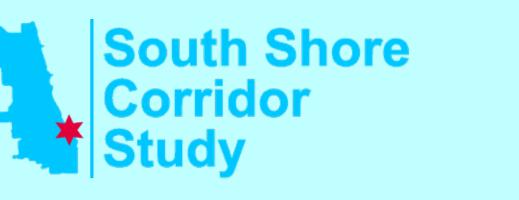
## Welcome to South Shore Corridor Study Public Open House

E. 71ST STREET

E. 75TH STREET

E. 79TH STREET









The City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development was awarded a grant through the Regional Transportation **Authority's Community Planning program** to develop a plan for two corridors in the South Shore neighborhood: East 75th and East 79th Streets, between Stony Island Avenue and Lake Michigan. The plan will focus on land use, housing, retail and connectivity to transit.

### **Desired outcomes:**

- Make it safer, more comfortable and more efficient to access transit in South Shore
- Recommend transit improvements that can support businesses along the corridor
- Identify challenges and make recommendations to stabilize and strengthen housing
- Recommend strategies to retain and attract new retail, entertainment, culture and jobs
- Road map for future development

### Why is this plan important?

- To create a shared vision for South
- To preserve the qualities that makes this neighborhood strong
- To build agreement amongst residents, businesses, and the City on future changes
- To enhance transit and accessibility
- To set priorities for improvements and enhancements in the neighborhood

### Opportunities for public input:



May-August 2019

**Scenarios and Strategies** 

**Draft Plans** 

Final Plans























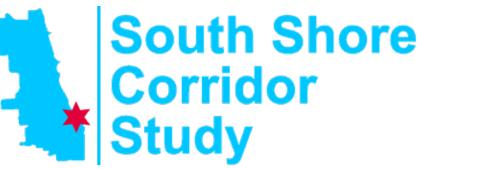


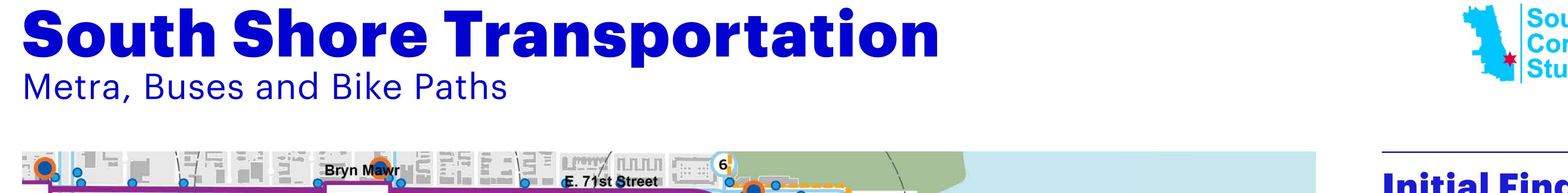






E. 73rd Street





### **Initial Findings**

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# South Shore Transportation Metra, Buses and Bike Paths



### What is the one thing that would best improve transit and transportation in your neighborhood?

Upgraded bus stops			
Improved bike lanes			
Enhanced Metra stations			

More frequent bus service

Enhanced pedestrian crossings

More frequent train service

along the corridors

Other types of transit









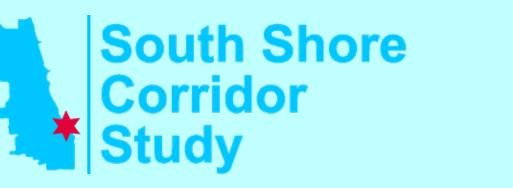








## **Greater South Shore Neighborhoods**



# South Shore Transportation Metra, Buses and Bike Paths





Car/

What means of transportation do you use

to travel <u>outside of the neighborhood</u>?

Motorcycle

Rideshare/ Taxi

**Train** (Metra)

Bicycle

Walking

Paratransit

CTA Green Line CTA Red Line







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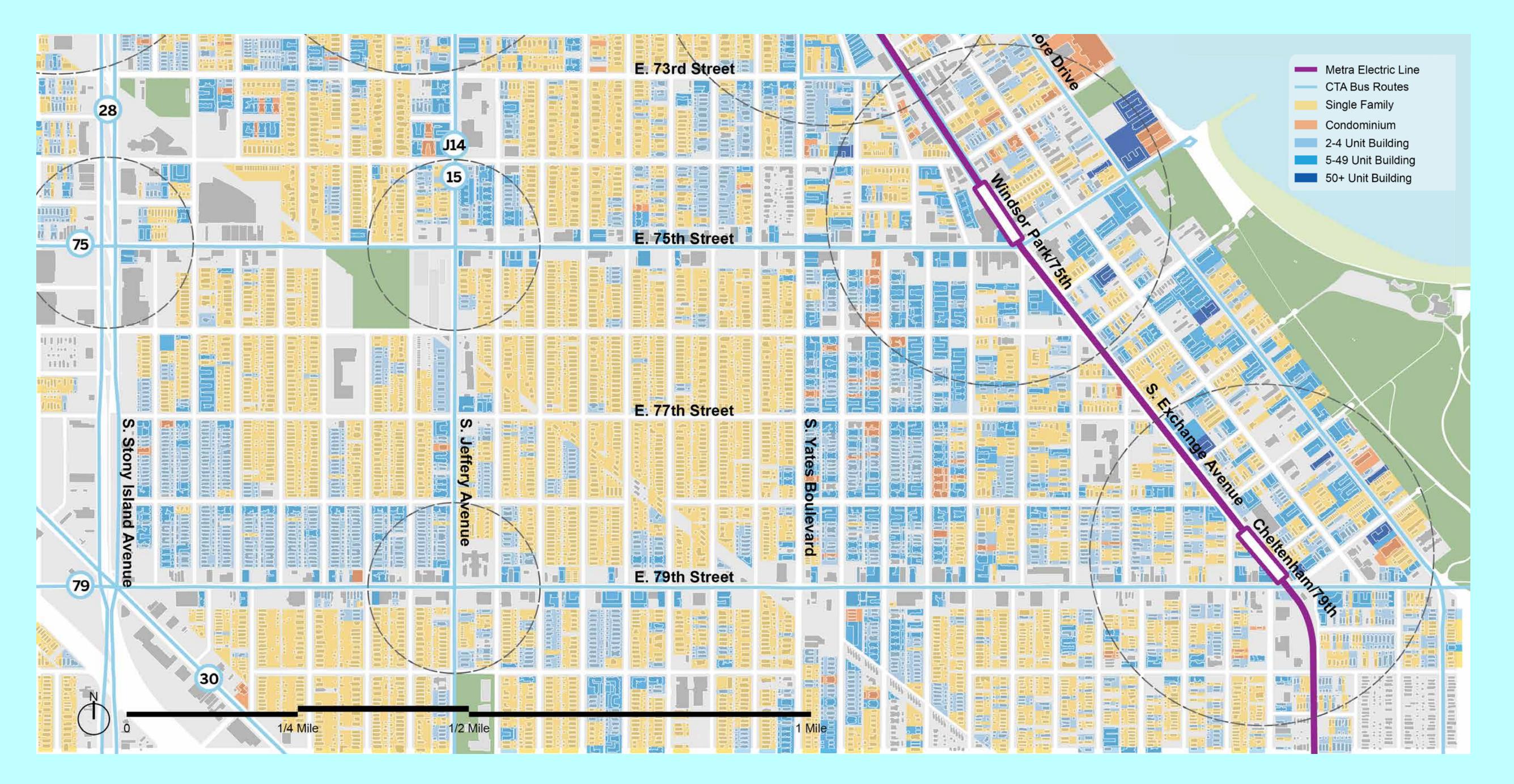






## South Shore Housing

A diverse housing mix













## South Shore Housing



### **Initial Findings**

- There are approximately 21,000 households in **South Shore**
- Sales of single family homes have fallen since 2005
- Sales values of individual homes are below the pre-crash
- Sales of multi-family buildings have shown a recent increase
- Currently there is a 10% vacancy rate
- There is moderate rent price growth in apartments

% of housing	
Single family	12.6%
Condos	8.8%
Buildings with 2-4 units	17.7%
Buildings with 5+ units	60.9%

### What type(s) of housing do you think should be prioritized in South Shore?

Single-tamily				
Multi-family	apartments condos)			

Higher density housing near transit nodes

Mixed-use (multi-family housing with retail on the ground floor)

Other















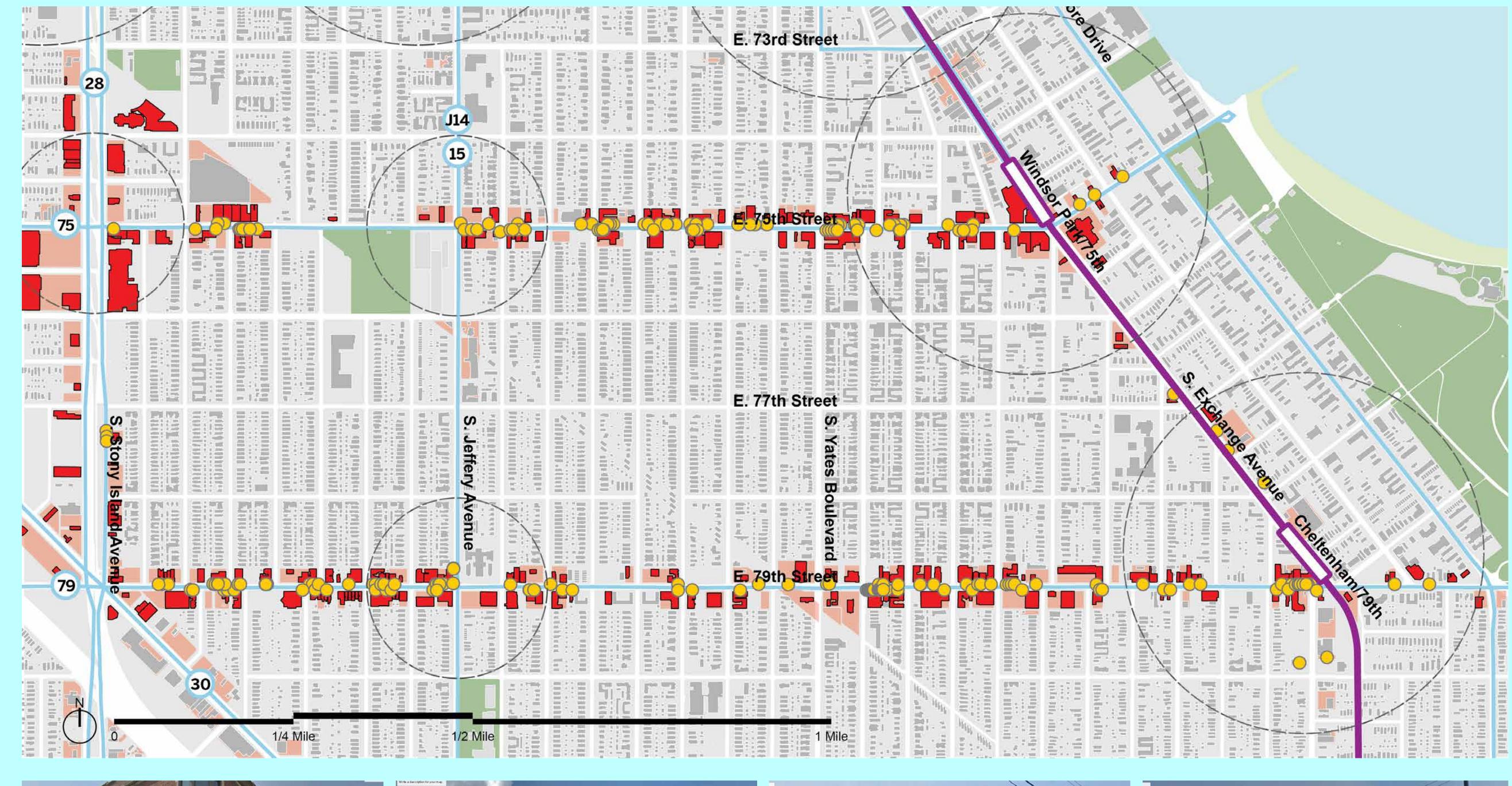
## South Shore Retail

Focused on corridors



### South Shore Retail





### **Initial Findings**

- Current storefront vacancy rate - 46%
- Current building conditions - more than 50% need improvements, based on exterior visual inspection
- South Shore residents spend \$20M on Food and Drink outside the study area per year
- South Shore residents spend \$7M on Sporting Goods/Hobby/Musical Instruments outside the study area per year

## What do you leave South Shore for?

Groceries **Fast Food** Sit-Down Restaurant Coffee Houses

Entertainment

Building **Materials** 

Beer/Wine

Clothing

**Professional Services:** Legal/Financial/Medical

### Where do you travel for these amenities and services?

Chatham

Ford City Mall

Hyde Park

Bronzeville

**South Suburbs** 

Indiana

Other











Commercial Zone











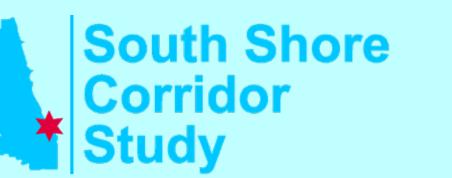


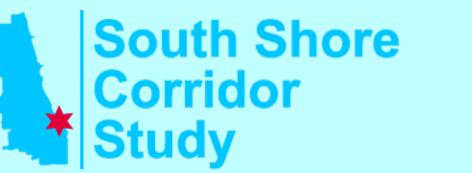


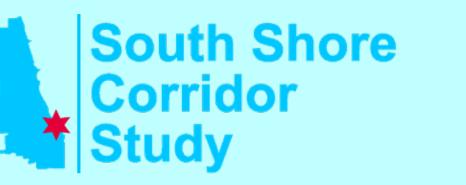




## South Shore Community



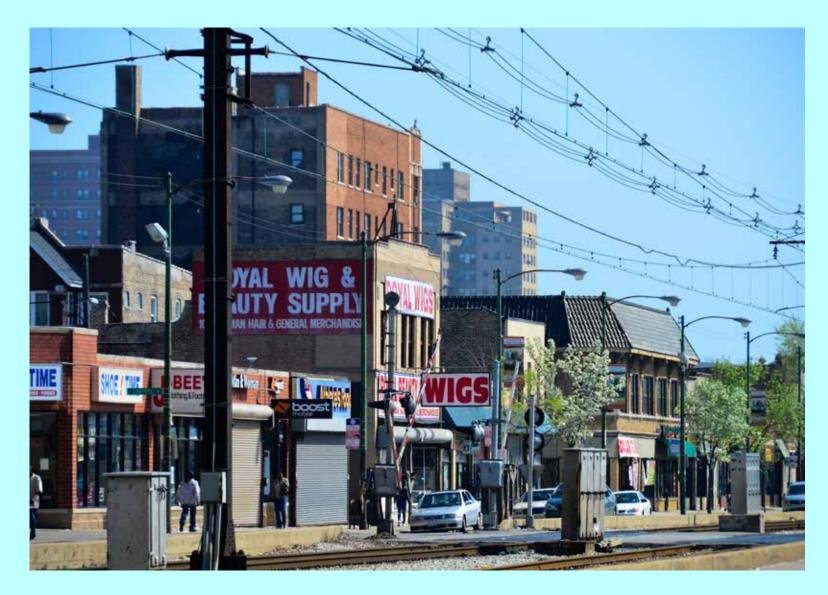




















### **Transit**



- Train stations need improved lighting and
- Bus service in the area is adequate but infrastructure needs improvement
- Need affordable paratransit
- Water transport

### Streets and Streetscape

- Streets need improvements
- Build ADA accessible curbs

### Other Ideas

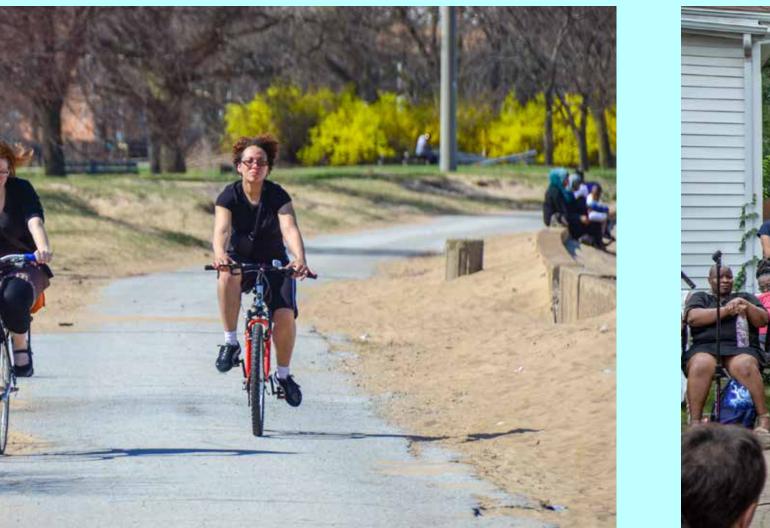
- Focus development at key nodes
- Need for a brand identity to communicate what South Shore is
- Recognize important role of churches in the community
- Neighborhood schools need to be improved
- Vacancy relief tax credit may be encouraging commercial property owners to leave their units vacant
- 79th Street should be the retail focus, with 75th Street seeing more housing
- \* The information on this board has been summarized from stakeholder interviews and meetings















### Housing

- Areas north of 75th Street are more expensive
- Preserve affordability in the neighborhood
- Need a mix of owner-occupied and renter housing, as well as market-rate and affordable housing
- Need for multi-unit buildings with amenities

#### Lack of open spaces Lack of recreational spaces

### Retail

- Need for more neighborhood serving retail
- People want sit-down restaurants and coffee shops, apparel stores, specialty stores and places for entertainment
- Promote more African American owned businesses

### Safety

Open Space

 There is a perception that parts of the community are unsafe

Need amenities at Rainbow Beach



















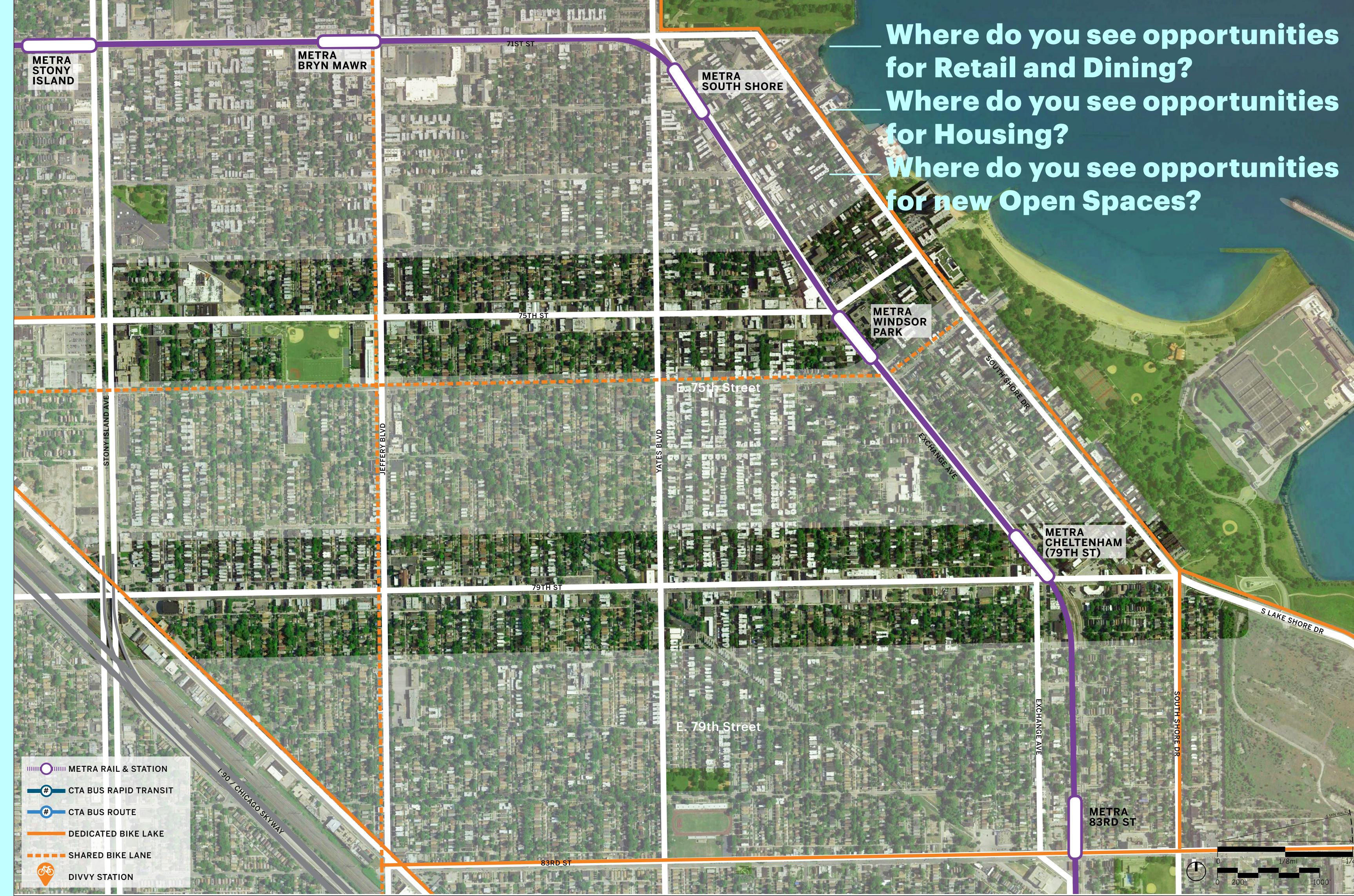
## South Shore Assets

Community Facilities, Churches, Open Spaces













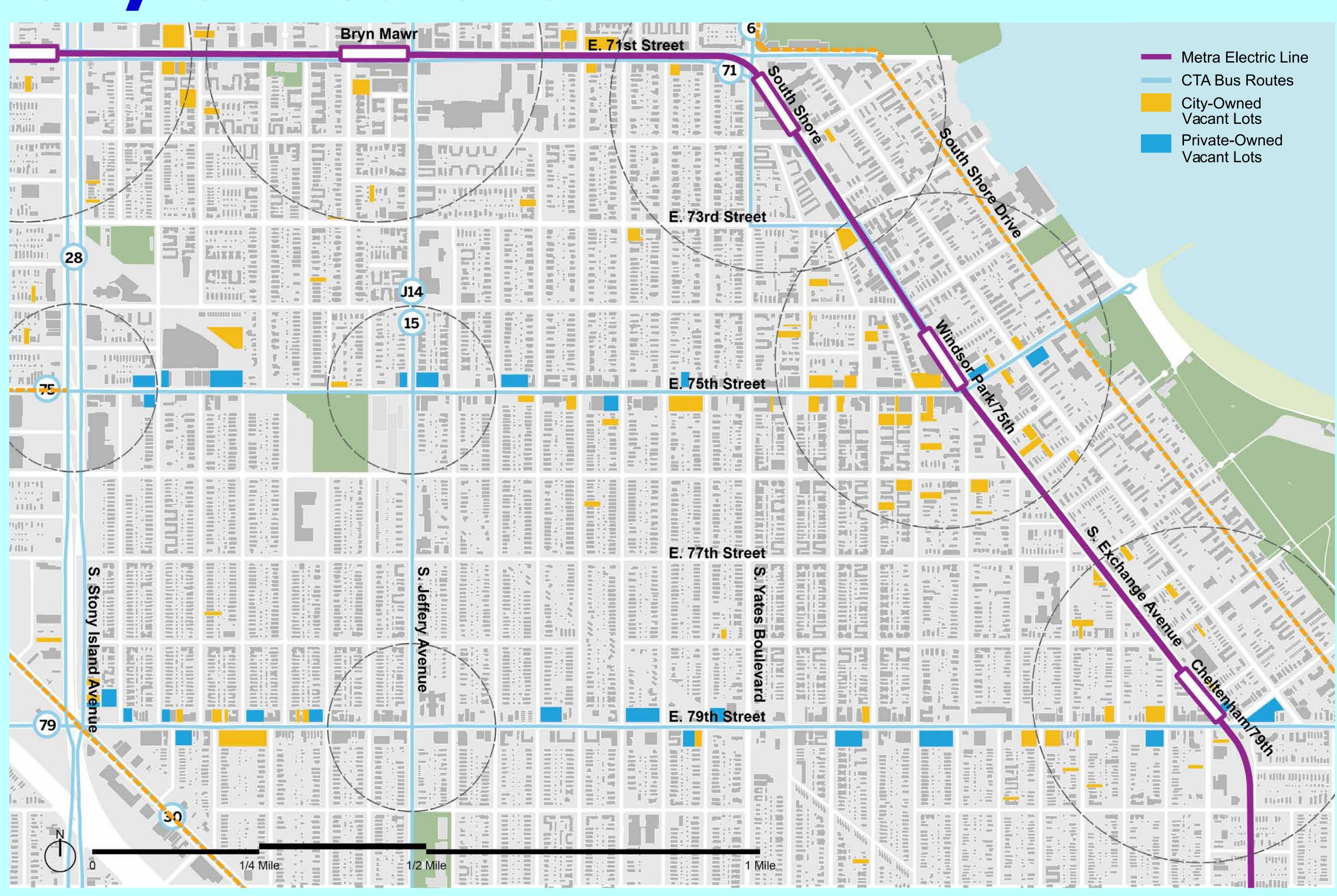






## How should we prioritize city-owned land?





**Open Space** 

Community gathering space

Market rate housing

**Affordable** housing

Other











### Your Vision For South Shore



## Your Vision For South Shore



Use "I WISH" stickers to tell us what you want to change in South Shore

Use "I LIKE" stickers to tell us about opportunities in South Shore

What aspects of South Shore are most valued or needed by -

Youth

Seniors

Commuters

Businesses

In three words, please describe your vision for South Shore









