# ENGLEWOOD ISW ROUNDTABLE

AUGUST 19, 2020



# **Today's Goals**

- **1 Welcome / ISW Review**
- **2** LISC ISW Corridor Manager Update
- **3** Chicago Connected
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# **INVEST SOUTH/WEST**

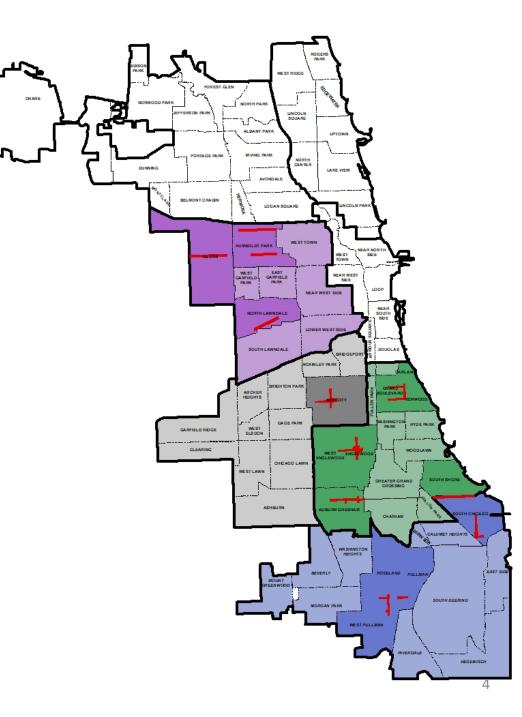
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# Implementing INVEST South/West

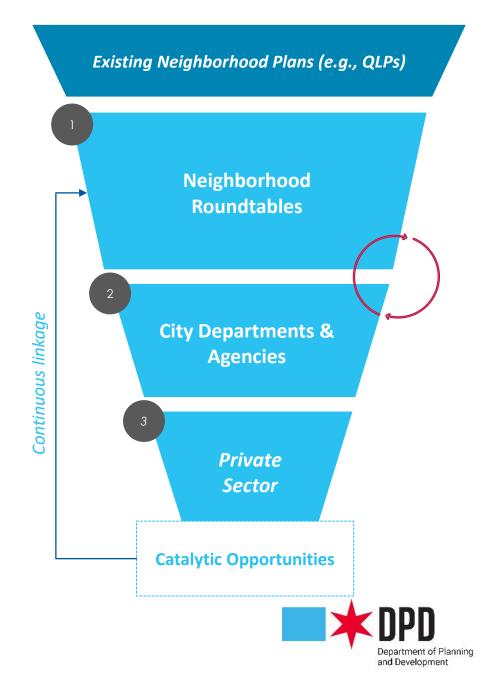
- Marshal the resources of multiple City departments, community organizations and corporate partners
- **12 corridors across 10 neighborhoods** on Chicago's South and West sides.
- Re-activate neighborhood cores to spur Economic Development
- Focus on pedestrian activity, transportation, retail & services, public spaces and quality-of life amenities for residents.



# **Goal of the Roundtables**

- Monthly touchpoints for Corridor / Community engagement
- Focus on INVEST South/West for 63<sup>rd</sup> / Halsted Corridor
- Two-way communication of DPD initiatives and community needs
- Part of a suite of engagement strategies
  - Ward-specific engagement
  - Public meetings / webinars
  - Digital communication
  - In-person, socially distant meetings when possible

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# LISC CORRIDOR MANAGER

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# **LISC Corridor Manager Update**



LISC received two applications for the Englewood Invest S/W corridor (after extended deadline)

A team at LISC is reviewing the applications against the following criteria:

Criteria:	Application should show:	
Neighborhood economic development experience	Specific to neighborhood Recent (last 3 years) Familiarity with City incentive programs	
Stakeholder & neighborhood relationships	Strong working relationships with stakeholders (aldermen, CBOs, business & property owners, etc.)	
Ability to identify & move forward catalytic projects	Insight on challenges & opportunities in the neighborhood Clear ideas for moving these forward	
Commitment to partnerships, meetings, & check ins	Willingness to collaborate with DPD, LISC, other CMs, and other ISW participants.	





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Data on internet access in Chicago confirms what families are saying - we have an inequity



- 100,000 kids across 60,000 households
- Mostly African American/Latinx neighborhoods
  - Just over 1 in 3 households in Austin
  - Nearly 1 in 3 households in Humboldt Park
  - Nearly 1 in 2 households in West Englewood

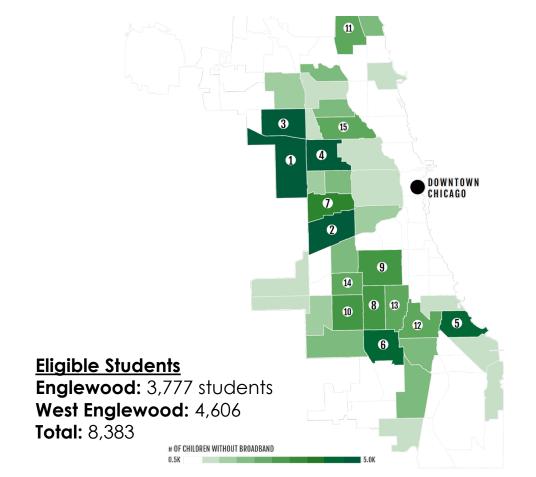
<u>The immediate COVID need for internet access will help build permanent</u> <u>infrastructure to bridge the Digital Divide</u>

- Even post-COVID, internet access is a critical issue to promoting educational outcomes and righting broader inequities (poverty, housing access, food access)
- Research indicates that internet access can improve students' GPAs and can improve standardized test scores
- Internet access will help with engaging children in summer school and reducing summer crime

\* "Digital Equity in Education", Kids First Chicago & Metropolitan Planning Council, April 2020 (students 18 and under)

\*\* CPS Data for Google Meet and Platform Access from April 26 - May 2

Areas with the highest concentration of students without access to broadband are predominately on the South & West sides



#### # of Students

#### 15 Most Affected Community Areas

1.	AUSTIN	WEST SIDE	7,801
2.	SOUTH LAWNDALE	WEST SIDE	6,624
3.	BELMONT CRAGIN	NORTH/NORTHWEST SIDE	5,218
4.	HUMBOLDT PARK	WEST SIDE	5,195
5.	SOUTH SHORE	SOUTH SIDE	3,994
6.	AUBURN GRESHAM	FAR SOUTHWEST SIDE	3,744
7.	NORTH LAWNDALE	WEST SIDE	3,550
8.	WEST ENGLEWOOD	SOUTHWEST SIDE	3,089
9.	NEW CITY	SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,992
10.	CHICAGO LAWN	SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,769
11.	WEST RIDGE	FAR NORTH SIDE	2,609
12.	GREATER GRAND CROSSING	SOUTH SIDE	2,539
13.		SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,392
	GAGE PARK	SOUTHWEST SIDE	2,366
	LOGAN SQUARE	NORTH/NORTHWEST SIDE	2,327

\* See US Census Bureau, 2019, 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-year estimates



- One of the largest and longest city-run internet accessibility program in the country (100,000+ students, 60,000+ households)\*
  - Focus on high-speed, fixed-line, household internet access (wireline ensures reliability, consistency of speed, and can most quickly connect Chicagoans)
  - Includes a WiFi "hotspot" component focused on students in temporary living situations and the small percentage of homes where wired-service cannot be used
- Student household eligibility based on six equity factors\*:
  - **1. Economic circumstances** indicating that the cost of internet will likely be a challenge (e.g., Medicaid, eligibility for free meals, homelessness, UIC's researched-based Community Hardship Index)
  - 2. Student-level factors indicating students who are most likely to be disadvantaged academically (Diverse Learning, English Language Learning)

#### **Questions?**

#### To find out if you're eligible, call CPS at (773) 417-1060

# DCASE UPDATE

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# **DCASE Public Art Update**

#### Erin Harkey, Deputy Commissioner of Programming

- Halsted "Gateway" Mural update + Invitation
- Artist-in-Residence update







# WHAT WE HEARD – JULY ROUNDTABLE



# What We Heard – July Roundtable

#### **1** Community as true partners in planning

Engagement should foster collaboration

#### **2** Englewood has other needs besides Economic Development

Roundtable can be an opportunity for broader discussion

#### **3 Don't forget West Englewood**

Think beyond the ISW Corridor



# **Collaborative Engagement**

- Advance notice of agendas
- Presentation materials shared with the group afterwards
- Additional small group / ward-specific engagement sessions
- Opportunities for larger public meetings
- Socially-distanced, in-person sessions, when appropriate





# Not just Economic Development

- Continue to invite other Departments / Agencies
  to present on other topics
  - Housing
  - Public Safety
  - Health & Wellness
  - Open Space
  - Arts & Culture
  - Education
- Other projects on-going (Englewood Trail)
- Always available to discuss potential projects and initiatives



Englewood Trail Concept Plan (2017)



**Halsted Viaduct** 



**Gateway Community Garden** 

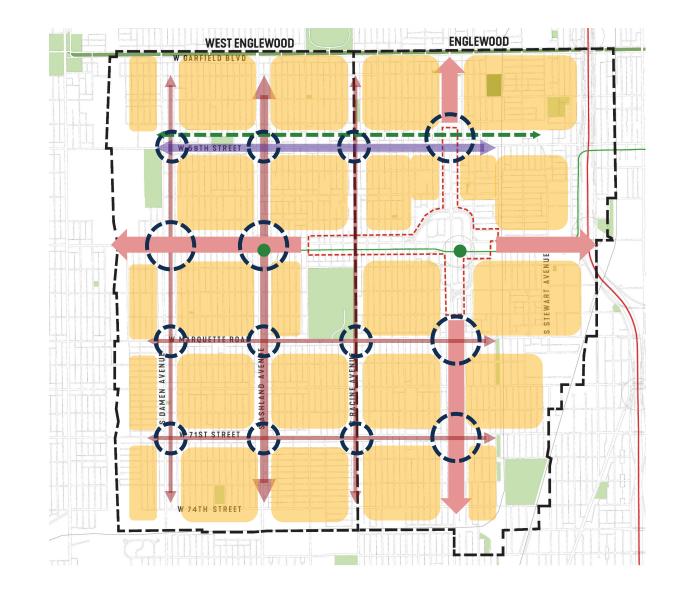


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# Think Beyond the ISW Corridor

- Continue to consider off-corridor
  opportunities
  - Support for existing home-owners
  - Addressing vacant buildings and parcels
  - Other corridors (63<sup>rd</sup> & Ashland)
  - Open Space (Englewood Trail)
  - Supporting community-driven projects
- Greater opportunities once ISW Corridor Manager is on board





# ENGLEWOOD SQUARE PHASE II RFP



### What are the ISW RFPs?

- 1. Solicit development proposals for City-owned land
- 2. Go beyond traditional RFP (size, zoning, appraised value)
- 3. Include neighborhood vision & goals (draw from past plans)
- 4. Suggest menu of programmatic uses & illustrate urbanism principles
- 5. Assess high-level financial feasibility and necessary incentives





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# The RFP is <u>not</u> a Plan

- 1. Images / uses in the RFP are not a plan merely suggestions to the respondents
- 2. Developers will draft their proposal for review to be assessed by the Roundtable
- 3. RFP reflects community input to-date, but many more opportunities for feedback will occur













# **Continued Engagement**





# Building South Side Development Capacity

- 1. Shape RFP selection criteria to target teams from Englewood who reflect and are from the community
- 2. Engage with Chicago Emerging Minority Developer Initiative & Yield Network to market the opportunity





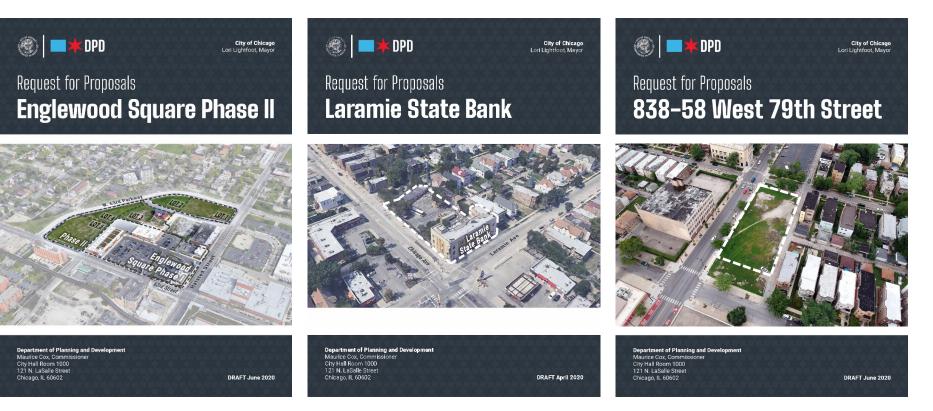


### **RFP Next Steps**

1. Englewood, Austin, and Auburn-Gresham RFPs to be released late August

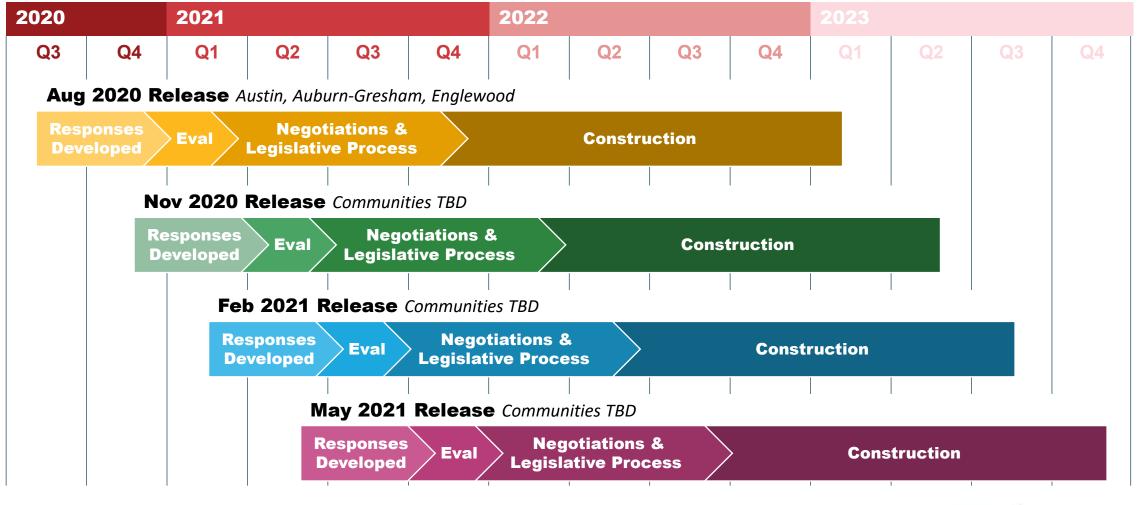
2. Short-listed Developers will present their proposals (Nov-Dec)

- 3. Developer selected early 2021
- 4. Anticipated groundbreaking Fall 2021





### **RFP Release Schedule**



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# **OPEN DISCUSSION**



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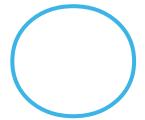
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**3. Englewood Square Phase II RFP** 

4. Other items?





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### **Next Steps**

- Early September: LISC ISW Corridor Manager selected
- Mid September: DCASE Artist-in-Residence selected
- Late September: September ISW Roundtable



