

## 79th Street ISW Corridor

## Roundtable





### **AGENDA**

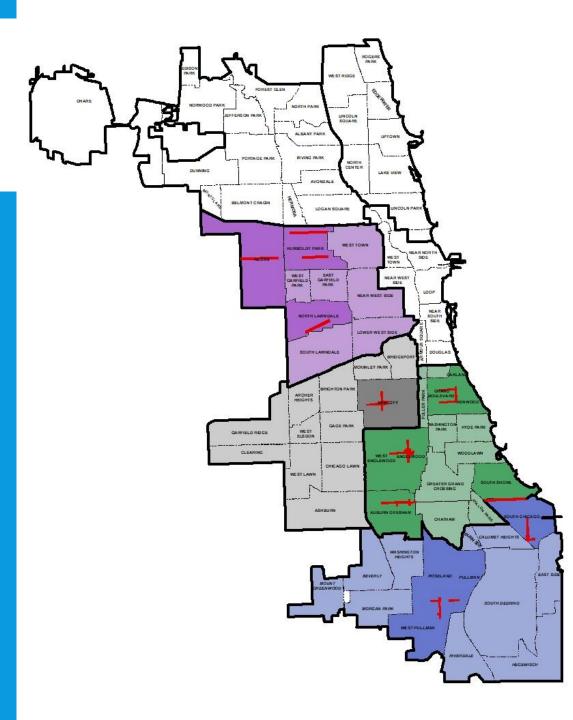
- Review of ISW Corridor
- Corridor Project Manger
- Mainstreet
- Visioning of the 79th Street Corridor
- Open Discussion
- Additional Information



# 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.

**South Shore ISW Community Roundtable** 



## **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



# CORRIDOR PROJECT MANAGER

Roundtable Update

February 9, 2021

## MAINSTREET

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### ABOUT MAIN STREET

- The Main Street program was created in 1980 to combat the harmful impacts of sprawl and the changing nature of retail on the physical character and economies of communities
- Today's Main Street programs serve both rural and urban communities, more than 80% of which are located in low-to-moderate income census tracts.
- Main Street programs are currently in more than 1,200 communities in 45 states.
   The program has served more than 2,000 communities since its inception.
- The National Main Street Center and its programs, Main Street America and UrbanMain, are headquartered in Chicago. The Center is a 501 (c)3 corporate with an independent board composed of leaders in community revitalization.

### THE MAIN STREET APPROACH



At the center of the Main Street program is a proven methodology that focuses on four core areas of work to bring about sustainable economic change.

## MAIN STREET AMERCIA – GENERAL MEMBER BENEFITS

Discounts on Conference (Virtual and In-person), Workshops and Webinars

Members –only printed and digital communication resources and publications

Access to tailored insurance products from the National Trust Insurance Services, LLC

Membership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Priority Access to Grant Programs

The HartBeat of Main Street Grant Program
Helping small businesses respond and adapt to COVID-19

Supporting Small Businesses in the Next Phase of Reopening



Business Recruitment/Retention Strategies

## MAIN STREET AMERCIA – SERVICES ISW CORRIDORS

### CORDR. MGR ORG, COMMUNITY AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS

Main Street 101

Community Asset Mapping, Engagement and Partnership building

Organization board training (roles & responsibilities) managing a main street program

Volunteer Recruitment /Retention

Resource Development (fundraising)

Business Recruitment/Retention Strategies

#### CORDR. MGR SMALL SCALE DEVELOPERS

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT (COMMERCIAL SPACES)

SMALL SCALE DEVELOPMENT FUNDAMENTALS

ESTIMATE PROJECT COSTS AND INCOME

INTERPRET, ANALYZE, BUILD AND REFINE A PROFORMA

PITCH, PROJECT STRUCTURING AND FUNDING

PARTNERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

### Training and Referral Partners

Chicago CARES
Metropolitan Planning
Council
CMAP
CDOT
ULI Chicago
Chicago Lawyer's
Committee for Civil Rights
Enterprise
Chicago Community Loan
Fund
Chicago Community Trust
CNI
Incremental Development
Alliance

### MAIN STREET AMERCIA – SERVICES ISW CORRIDORS

#### Transformation Strategies

During this phase of main street programming, we conduct a comprehensive analysis of the district that aligns vision and consumer data with transformation strategies that drive revitalization programming – working side by side with the corridor manager, we will utilize a community developed survey and ESRI Market data.

- Create a foundation for successful revitalization by tapping into local knowledge to understand the district's economy to;
- Identify current strengths of the business mix with existing business clusters;
- Supply relevant and up-to-date consumer data to the local revitalization organization so it can help existing businesses become stronger;
- Identify opportunities for future business attraction, district programming, and business cluster expansion;
- Build a strategic framework for market niche development including real estate development, business development, promotions, marketing and branding, etc.
- Stay on the same page as new partners join the Main Street
- Vet new projects



Transformation Strategy Report

Morgan Park Beverly Hills Business Association

Western Ave. Main Street

Chicago, IL September 2020

Director of UrbanMain National Main Street Center





### RESEARCH - ISW CORRIDORS

#### Goals

- Provide support to corridor managers as they gather and organize information for business and real estate inventories
- Track business successes and struggles using monthly SMS-based (text message) pulse surveys
- Identify barriers and threats to business and corridor success

#### Skills

 Research design; survey, interview, and focus group techniques; data gathering, management, and analysis; GIS mapping





# INVEST SOUTH/WEST DEVELOPER RFP PROCESS AND TIMELINE

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### What are the ISW RFPs?

The INVEST South/West (ISW) Request for Proposals (RFPs) solicit development proposals for City-owned land.

Traditionally, RFPs simply provide details regarding the subject property (e.g. **size, zoning, appraised value**) and a brief indication of the preferred use (e.g. residential development).

The **INVEST South/West** RFPs go one step further and illustrate the **desired urbanism** of the site as well as a **more robust description of uses** desired by the community.

The ISW RFPs are also built on an **understanding of available incentives** and partner those incentives with the proposed development to ensure **high-level financial feasibility**.



















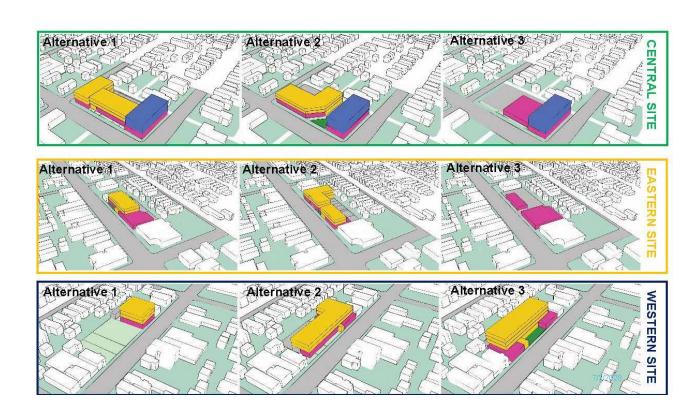


## The RFP is <u>not</u> a Plan

The RFPs do not represent a *plan* for the site in question. The drawings, images, and narratives associated with the RFPs simply help to shape the responses DPD will receive from developers.

The engagement carried out to date (Roundtables and Visioning Workshop) were aimed at reviewing potential uses, densities, and site layout. However, it is important to note that the respondent developers will propose their own designs and programs.

There will be several opportunities to review these proposals during the process...







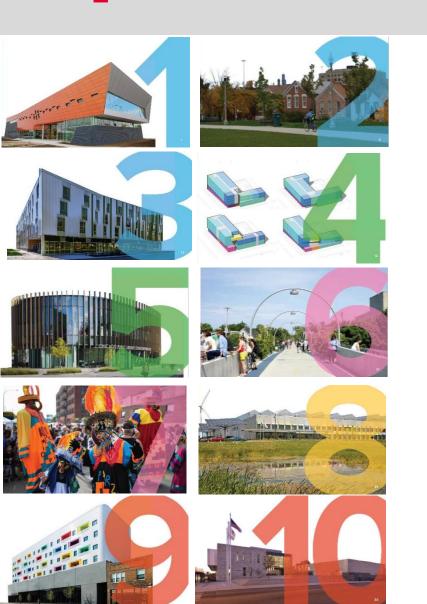
## RFPs Have Three Main Goals

- Facilitate Design Excellence on the South and West Sides
- 2 Use Inclusive Decision-Making Process to Guide Economic Development
- 3 Build Local Wealth

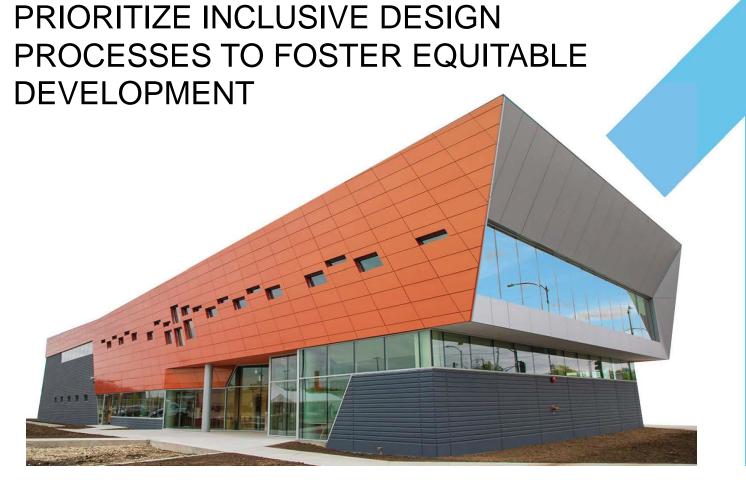


## Goal

## Facilitate Design Excellence on the South and West Sides



Achieve Design Excellence



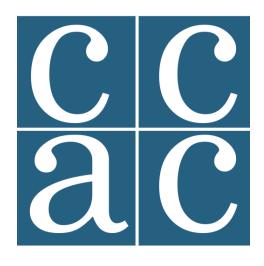


## Facilitate Design Excellence on the South and West Sides

Chicago Central Area Committee providing probono design & real estate services

## CCAC creating development & design framework for ISW corridors

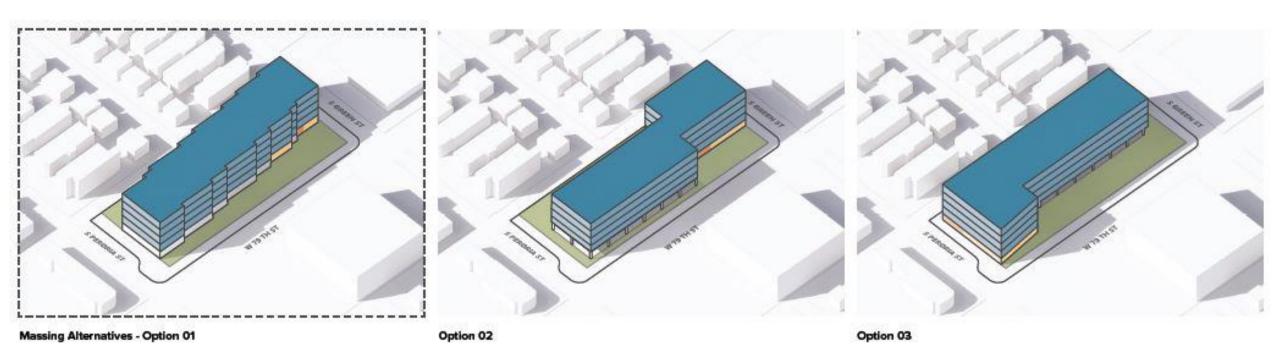
- Building program & massing concepts
- Renderings & visuals of concepts
- ROW & streetscape recommendations
- Urban design recommendations
- Market analysis
- Financial analysis







## Facilitate Design Excellence on the South and West Sides



## **Present Multiple** Development Possibilities to Community

## Goal

## Facilitate Design Excellence on the South and West Sides



# Use Inclusive Decision-Making Process to Guide Economic Development



## Use Inclusive Decision-Making Process to Guide Economic Development

## Funding Implications of Preferred Concept

Planning, Housing, & Incentives teams coordinate to determine City financial assistance needed to complete each project

- TIF, NOF, DOH multifamily grants, CHA
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credits
- New Market Tax Credits
- Historic Tax Credits

#### Conclusion: can only fund one major mixed-use project per ISW corridor

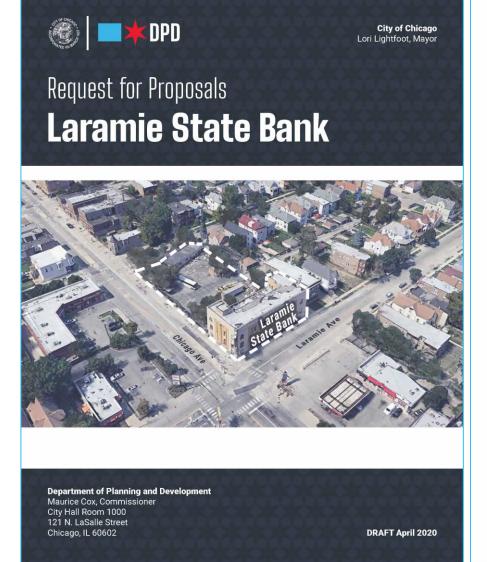
- City needs to put in 50% of funds (TIF, NOF, DOH)
- Other 50% of funds:
  - 25% LIHTC
  - 25% conventional (developer debt & equity)



## Use Inclusive Decision-Making Process to Guide Economic Development

## **RFP** Development Manual

"Show developer what is desired by the community & feasible with coordinated City incentives"



Laramie State Bank | Request for Proposals

DRAFT April 23, 2020

#### **L. Executive Summary**

#### **PURPOSE: BUILD ON INVEST SOUTH / WEST**

Invest South/West is Mayor Lori Lightfoot's groundbreaking collaborative by government, businesses, philanthropies, and community leaders, in which the City will align more than \$750 million in public funding over the next three years. The initiative will seek to maximize those public investments in order to attract private capital, respond to changing commercial trends and enrich local culture. The goal of the initiative is to re-activate neighborhood cores that have historically served as focal points for pedestrian activity, shopping, services, transportation, public spaces and quality-of life amenities for local residents.

W Chicago Ave through the Austin community is a historic commercial corridor and an Invest South/ West corridor. The City believes this Laramie State Bank property is a key element of improving the Chicago Ave corridor and identified this as one of the highest priority opportunity sites. We are looking for innovative development proposals that bring new vibrancy to the corridor.



Figure 1: Development conecpt sketch

City of Chicago



## **Build Local Wealth**

### **Using RFP Submission Requirements**

Ensure applicants are local developers of color

Four potential levels of local involvement:

Developer Teams / Designer Teams / Contractor & Trades (26/6)
 / Tenants & Businesses

Submission requirements considerations (TBD with Law):

- Required vs. additional weight given
- Metrics vs. description of approach



## Foster Opportunities for Professional Services

#### CHICAGO AR EHITECTURE CENTER

The Chicago Architecture Center, on behalf of the City of Chicago, will create a **list of preferred local design services firms** for contracting opportunities within Mayor Lightfoot's INVEST South/West initiative. A key tenet of this initiative is **driving inclusive growth**, and our design community has much to offer given the chance.

## Chicago Emerging Minority Developer Initiative

The goal of CEMDI is to (1) source and build a pipeline of community-focused developers, and (2) lift up emerging talent to lead and/or meaningfully participate in large-scale commercial real estate development projects, including ownership in the development entities.



## Goal 3

Restaurants/Cafes

## **Build Local Wealth**





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## Goal 3

## **Build Local Wealth**

### **Using RFP Selection Process**

Meaningfully engage community:

- City to shortlist finalist respondents
- Finalists present to Community (e.g. Aldermen, roundtable, public forum, etc.)
- Community feedback incorporated into City negotiation process with selected respondent
- City announces selected proposal to Community



## **Community Engagement Process**

Community Feedback

STEP 1

#### **Roundtables**

Community to provide feedback on priorities that will guide the overall vision for the RFP

STEP 2

**Visioning Workshop** 

Consultant led workshop that will provide massing schematics of RFP site

STEP 3

Stakeholder Interviews

Interviews with small focus groups

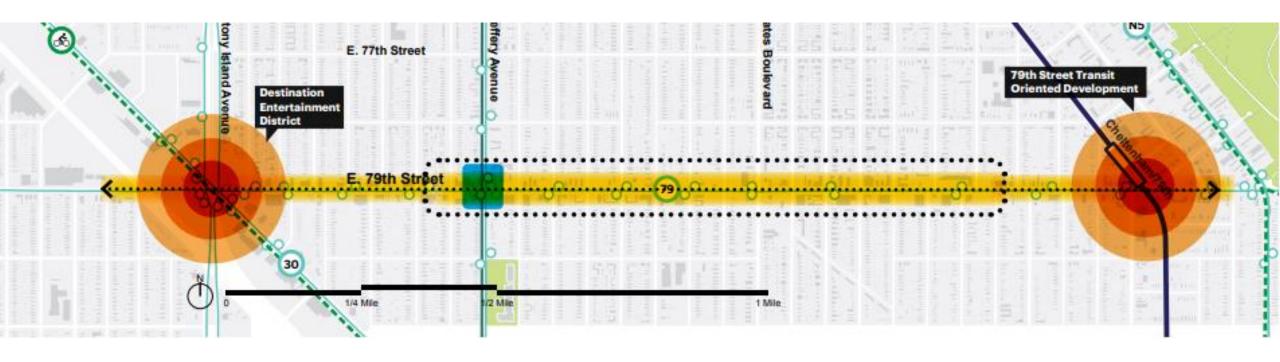
## **Continued Engagement**



### Release Schedule

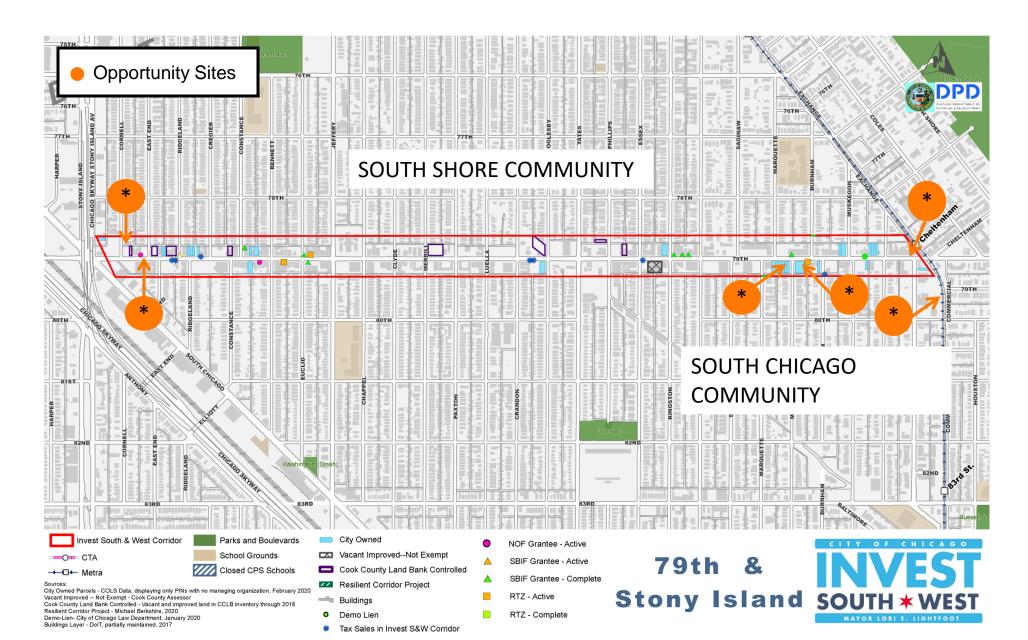


# REVIEW OF OPPORTUNITY SITES



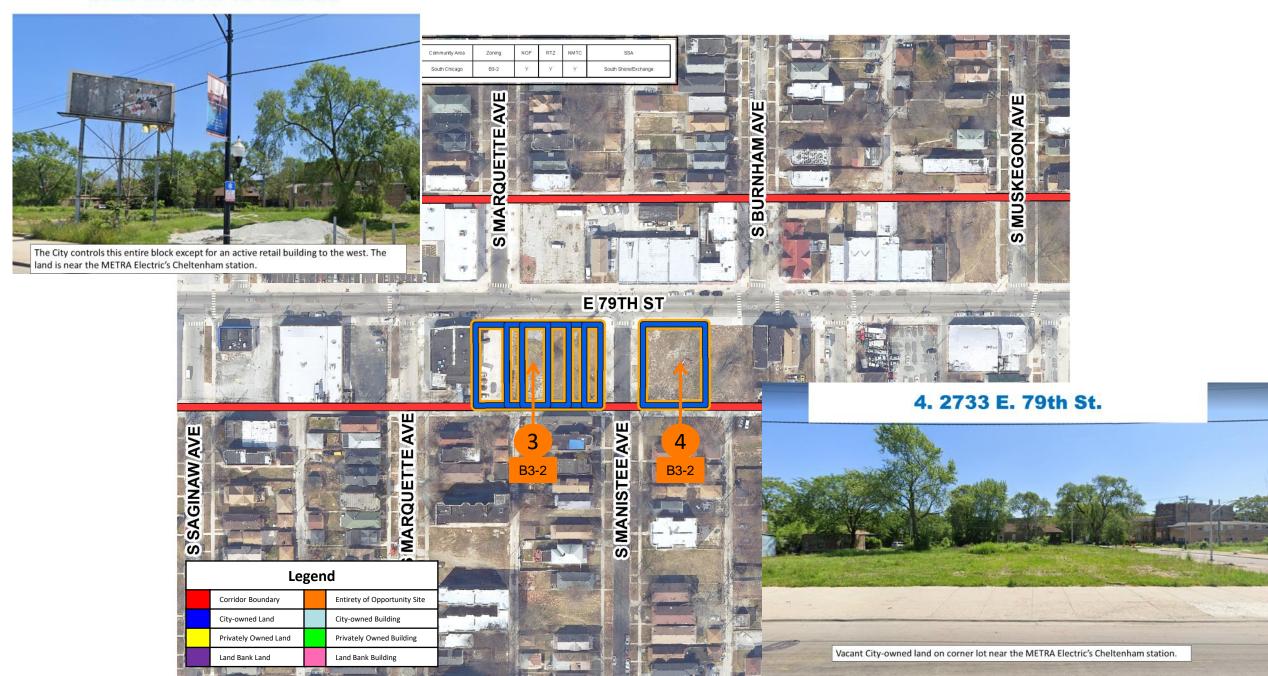


### 79th - Commercial to Stony Island



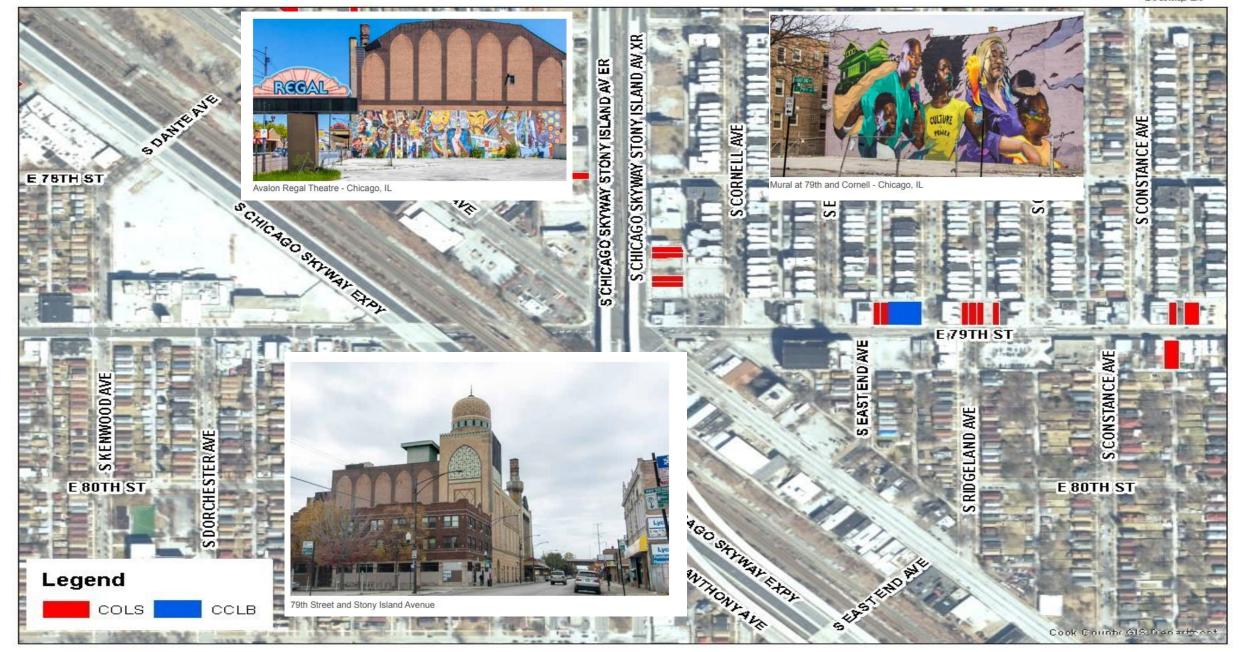


#### 3. 2711-2725 E. 79th St.



#### 79th St & Stony Island Ave





- Set up Timetable for Visioning Workshops
- Next Roundtable:
  TBD

## **NEXT STEPS**



