

# McKinley Park, Brighton Park, & Gage Park

Southwest Side Neighborhood Bike Network

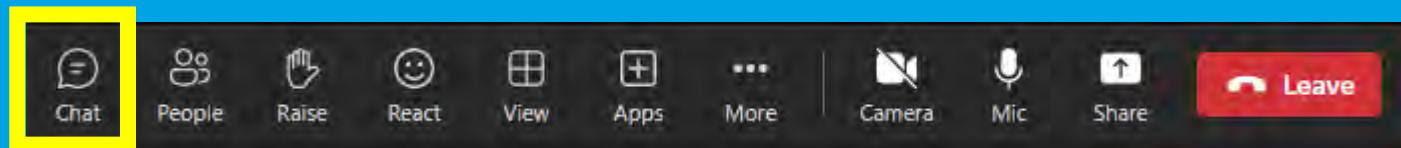


Neighborhood Taskforce Meeting #2

July 19, 2023

# WELCOME!

- ▶ We want to have an open conversation about biking and getting around your neighborhoods.
- ▶ We're here to listen to you.



# INTRODUCTIONS

- ▶ Is there anyone new who could not join us for the first taskforce meeting?

# AGENDA

- ▶ Recap + Updates
- ▶ Engagement Plan
- ▶ Survey Progress
- ▶ Project Priorities

# ANTICIPATED TIMELINE



# WHAT WE'VE DONE SINCE LAST MEETING

- ▶ Developed and initiated an engagement strategy
- ▶ Created and shared an online events calendar
- ▶ Created & distributed outreach material throughout the neighborhoods (ongoing)
- ▶ Began Learn to Ride at McKinley Park (ongoing)



# WHAT WE'VE DONE SINCE LAST MEETING



- ▶ Developed and promoted a survey to better understand how people get around in the neighborhoods (ongoing)
- ▶ Canvassed community destinations with outreach material (ongoing)
- ▶ Met with additional community groups to promote and inform about the program (ongoing)

# ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



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## Targeted Engagement

- ▶ **Youth** – met at parks, schools, & community organizations
- ▶ **Business** – targeted & corridor outreach
- ▶ **Community Destinations** – identified from Taskforce & survey

## General Community Engagement

- ▶ Learn to Rides – weekly at McKinley Park throughout summer
- ▶ Community Outreach – Meet people where they are... parks, commercial corridors, transit stations
- ▶ Printed Materials Distribution – To community identified locations such as: bike shops, parks, Aldermanic offices, health clinics
- ▶ Neighborhood Events – Attend bike rides and community events
- ▶ Pop-Up Giveaways – Planned bike light and helmet giveaways at community destinations
- ▶ Neighborhood Survey – English & Spanish, online & in-person



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

## Outreach Strategies

- ▶ **Provide Materials to You** – We can give you materials to collect feedback from young people
- ▶ **Listening & Ride** – We join your bike rides and talk to young people
- ▶ **Giveaway Pop-Up Events** - Planned giveaways for bike lights and helmets at community destinations
- ▶ **Youth-Focused Bike Ride** – Bring these separate groups together for a joint, youth-focused bike ride through the community

**Divvy can provide bicycles for your event!**



# BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

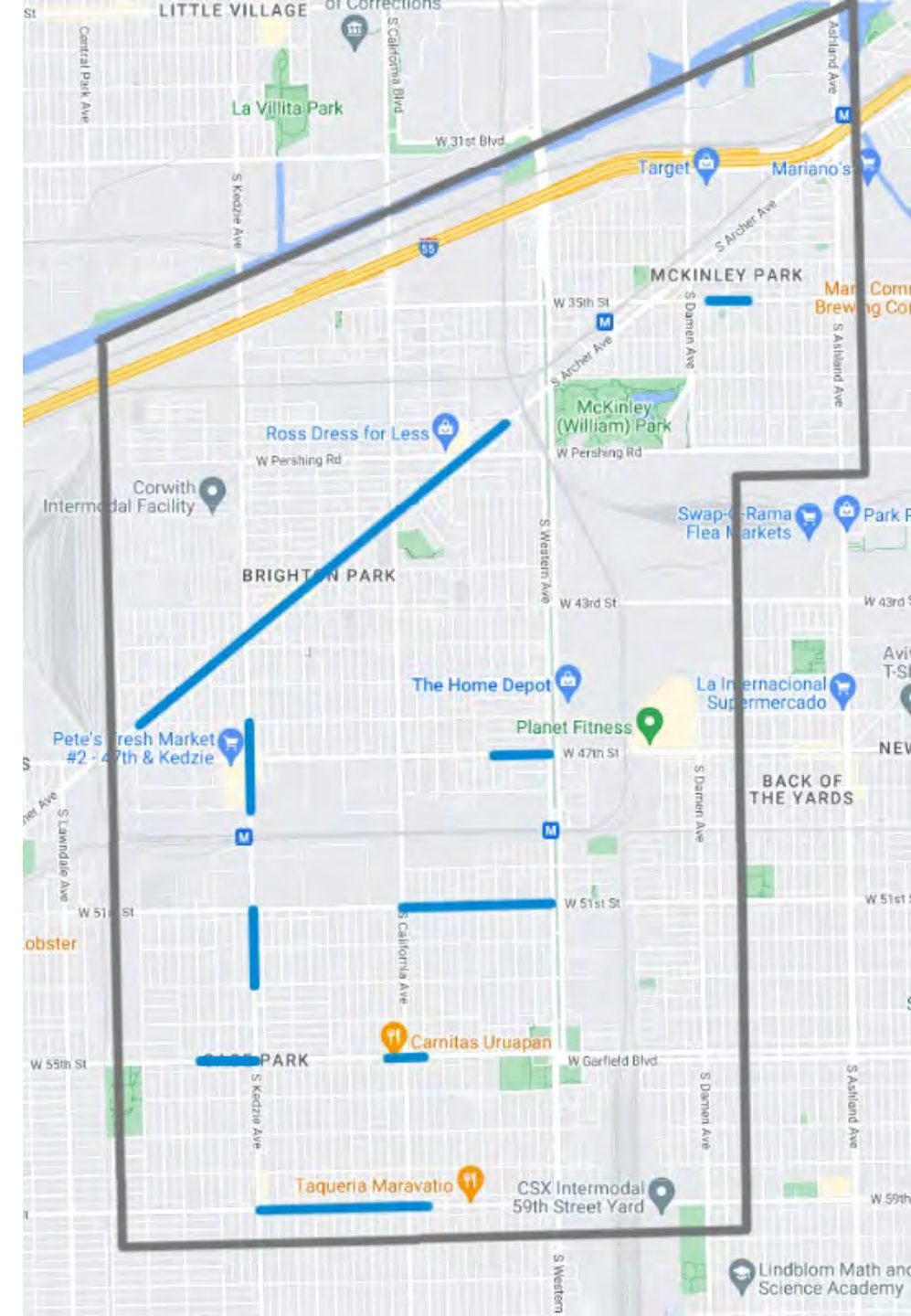
## ▶ Corridor Outreach

**Besides Archer, what other important corridors we should target and prioritize?**

## ▶ Targeted business

- Bike Shops
- Pacos Tacos

**Any other important businesses we make sure we contact?**



# LEARN TO RIDE



**★ CHICAGO'S ★**  
**SAFE**  
**AMBASSADORS**

## Free bike-riding lessons

Chicago's SAFE Ambassadors are bicycling experts who teach 2-hour classes for city residents of all experience levels. Get more info and request a spot in a class with the QR code below.

*June*  
Tuesday, June 6—Beginner—6-8 pm  
Thursday, June 15—Beginner—6-8 pm  
Saturday, June 17—Beginner—10 am-noon & 12:30-2:30 pm  
Wednesday, June 21—Skill-Builder—6-8 pm  
Thursday, June 29—Beginner—6-8 pm

*July*  
Thursday, July 6—Beginner—6-8 pm  
Thursday, July 13—Beginner—6-8 pm  
Saturday, July 22—Beginner—10 am-noon & 12:30-2:30 pm  
Thursday, July 27—Beginner—6-8 pm

*August*  
Thursday, August 3—Beginner—6-8 pm  
Tuesday, August 8—Beginner—5:30-7:30 pm  
Saturday, August 12—Beginner—10 am-noon & 12:30-2:30 pm  
Thursday, August 17—Beginner—5:30-7:30 pm  
Wednesday, August 23—Skill-Builder—5:30-7:30 pm  
Thursday, August 31—Beginner—5:30-7:30 pm

*September*  
Tuesday, September 5—Beginner—5-7 pm  
Tuesday, September 12—Beginner—5-7 pm  
Thursday, September 21—Beginner—5-7 pm  
Tuesday, September 26—Beginner—5-7 pm

Questions? Email [312SAFEbike@gmail.com](mailto:312SAFEbike@gmail.com)  
or text or call 773-312-3283



**SAFE Learn to Ride**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH & MATERIAL DISTRIBUTION

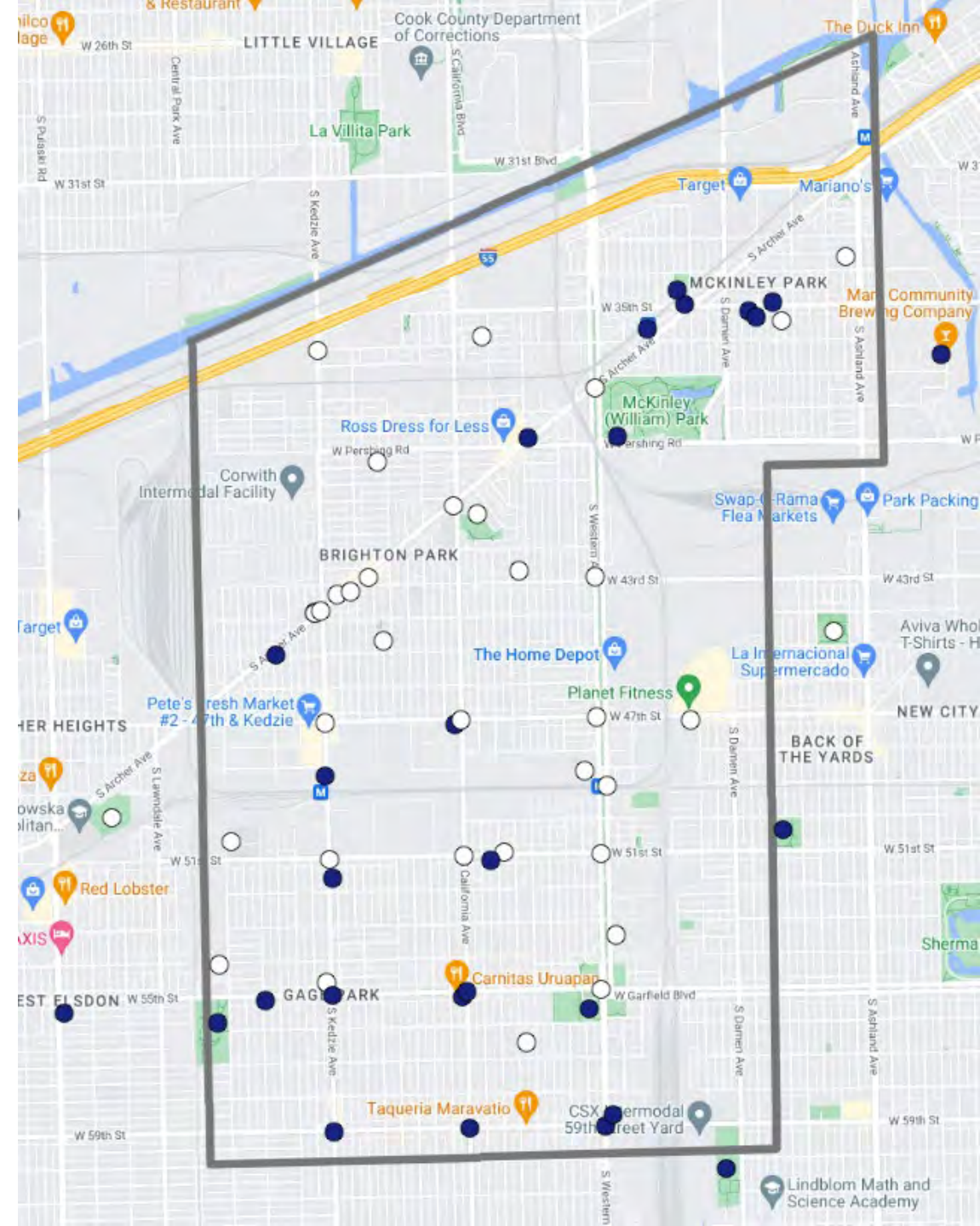
We've developed handouts, flyers, and maps that we have been distributing to:

- ▶ Aldermanic offices
- ▶ Libraries
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Transit
- ▶ Taskforce member organizations
- ▶ Health clinics
- ▶ Community centers

We've have also engaged with other community groups to inform and promote the program

**Does anyone need any more materials?**

**Please continue to share on social media and with your networks!**



# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## Upcoming Scheduled Events

- ▶ **7/19/23:** Targeted Business Outreach
- ▶ **7/22/23:** Back to School Bash (12-2pm)
  - Peck Elementary
- ▶ **7/25/23:** Pop-Up Giveaway Event (10-12pm)
  - Senka Park

**Any other events to attend since our last meeting?**



# LUCES DE BICICLETA Y CASCOS

**GRATIS!**

*¡Sé visible, Sé seguro!*

**MARTES, 25 de Julio**

**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Ubicación:**

**Senka Park**

**5656 S St Louis Ave**



# NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## Other Planned Events

- ▶ Aldermanic Events (Upcoming)
- ▶ Back to School Events (Upcoming)
- ▶ Pop-Up Giveaway Events (Upcoming)
- ▶ Material Distribution (Ongoing)
- ▶ Neighborhood Organization Events (Ongoing)



Please continue to let us know about your events!



# INITIAL SURVEY RESULTS

- ▶ Over 180 responses so far
- ▶ Keep spreading the word!





# INITIAL SURVEY RESULTS: DESTINATIONS



# INITIAL SURVEY RESULTS: BARRIERS



# PROJECT PRIORITIES

# WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

## Barriers to biking in the southwest side

- ▶ Community reliant on motor vehicles



# WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

## Barriers to biking in the southwest side

- ▶ Poor street conditions



# WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

## Barriers to biking in the southwest side

- ▶ Lack of bike and pedestrian infrastructure



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- ▶ Environmental issues/air quality



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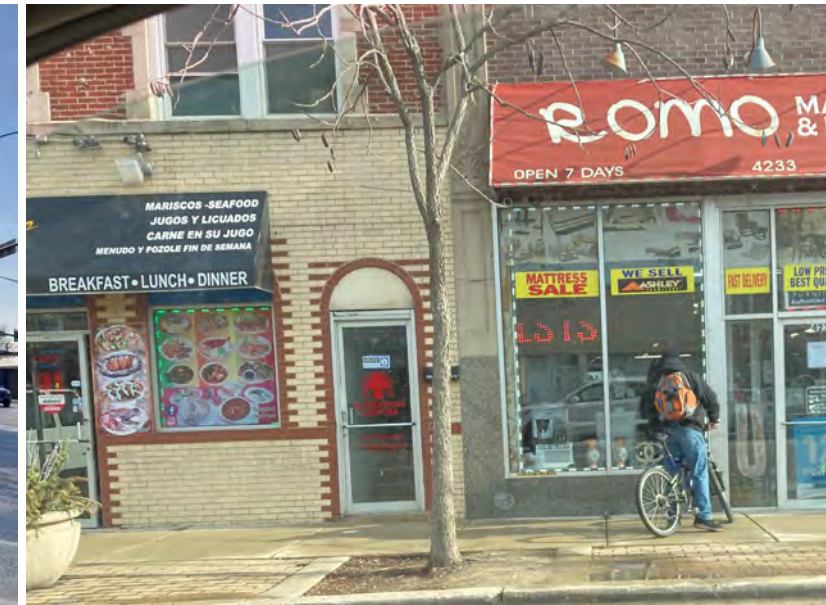
- ▶ Disjointed street network
- ▶ Limited street options connecting neighborhoods



# WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

Many people are already biking in the southwest side

- ▶ Young people & teenagers
- ▶ Day workers
- ▶ Children biking on sidewalks & in parks







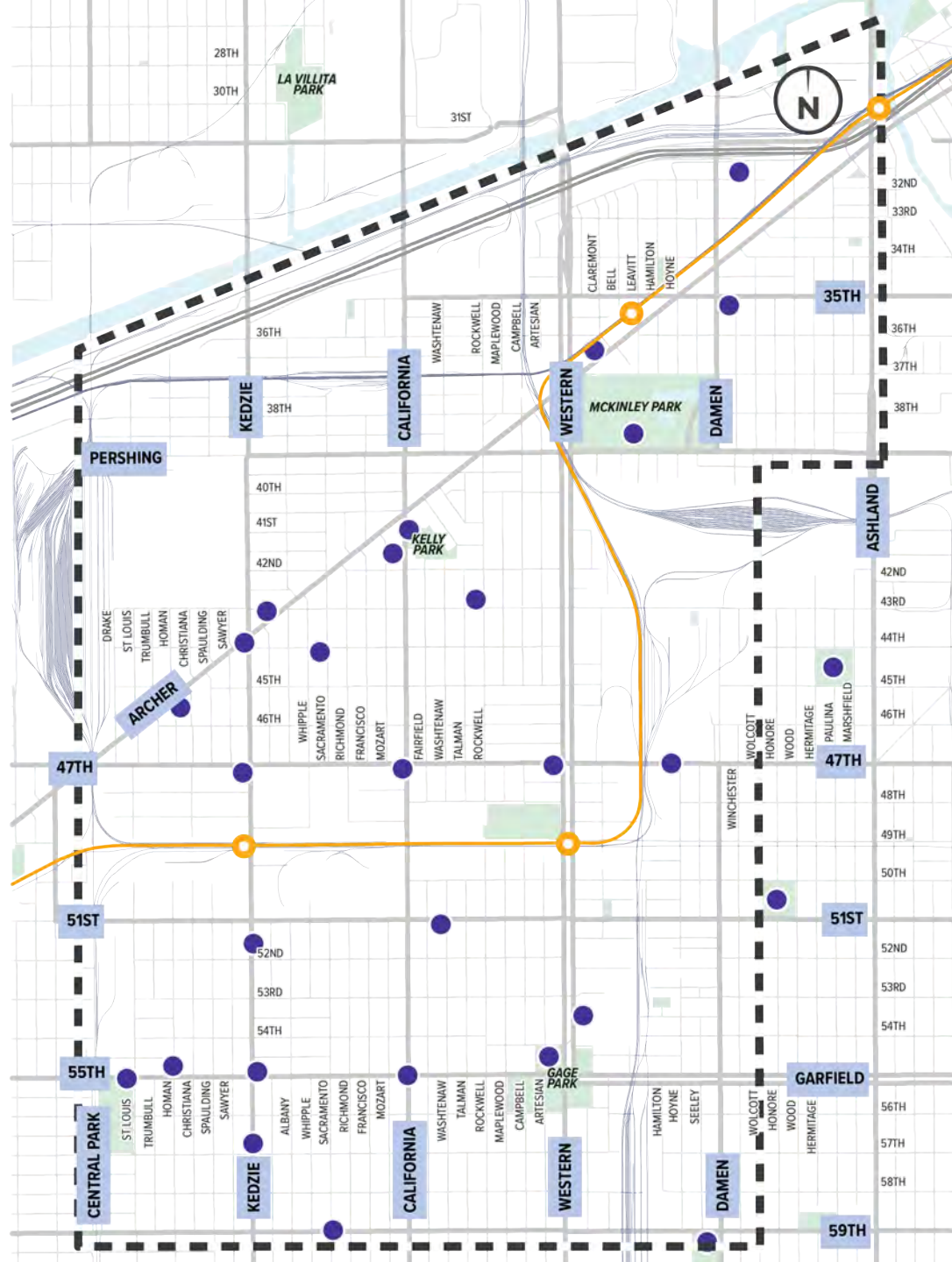
# WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY: DESTINATIONS

## Within the Focus Area

- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Parks
- ▶ Transit
- ▶ Community Centers

## Outside of the Focus Area

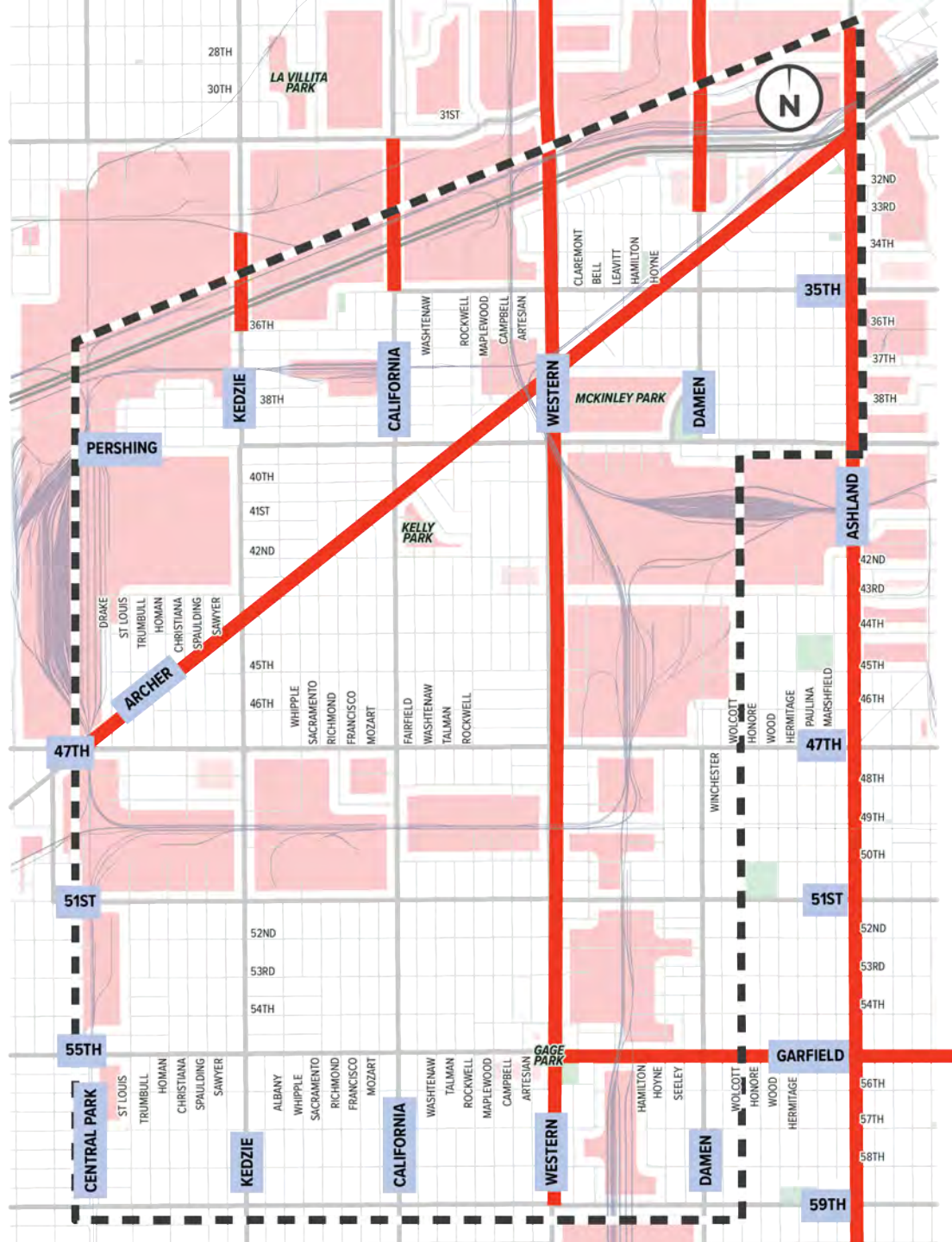
- ▶ Lakefront
- ▶ North across the canal



# BARRIERS & ACCESS

## Neighborhood Bike Network

-  Focus Area
-  Multilane Street
-  Land Barrier
-  Railroad



# POTENTIAL BIKE NETWORK

## Neighborhood Street



Side streets that focus on slowing cars and stopping cut-through traffic

## Commercial Streets



Busier streets that would benefit from Protected Bike Lanes

# NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

## Neighborhood bike routes are...

- ▶ Low-volume side streets designated for people biking
- ▶ More comfortable alternative to busy commercial streets
- ▶ Connect to community destinations such as: schools and parks
- ▶ Traffic signals/stop signs to help cross busy intersections

## Neighborhood streets can be made more comfortable by...

- ▶ **Reducing the Speed of Cars** – 20 MPH speed limit and traffic calming to encourage safe car speeds
- ▶ **Reducing the Number of Cars** – Prohibiting cut-through traffic (both cars & trucks) at strategic locations





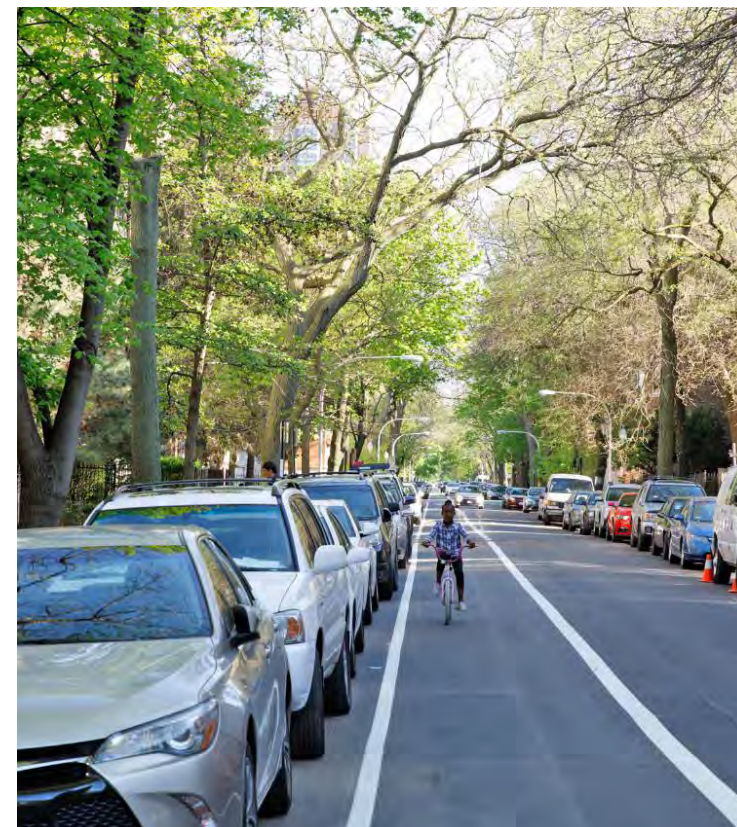
# NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE ROUTES



Marked Shared Lanes



Contraflow Bike Lanes

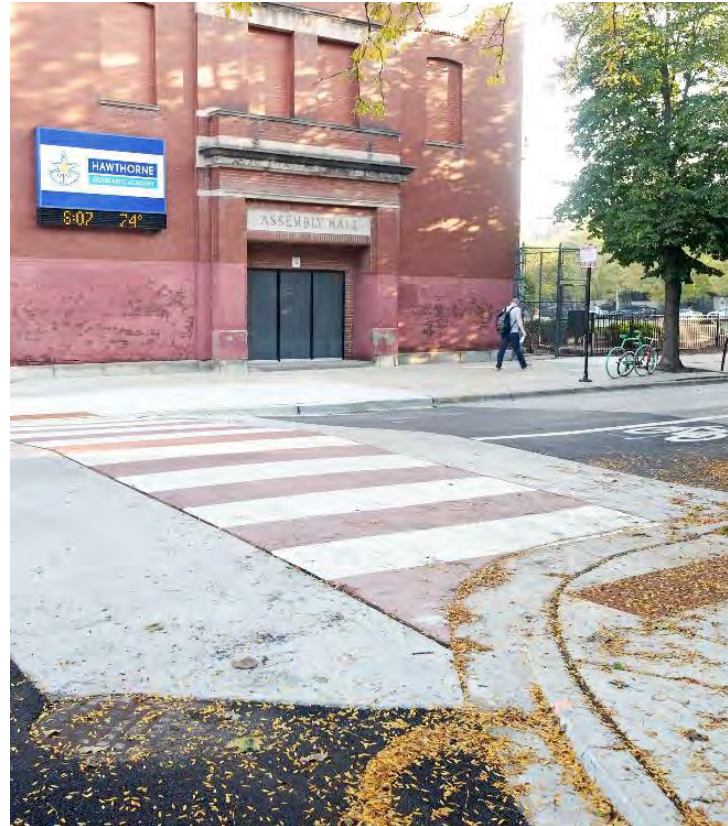


Bike Lanes

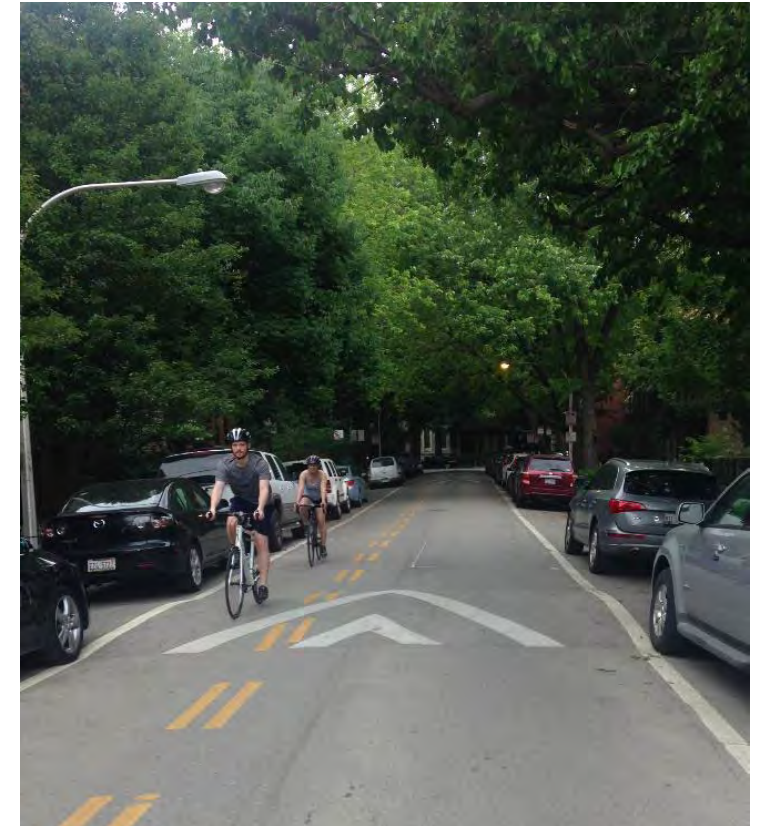
# NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE ROUTES - TRAFFIC CALMING



**Concrete Bump-Outs**



**Raised Crosswalks**

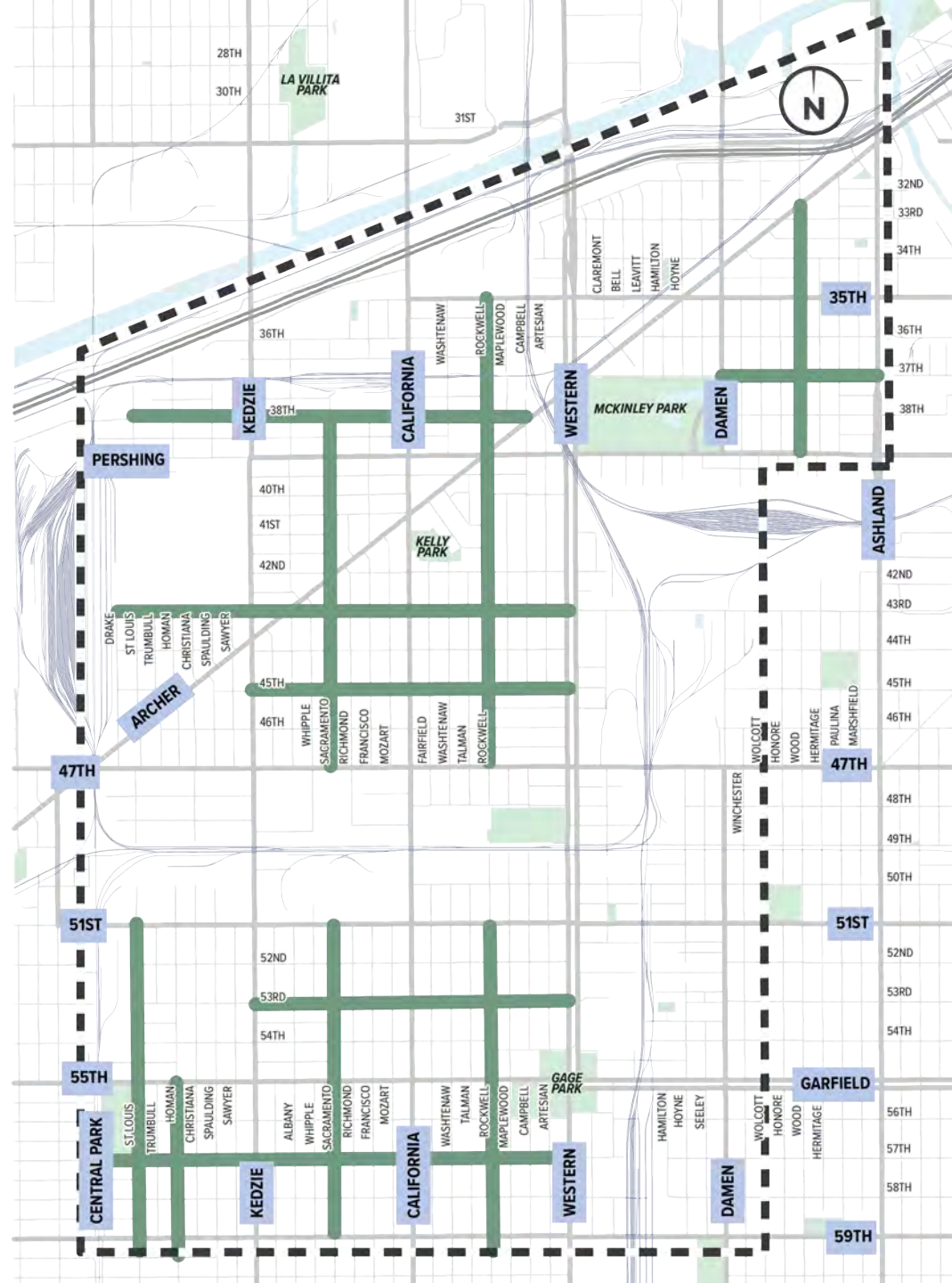


**Smooth Speed Humps**

# NEIGHBORHOOD BIKE ROUTES - TRAFFIC DIVERTERS



# NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS



# COMMERCIAL STREETS

## Commercial streets...

- ▶ Busier streets with higher speeds
- ▶ Truck traffic
- ▶ **Commercial streets in the southwest side are narrow**
- ▶ **Limited opportunity for protected bike lanes without significant tradeoffs with on-street parking**

## Commercial streets can be made more comfortable by...

- ▶ **Separating Bikes from Cars** – Consolidating on-street parking to install protected bike lanes
- ▶ **Reducing the Speed of Cars** – Traffic calming elements to encourage safe travel speeds by people driving

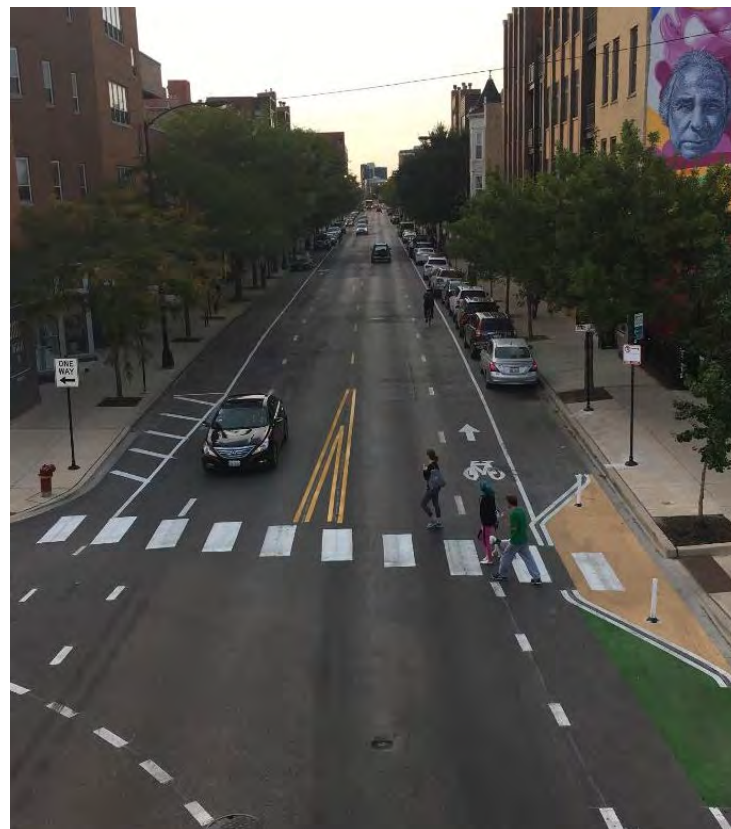


# COMMERCIAL STREETS

Depending on street width...



**Bike Lanes**

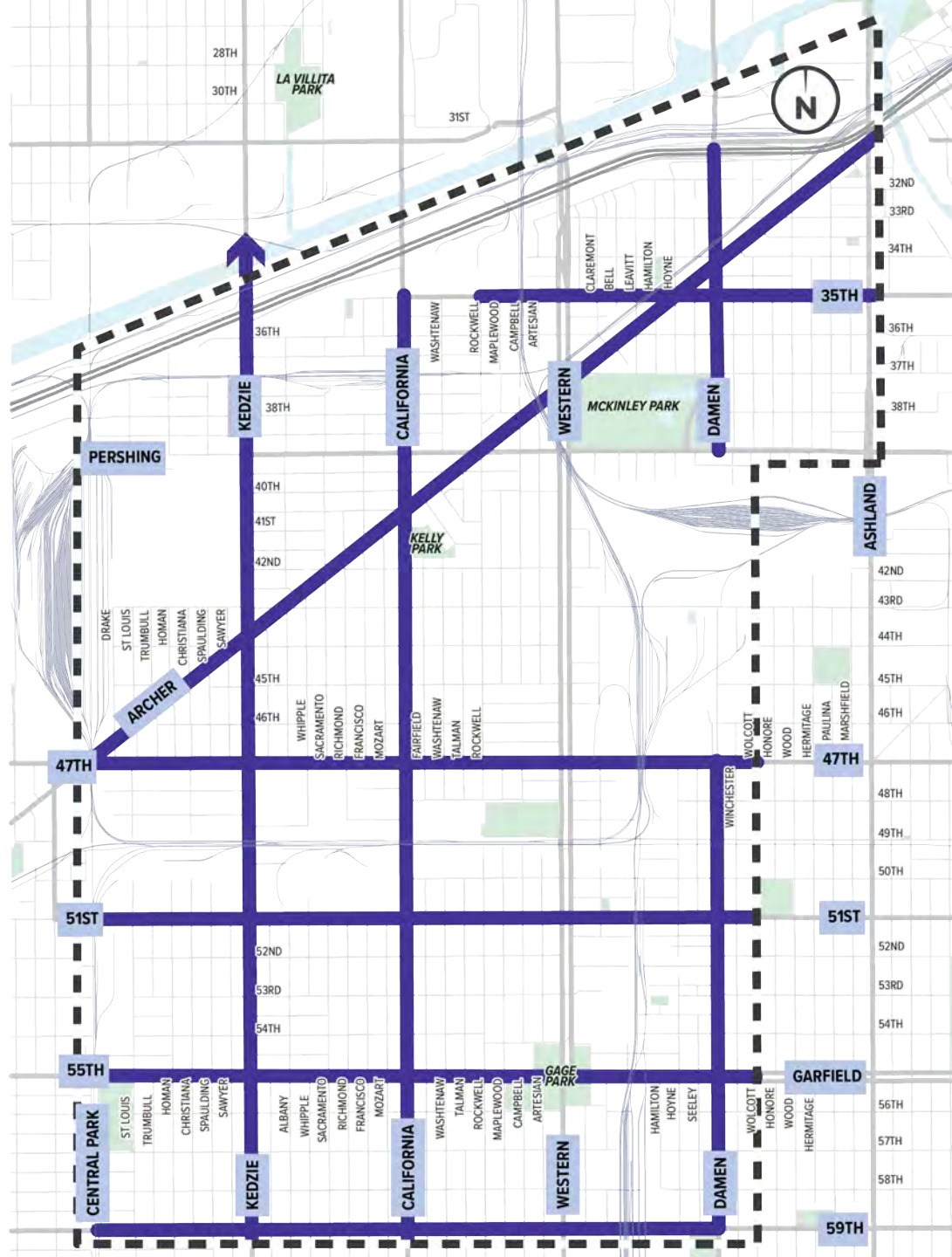


**Dashed Bike Lanes**



**Buffered Bike Lanes**

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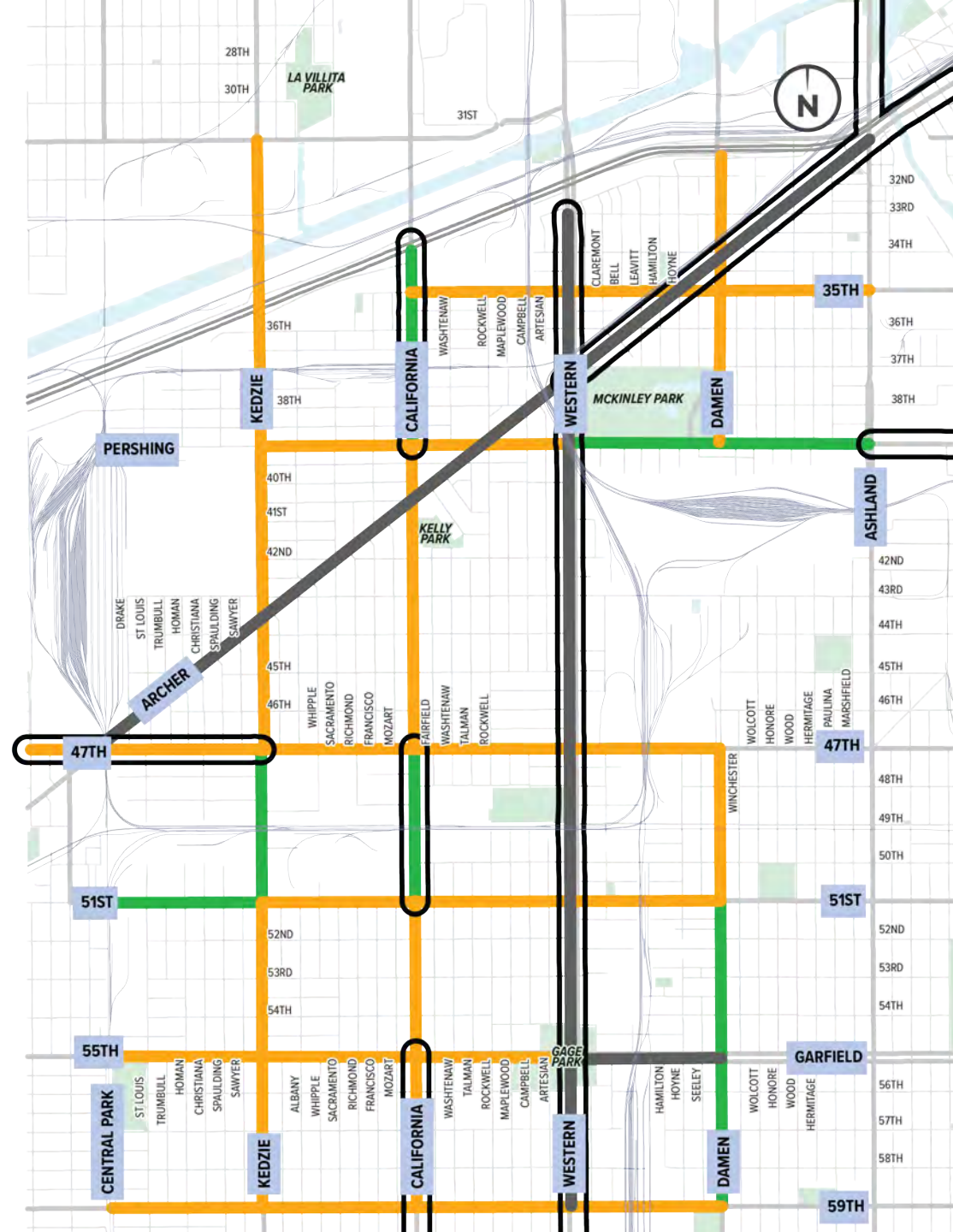


# PROTECTED BIKE LANES





# PROTECTED BIKE LANE FEASIBILITY

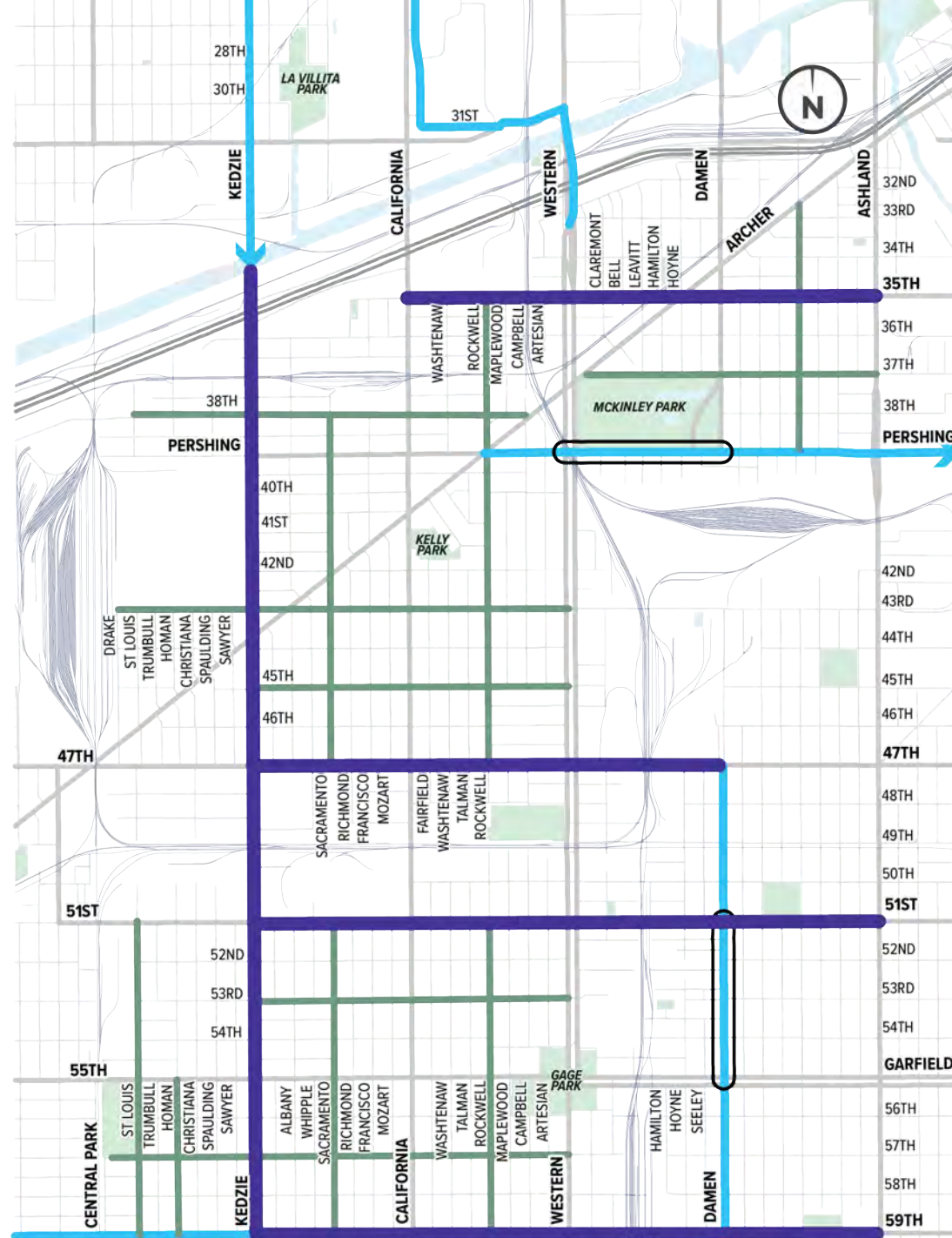


**Protected Bike Lane Feasibility**

- No Changes Needed
- Parking Reduction
- Further Study Required
- IDOT Jurisdiction

# POTENTIAL NETWORK

Multiple perspectives to consider on commercial streets vs neighborhood streets



# NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Promote the survey
- ▶ Targeted conversations & youth outreach
- ▶ Continue general canvassing
- ▶ Survey street condition and potential bikeways
- ▶ Develop recommended Network Map based on community feedback

# THANK YOU!

- ▶ Let's continue the conversation. We can email, talk on the phone, or schedule a follow up virtual meeting.
- ▶ The third Taskforce meeting is planned for Fall