



TOP 20 IDEAS to REDEFINE THE DRIVE

Task Force Meeting #3¹ and Public Meeting #2²

Over 330 people attended the second North Lake Shore Drive public meeting on July 8, 2014 which was held at The Drake Hotel. Members of the public were able to review exhibits, watch a PowerPoint presentation, and sketch ideas on how to improve North Lake Shore Drive. Participants were able to sketch, write or use an online mapping application to convey their thoughts. During the public comment period, additional comments and ideas were received through the project website and email address. In addition in April, 2014 the North Lake Shore Drive Task Forces met to conduct the same exercises.

A compilation of the top 20 ideas collected at those two events are listed below:

1. Separate bike/pedestrian users on Lakefront Trail **(263 Comments)**
2. Improve Transit Service **(185)**
 - Install exclusive BRT facility **(111)**
 - On the Outer Drive **(60)**
 - Between Inner and Outer Drives **(29)**
 - Unspecified location within the newly designed NLSD **(22)**
 - Increase Transit **(56)**
 - Install Light Rail **(18)**
3. Improve east-west pedestrian/bike connections and facilities **(134)**
4. Grade separate Lakefront Trail at junctions and pedestrian tunnels **(104)**
5. Add trees and natural landscaping areas **(101)**
6. Add green space east of NLSD (Grand to LaSalle) **(81)**
7. Separate Inner and Outer Drives **(64)**
8. Add green space between Inner and Outer Drives **(61)**
9. Realign the Oak Street curve **(61)**
10. Reduce/enforce speed limit on NLSD **(56)**

¹ The April 10, 2014 Task Force meeting was attended by 98 stakeholders who submitted 1,204 Ideas to Redefine the Drive.

² The July 8, 2014 Public Meeting was attended by 330 stakeholders who submitted 398 Ideas to Redefine the Drive.

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11. Expand lake fill to improve shoreline flood protection **(55)**
12. Relocate and/or expand Oak Street Beach **(51)**
13. Add more pedestrian/bicycle access points to the lakefront **(53)**
14. Improve signage and wayfinding including path mile markers **(44)**
15. Reconfigure NLSD **(41)**
 - Place NLSD underground in a tunnel (23)
 - Bring back boulevard style (18)
16. Add a west side bicycle highway **(33)**
17. Expand park space at Oak Street & Michigan Avenue **(32)**
18. Improve storm water management/add bio-swales **(31)**
19. Construct a Chicago Avenue junction **(30)**
20. Narrow the Inner Drive **(22)**

Task Force Meeting #3 and Public Meeting #2 Ideas to Redefine the Drive totaled by Improvement Need Category and geographic roadway section are as follows³:

Totals by Improvement Need Category					
Improvement Idea	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	Total
Safety	190	86	124	106	506 (32%)
Mobility	91	57	61	51	260 (16%)
Infrastructure	395	113	79	60	647 (40%)
Access & Circulation	53	46	57	33	189 (12%)
Modal Connections & Opportunities	0	0	0	0	0 (0%)
TOTALS	729 (46%)	302 (19%)	321 (20%)	250 (15%)	1602

Section A – Grand Avenue to south of LaSalle Drive
 Section B – South of LaSalle Drive to north of Diversey Parkway
 Section C - North of Diversey Parkway to south of Montrose Avenue
 Section D – South of Montrose Avenue to Hollywood Avenue

³ Information represented by this table takes into account only information collected at the July 2014 Public Meeting. All electronically submitted comments and emails are not included in this tabulation.