the Near West Side, supports local growth and job creation in the Kinzie Industrial Corridor, and accommodates large crowds attending events at the nearby United Center.
- Little Village Arch Restoration
 - CDOT joined Mayor Brandon Johnson and community leaders to celebrate the restoration of the iconic Little Village arch on 26th Street. CDOT was proud to lead the rehabilitation of this city landmark to restore it to its original state and preserve its character for decades to come.
- Divvy Expansion and New Member Benefit
 - Chicago is in the process of installing 400 new Divvy stations with a focus on extending service to neighborhoods previously without docking stations.
 - Among these is the milestone 1,000th Divvy station, recently installed at the new Damen and Lake CTA Green Line station, establishing a key multimodal hub.
 - Divvy has introduced a new benefit for members: out-of-station docking fees will now be waived when an e-bike or e-scooter is parked near a full station. Members can park within 40 meters (around 130 feet) of a full station without incurring the \$1.20 fee, making it easier and more convenient to use the system.
- Clark and Devon Streetscape
 - CDOT completed a transformative streetscape redesign and improvement project along Clark Street, from Devon Avenue to Arthur Avenue.
 - The project's highlights include improvements to traffic safety, walkability, and beautification, including the conversion of a segment of Arthur Avenue into a community gathering space and the revitalization of the plaza at Clark Street and Schreiber Avenue.
- EV Chargin Infrastructure Grant Award
 - The City of Chicago was recently awarded \$15 million in funding from the Federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program to support the expansion of EV charging infrastructure. CDOT led the grant application for this discretionary federal funding, which will help address the access gap to EV charging, EVs, and e-mobility information in Chicago

Community Tables Summaries

Table 1 – Better Streets for Transit: BRT corridor implementation: building projects and building coalitions

Facilitators – Jim Merrell, (ATA), Jason Meter (CTA), Julia Hage, CNT

- Action Items
 - No action items were identified.
- High-level participant feedback and conversation overview
 - Facilitators provided an overview of the Bus Vision plan, Better Streets for Busses, and Bus Priority Corridor Sturdy efforts.
 - Discussed conflicts between bus and bike lanes.
 - Discussed the communities desire for bike improvements for RE stations including Divvy stations and private bike parking near train stations.
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Table 2 - Beyond the Bike Lane: Divvy & Scooter Updates: a more accessible system for all
Facilitators – Kyle Peppin, CDOT & David Pufundt, Envision Unlimited

- Action Items
 - No action items were identified.
- High-level participant feedback and conversation overview
 - Community members discussed the need for a comprehensive plan for bike infrastructure to address the multiple challenges such as speeding, wide roads, physical barriers like waterways, expressways, and industrial sites.
 - Discussed the City goals to install four Divvy stations per square mile.
 - Discussed Divvy membership discounts for those with financial hardship.

Table 3 (Hybrid Table) – Featured Project: 103rd Streetscape project

Facilitators – Romina Castillo, CDOT & Deloris Lucas, We Keep You Rollin’

- Action Items
 - Engagement for this project will kick off next year.
- High-level participants feedback and conversation overview
 - Discussed the importance of conducting an educational campaign as part of the engagement process for this project to educate people in the area how to share the upcoming side path in the community.
 - Conduct events to socialize the idea of the new infrastructure coming to the community.
 - Community members recommended to conduct door-to-door engagement to better connect with residents who will be impacted by the project.