

Chicago Better Streets for Buses (Bus Priority Network Plan)

UWP Committee Update
February 10, 2021



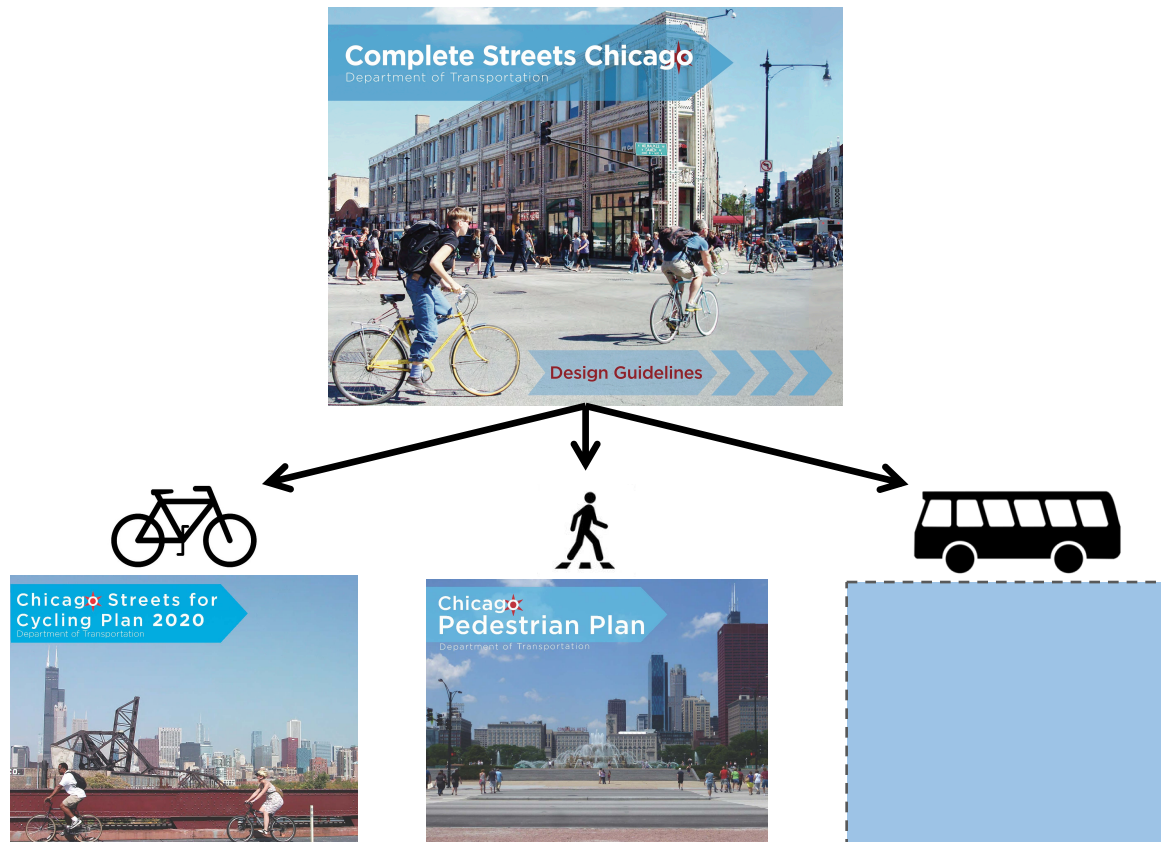
Project Overview

- CTA and CDOT collaboration
- Project Components
 - Robust community outreach to guide the plan and improvements.
 - Identify a citywide network of streets for prioritizing buses.
 - Toolbox of street treatments that can reduce bus travel times and improve bus passenger experience.



Background

The Better Streets for Buses Plan will complete the CDOT suite of Complete Streets guiding documents.



Progress to Date

- CTA and CDOT have identified the initial Better Streets for Buses network and treatments for the toolbox.
- Preparing to launch a robust public engagement process to provide information about the draft network and toolbox, listen to the goals and needs of the community, and build support for a vision that benefits the City as a whole.

Communications Materials In Development

- Fact Sheet
- Network Map
- Toolbox of Treatments
- Interactive Website (Bang the Table)
- Micro Video
- Social Media Strategy



Public Outreach

- Stakeholder Interviews – Completed
- City-Wide Advisory Committee- Upcoming
- Aldermanic Briefings- Upcoming
- Covid-19 forced a re-evaluation of the project Public Outreach strategy.
 - In-person meetings were turned into virtual meetings
 - Roll Out of public-facing materials and public meetings- Spring 2021

Next Steps

- Compile and **synthesize public feedback.**
- Revise network and toolbox to **produce a Final Bus Priority Network Plan** that lays out a comprehensive city-wide strategy
- CDOT and CTA will work together on future implementation
 - BSB Plan will not assign treatments to specific corridors; that will be undertaken in future corridor-specific planning studies.

UWP- Project Initiation

From UWP Committee recommendation of grant award to Project Kickoff took 11+ months.

- CTA and CDOT could start a lot of the procurement process before the Executed Funding Agreement was in hand.
- CTA utilized our blanket contract (General Planning Contract).

UWP- Project Initiation

UWP Committee Recommendation	March 2019
Scope Development (w/ CDOT) & Task Order Documents	May – July 2019
Task Order sent to Purchasing Dept.	8/2/2019
Procurement- Open Bid Window	9/10 – 9/25 2019
Proposal Review	9/27 – 10/4 2019
Contractor Negotiations	October-December 2019
Executed CMAP Funding Agreement	December 2019
Consultant Task Order Executed	2/4/20
Project Kickoff Meeting	Late February 2020

UWP- Project Initiation

- Procurement Time Line
- Inter-Agency Partnership