

# Extension of the Bloomingdale Trail



## Public Information Meeting

08/02/2023

Project Numbers:

Section No.: 21-E1582-00-BT

CDOT Project No.: E-1-582

# Opening Remarks

- This Public Meeting will inform about the proposed Bloomingdale Trail Eastward Extension.
- Presentation by CDOT Team
- Presentation will be followed by a Q/A segment.
- Comments may be offered during Q/A segment or written comments may be submitted using comment cards or via email.
- Brief Presentation by Friends of Bloomingdale Trail to follow the Q/A period to inform about upcoming events.

# Meeting Agenda

- Project update/status
- Present the alternatives and the preferred alternative
- Obtain Public Feedback

# Project Scope

## Scope of Work

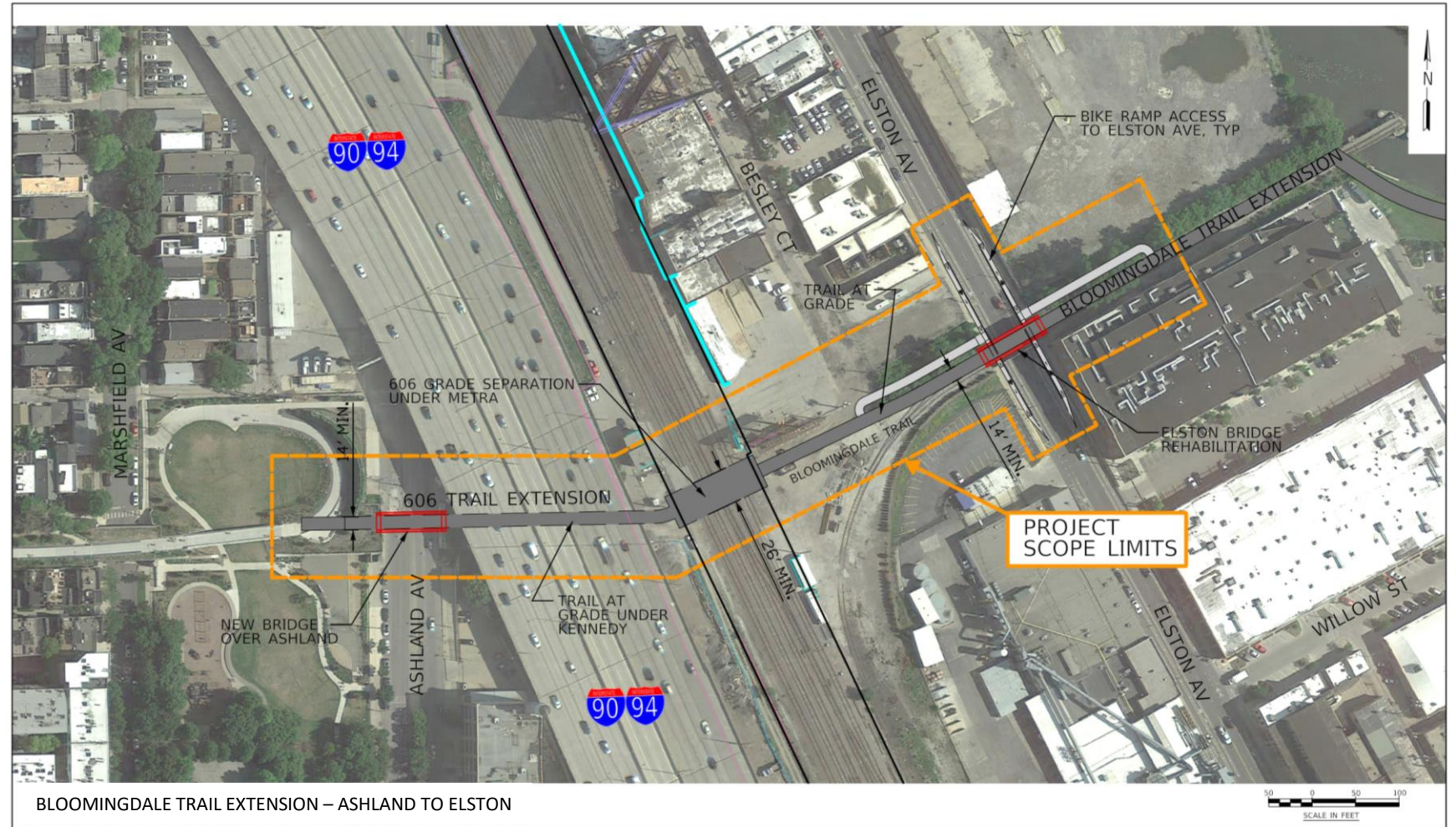
- **New bridge over Ashland Ave.** The existing abutments of the rail bridge (at Ashland Ave.) will be removed. A new bridge with new abutments will be constructed over Ashland Ave.
- **New pedestrian underpass** at UPRR tracks
- **Existing bridge** over Elston Ave. will be rehabilitated
- **ROW (PE from UP)** required for the pedestrian underpass
- **No impact to I-90:** I-90 at this location is elevated above the abandoned railroad tracks and no impact to the I-90 bridge is anticipated.

# Project Location



# Proposed Bloomingdale Trail Extension Logical Termini & Scope

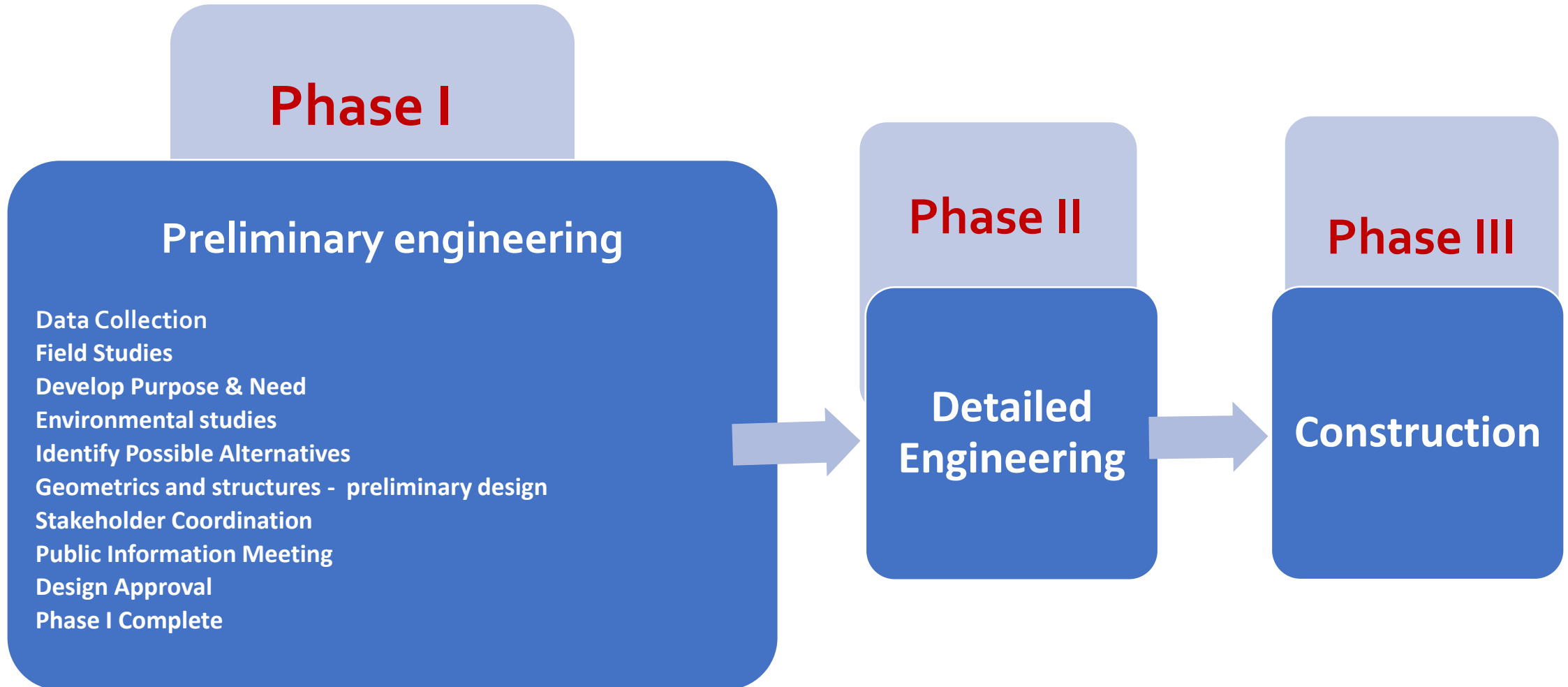
- This project begins approx. 145' west of Ashland Ave and ends approx. 215' east of Elston Ave
- Scope of work is a new multi-use path extending The 606 to Elston Ave
- The 606 will be extended beyond the limits of this project in the future when bridges over the river are constructed



# Project Location



# PROJECT PHASES



**We are in this Phase**

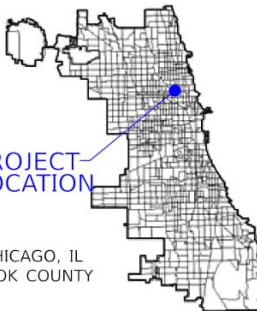


# Project Schedule

- **Phase I (Preliminary Engineering)**
  - Concept Feasibility Study Preparation
  - Timeline: Q2 2021 to Q3 2023 (substantial completion)
  - Funded by Sterling Bay
- **Phase II (Detailed Engineering)**
  - Detailed design of project elements
  - Timeline: Q2 2024 to Q1 2025 (Dependent on Securing Funding)
  - Funds: Partial funding has been secured. Additional potential funding sources are being studied.
- **Phase III (Construction)**
  - Timeline: Q3 2025 to Q4 2026 (Dependent on Securing Funding)
  - Funds: Various potential funding sources are being studied

# ROW Jurisdiction

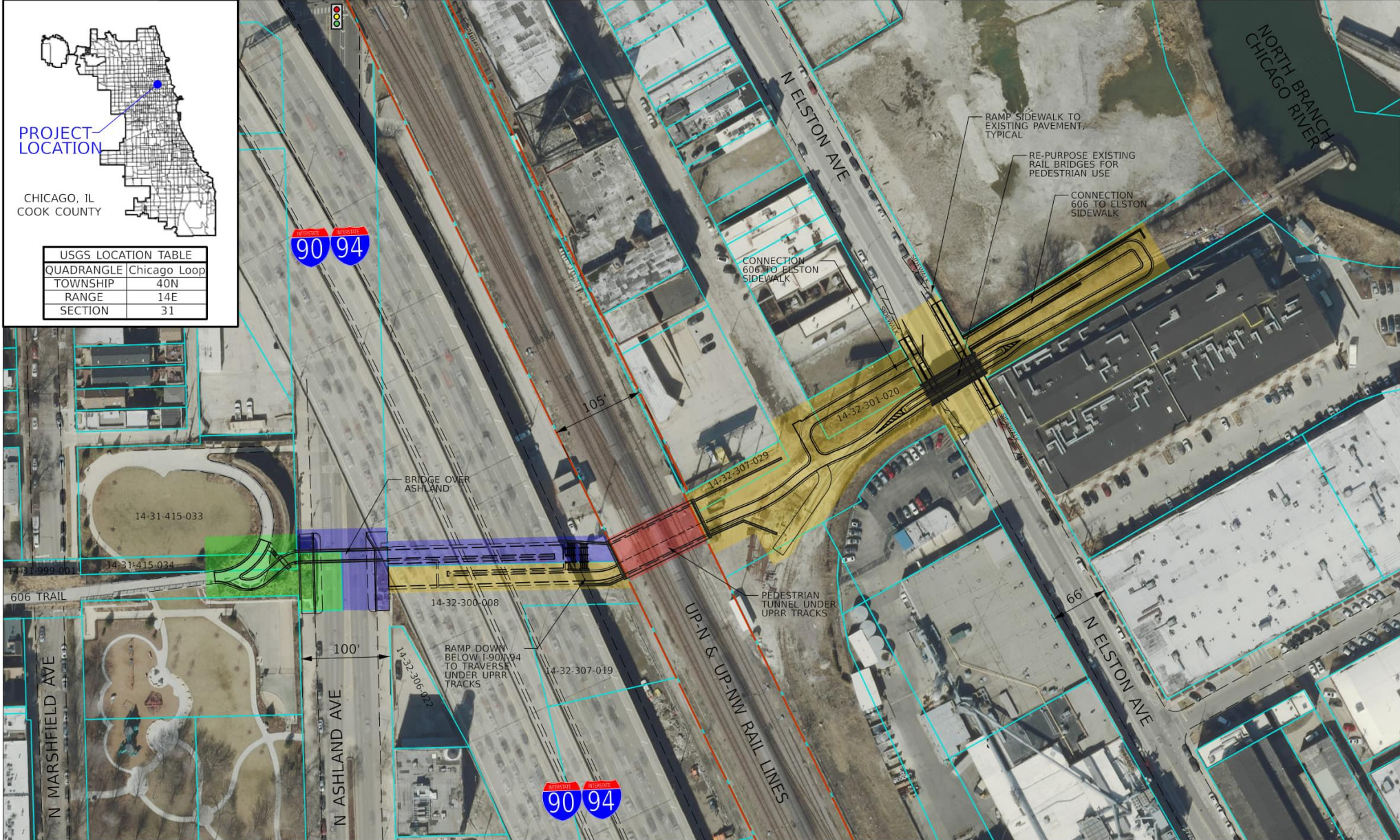
# ROW Jurisdiction



PROJECT LOCATION

CHICAGO, IL  
COOK COUNTY

USGS LOCATION TABLE	
QUADRANGLE	Chicago Loop
TOWNSHIP	40N
RANGE	14E
SECTION	31

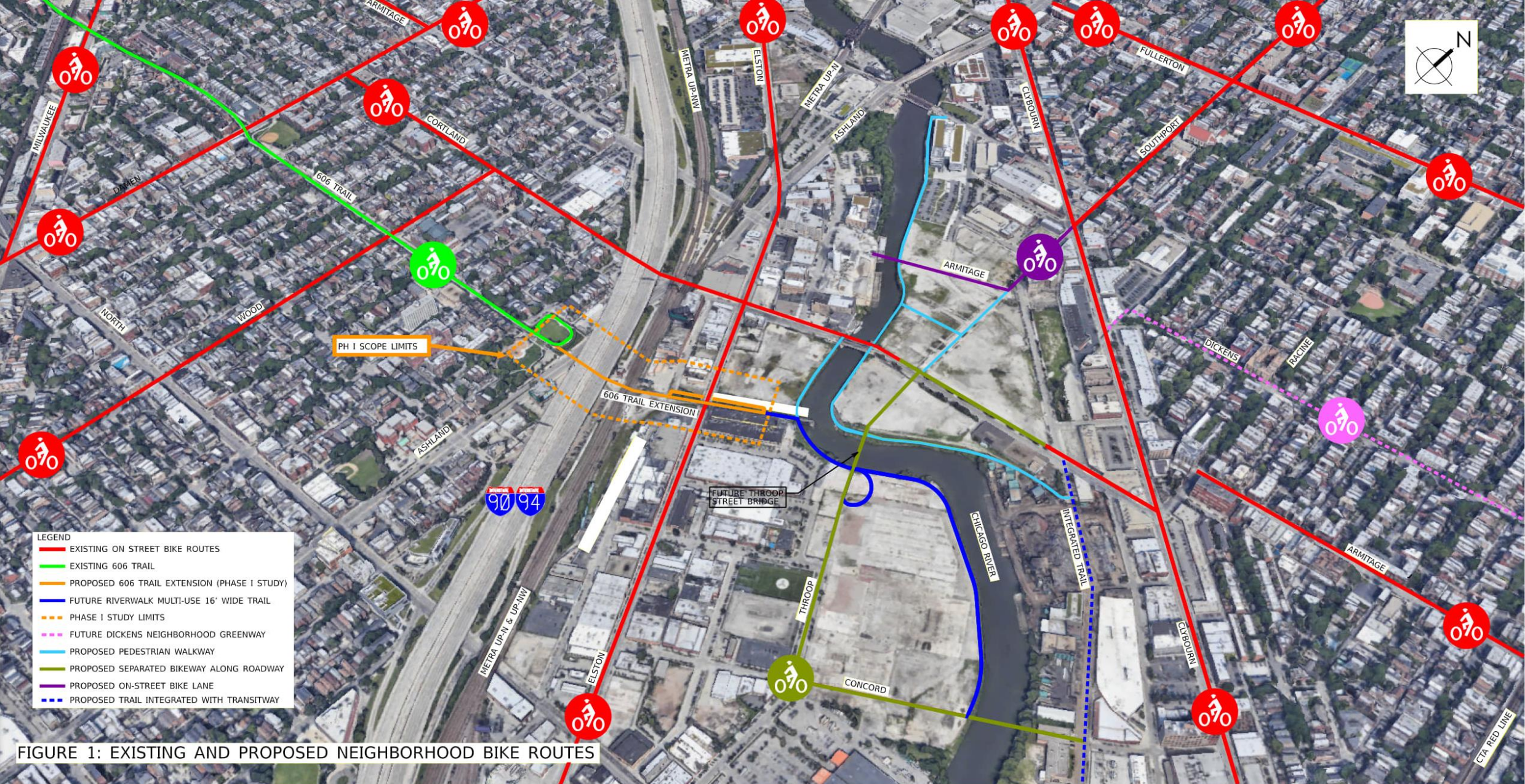


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CDOT PROJECT E-1-582  
BLOOMINGDALE TRAIL EXTENSION  
ASHLAND TO ELSTON  
PROJECT SCOPE IMPROVEMENT  
Right of Way Jurisdiction Map

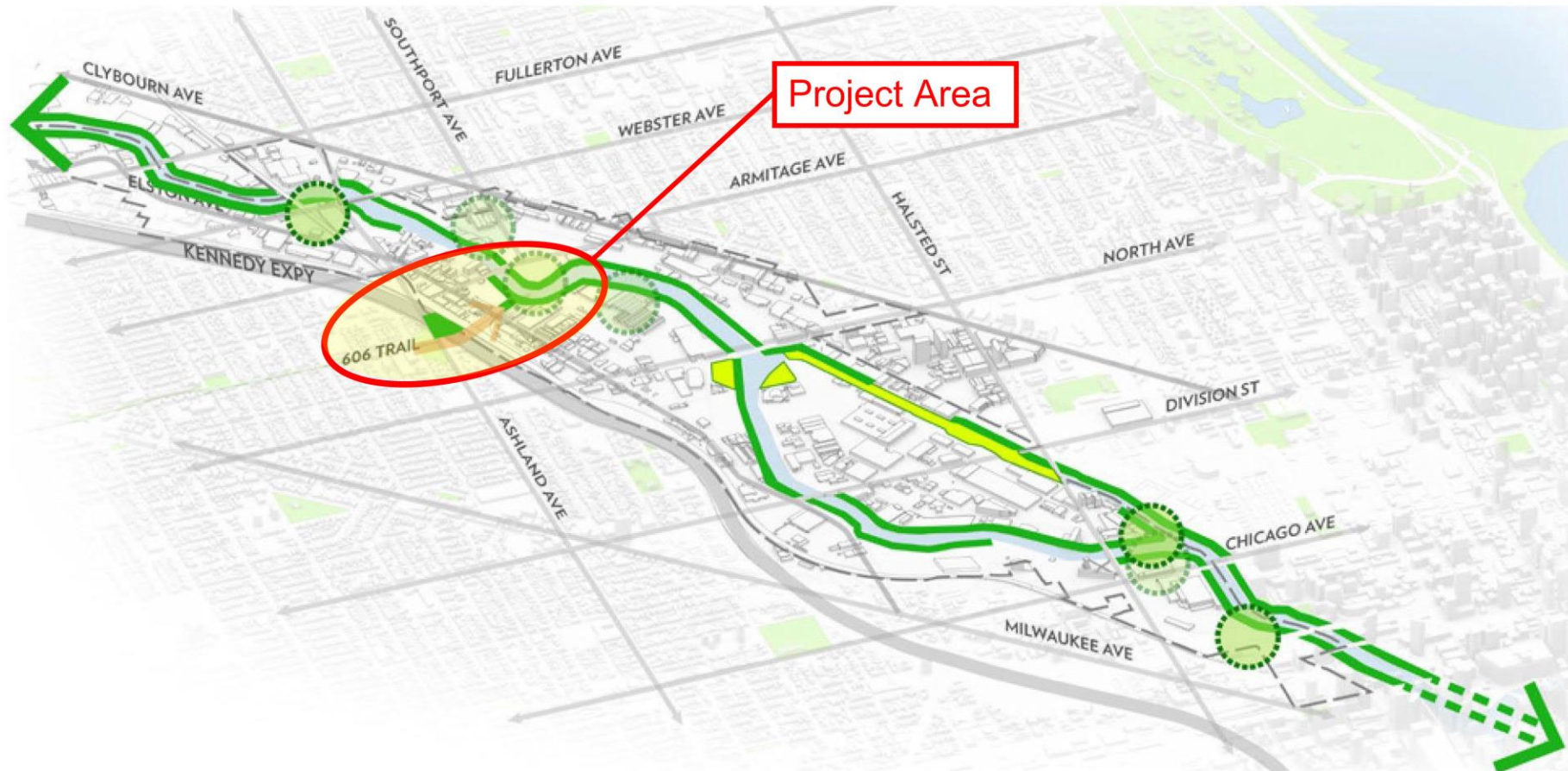
# Neighborhood Bike Routes

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# North Branch Framework Plan

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## Long Term 10 to 20 years

Map Key



North Branch River Trail



Wetland and Instream Improvement



Publicly Accessible Open Space within Planned Developments with Potential for Recreational Fields



606 Connection to North Branch with Active Park

# Alternatives



# Alternatives Studied

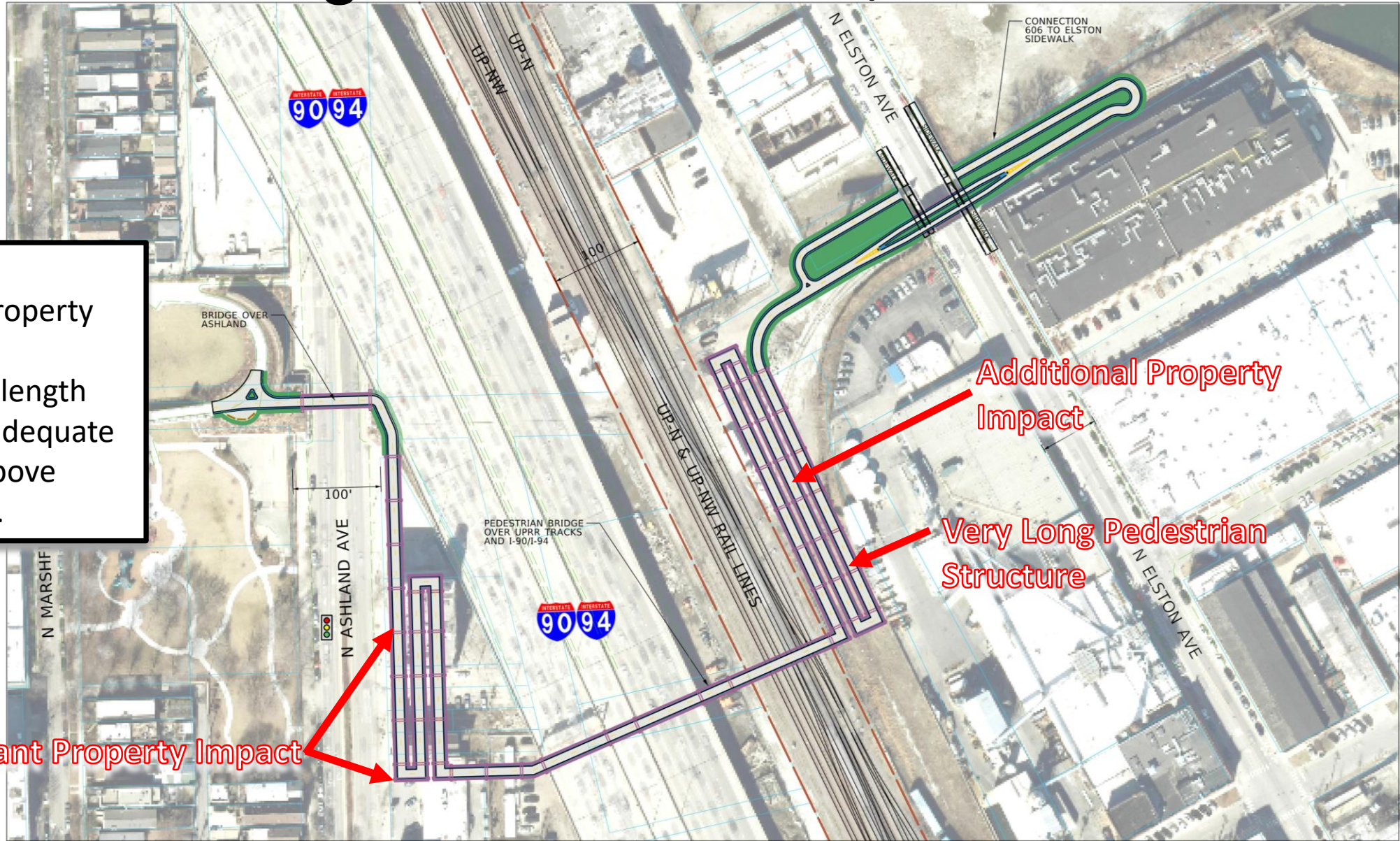
***Alternatives* Bloomingdale Trail over UPRR**

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# Alternate 2 – Bloomingdale Trail over I-90/I-94 and UPRR

Notes:

- Require Significant Property Takes.
- Pedestrian Structure length required to achieve adequate vertical separation above Kennedy - 2,400 feet.



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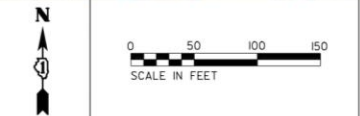
# Bloomingtondale Trail over UPRR Tracks



- Notes:**
- Requires Additional ROW
  - Pedestrian Structure length required to achieve adequate vertical separation above Kennedy - 1,200 feet.
  - Elevation of Structure over UP Tracks +/- level with Kennedy

LEGEND  
 --- EX ROW    --- EX EOP    □ PARCELS

PROJECT LOCATION MAP  
 DATE: 05 / 09 / 2022



CDOT PROJECT E-1-582  
 BLOOMINGDALE TRAIL EXTENSION  
 ASHLAND TO ELSTON  
 ALTERNATE 4  
 Project Location Map

# 606 under I-90 and UPRR

## Notes:

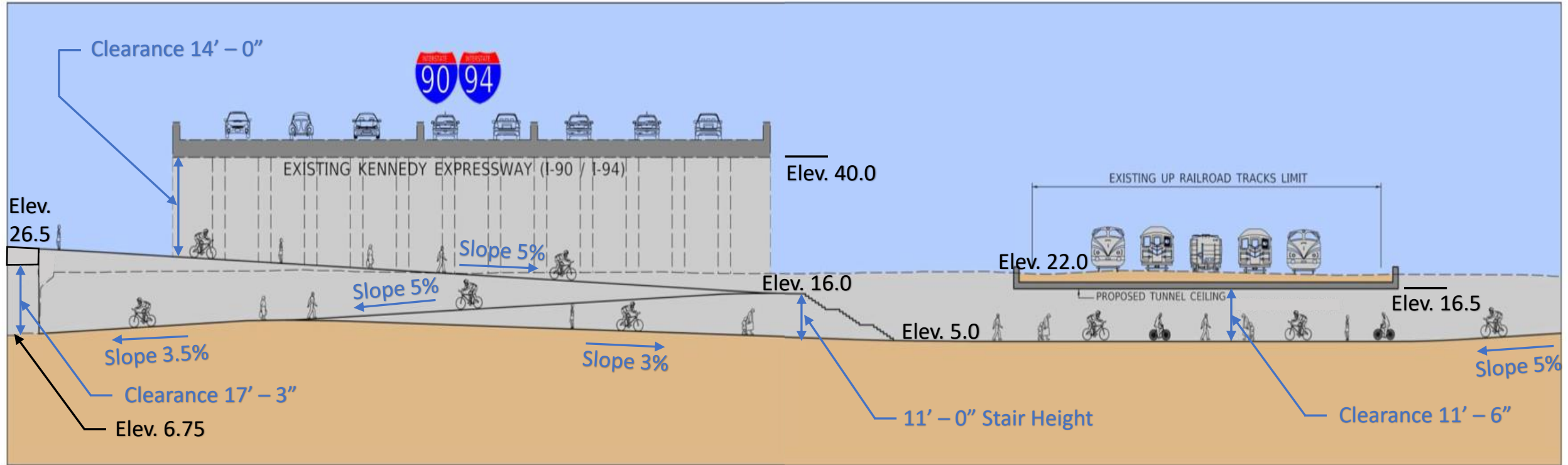
- No Impact to Kennedy Substructure.
- Adequate vertical grade between Ashland and UPRR underpass.
- Enhances visibility between Ashland and UPRR underpass.
- Provides Opportunity to create gathering areas under Kennedy which promotes safety and activates



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# Details of the Selected Alternative

# Bloomingtondale Trail under I-90 and UPRR



# Illustrative Image – Ashland Bridge (Looking South)



Ashland Bridge as shown is illustrative only, bridge and ramp experience will be developed during Phase II

# Illustrative Image – Ashland Bridge & Ramp under I-90



Ashland Bridge as shown is illustrative only, bridge and ramp experience will be developed during Phase II



# Illustrative Image – The Bloomingdale Trail under UP Railroad



UP Rail Underpass as shown is illustrative only, underpass experience will be developed during Phase II

# Q&A

- . State your name and organization
- . Limit your question or comments to around 1-2 minutes

**Thank you**

**Questions and Comments**

# Closing

- . Drop the written comments in the box outside
- . Written comments will be accepted until **August 16, 2023**
- . Email comments to a [soliman.khudeira@cityofchicago.org](mailto:soliman.khudeira@cityofchicago.org), or mail to:
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  - Section Chief - Major Projects

Brief Presentation by  
**Friends of Bloomingdale Trail**

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