Industrial Corridor Modernization Little Village

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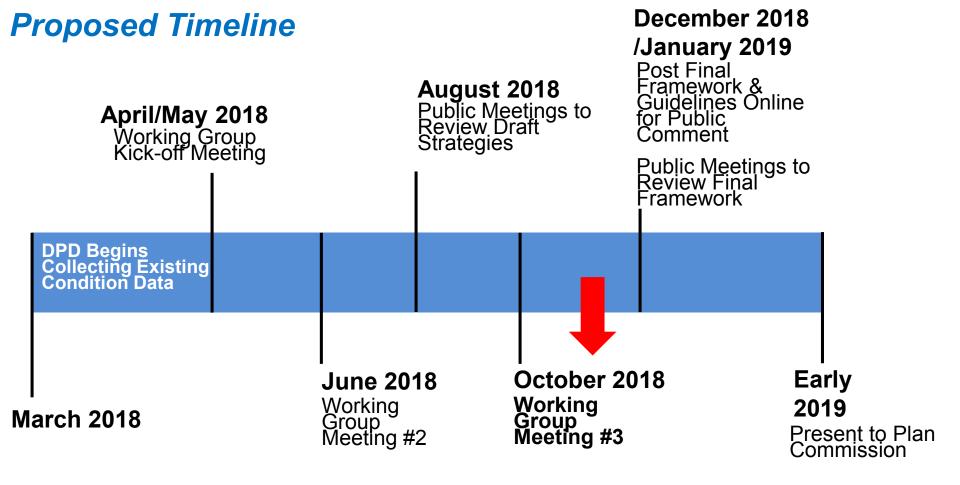
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Agenda – Working Group Meeting #3

- I. Public Input and Proposed Changes to Draft Strategies
- II. Implementation

I. Small Group Feedback Activity

- Land Use
- Transportation
- Sustainability
- III. Next Steps
- **IV.** Questions



Little Village Goals



Maintain the Little Village Industrial Corridor as an Employment Center



Provide Better Access for all Modes within and around the Little Village Industrial Corridor



Incorporate best practices for new development within the Little Village Industrial Corridor

Little Village Industrial Corridor

Public Input from Recent Meetings

Land Use	 The community is interested in high quality jobs for the community, particularly in agriculture and food manufacturing.
Transportation	 Traffic congestion and truck traffic, particularly along 31st Street were a concern.
Sustainability	 Several questions were asked about the effectiveness of the Sustainable Development Policy in addressing air quality.
Other	 There is a strong desire for more time in the project schedule to allow for additional community feedback. Simultaneous translation should be provided at upcoming meetings.

Proposed Strategies: Land Use

Maintain the Little Village Industrial Corridor as an employment center

- 1. Facilitate business expansion and relocation to the Little Village Industrial Corridor
- 1. Incorporate sustainability best practices in new development to encourage a modern employment center
- 2. Promote partnerships to provide job readiness
- 3. Encourage innovative and sustainable models of industry within the Little Village Industrial Corridor

Proposed Strategies: Transportation

Provide better access for all modes within and around the Little Village Industrial Corridor

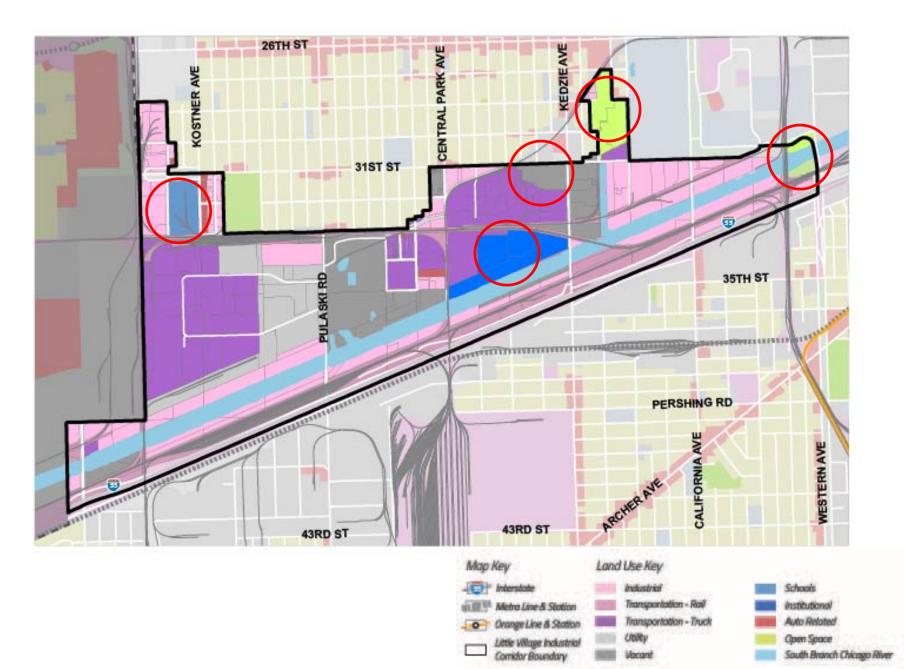
- 1. To enhance access, improve the Little Village Industrial Corridor to better serve all modes
- 2. Modernize traffic signals and timing to alleviate traffic congestion
- 3. Assess viaduct clearance projects for North/South and East/West viaducts outside of the Industrial Corridor
- 4. Assess the feasibility of establishing an East/West industrial road
- 5. Continue to assess existing traffic and roadway conditions within the City's industrial corridors in the Southwest Side
- 6. Add bus shelters and Divvy stations adjacent to the Little Village Industrial Corridor, where appropriate
- Coordinate with CTA to mirror existing bus stops on both sides of the street (or merge stops) along 31st Street
- 8. Improve pedestrian safety along West 31st Street between South Kedzie Avenue and South Pulaski Avenue

Proposed Strategies: Sustainability

Incorporate best practices for new development within the Little Village Industrial Corridor to improve economic, environmental and social conditions

- 1. Preserve the waterway infrastructure of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal for industrial users
- 2. Encourage the use of alternative fuel vehicles for freight operations
- 3. Support improvement and remediation of the collateral channel to enhance the local environment for people and nature
- 4. Support the development of El Paseo as an opportunity to provide access for people biking and walking to the employment center
- 5. Encourage owners of large, flat roofed industrial buildings to use their roofs for solar, greenhouses or other useful purposes
- 6. Support CDPH in the development and implementation of enhanced regulations for industrial users such as bulk storage, rock crushing and metal recyclers
- 7. Prioritize and/or add strategies from the sustainable development policy for implementation in new industrial developments

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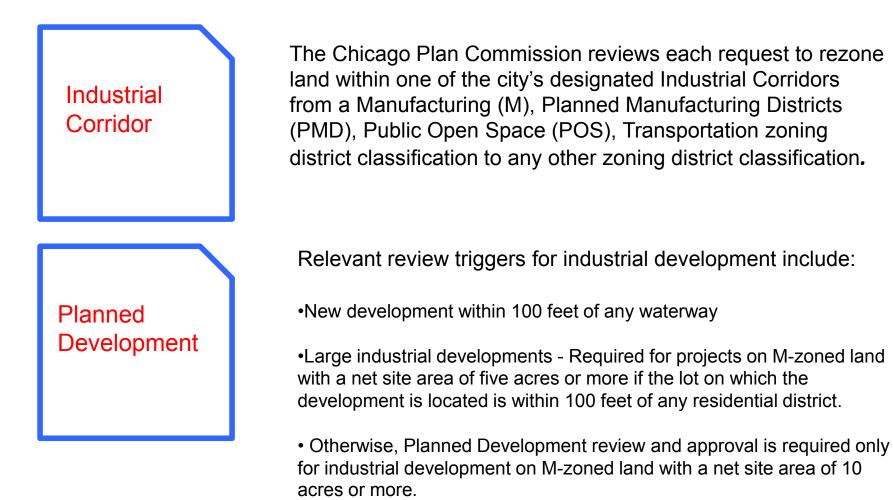


Implementation – Which Projects Require Review?

Industrial Corridors are a Planning Designation

Any area that has been designated as a priority area for industrial development and/or retention in a plan approved by the Plan Commission or City Council.

Primary triggers for Plan Commission review of proposed industrial development:



Small Group Feedback Activity

Three questions for discussion (10 minutes each):

- 1. What further changes to the land use, sustainability and transportation strategies would you recommend?
- 2. Given existing non-compatible uses how would you change the Little Village Industrial Corridor Boundary?
- 3. How can your organization support the implementation of this plan?

