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Public comment sought on proposed North LSD improvements

The Illinois Department of Transportation and the Chicago Department of Transportation are inviting the public to learn more and to comment about the proposed improvement of U.S. 41 (North Lake Shore Drive) from Grand Avenue to Hollywood Avenue in Chicago. Since the last public meeting, the project team has evaluated criteria and narrowed the range of alternatives to five finalists. We want to hear from you!

Due to ongoing health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Public Meeting #4 will be conducted online through an interactive website. There are multiple opportunities to provide comments.

Interactive Website

We have created a clearinghouse of materials, interactive exhibits, and an audio-visual presentation to provide project details and help you review project updates.

NLSDinput.org

Members of the public are encouraged to provide input through the interactive website in multiple ways:

- Use the interactive map and ideas wall to comment and provide input on the proposed improvements.
- Complete the public survey to tell us how you use the Drive and share your priorities.
- Review and comment on the project exhibits.
- Sign up for a small group discussion with the project team. Registration starts on September 28.

Since the last public meeting in 2017, IDOT and CDOT have evaluated the initial range of alternatives for North Lake Shore Drive, using technical analysis as well as input from task force members, stakeholder organizations, and the public. The stakeholder task force groups have met 11 times since this project's inception. The task force groups focus on specific topics, including accommodation of all modes of transportation, park user access, environmental features, businesses and access to neighborhoods and institutions. IDOT and CDOT are now seeking additional public input on the project's five finalist alternatives and will consider all

input as the planning process moves forward. Visit NorthLakeShoreDrive.org for more information about the project.

Written comments can be submitted beginning Sept. 28 through the interactive website, mailed to the project team, or submitted during the small group discussions. Comments received by Nov. 9 will become part of the official public meeting record.

This public input opportunity will be accessible to people with disabilities. Anyone needing special assistance should contact info@northlakeshoredrive.org or (312) 561-3140. Persons planning to attend the small group discussions who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify the department's TTY/TTD number (800) 526-0844/or 711; TTY users (Spanish) (800) 501-0864/or 711; and Telebraille (877) 526-6670 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting.

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