North and Northwest Cook County Regional Corridor Bicycle Signage Plan

Background

- Cook County Communities Putting Prevention to Work Grant
- Outgrowth of 2010 NWMC Bicycle Plan
  - Implementation recommendation identified in plan
- Resource for municipalities
- Promote regionally consistent bicycle signage

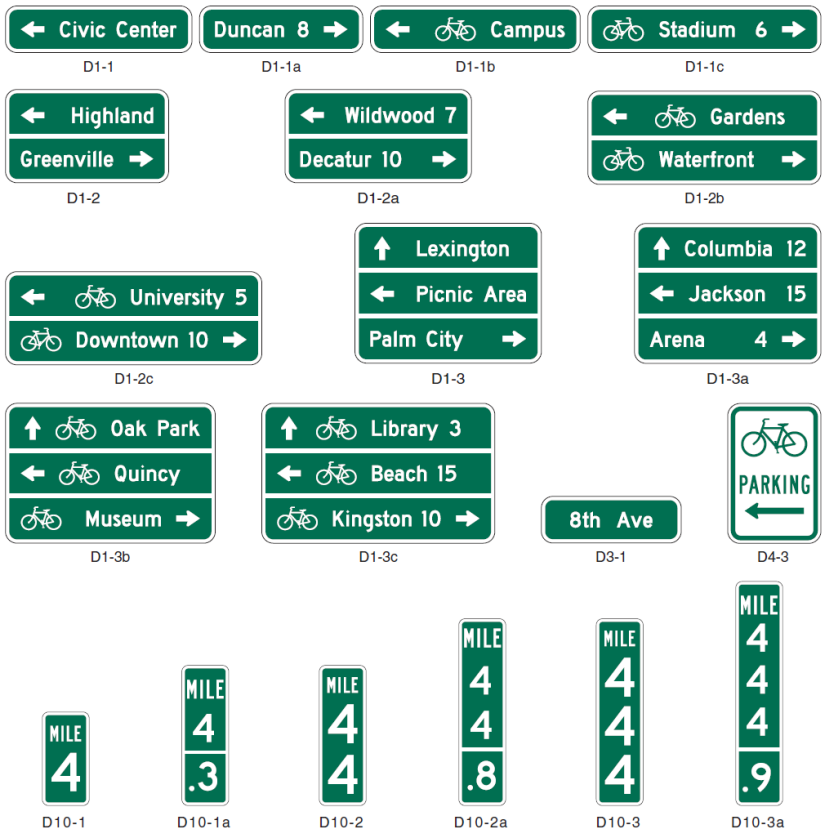
Outline of the Plan

- Chapter 1: Best Practices
- Chapter 2: Evaluation of Existing Signage
- Chapter 3: Regional Destinations Prioritization
- Chapter 4: Sign Layout, Design and Placement Guidelines
- Chapter 5: Regional Signage Network
- Chapter 6: Implementation Plan

Chapter 1: Best Practices

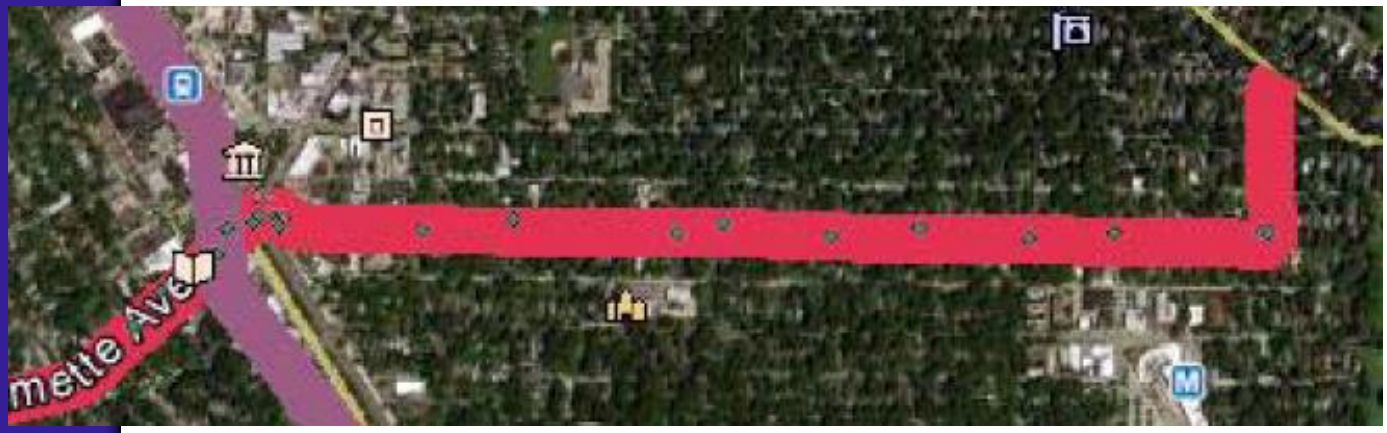
- Municipal and regional bicycle signage plans
- Manuals and regulations

Figure 9B-4. Guide Signs and Plaques for Bicycle Facilities (Sheet 1 of 2)



Chapter 2: Evaluation of Existing Signage

- Field inventory of regional bicycle corridors
- Resource for municipalities
- Identify gaps in signage network



Chapter 3: Regional Destination Prioritization

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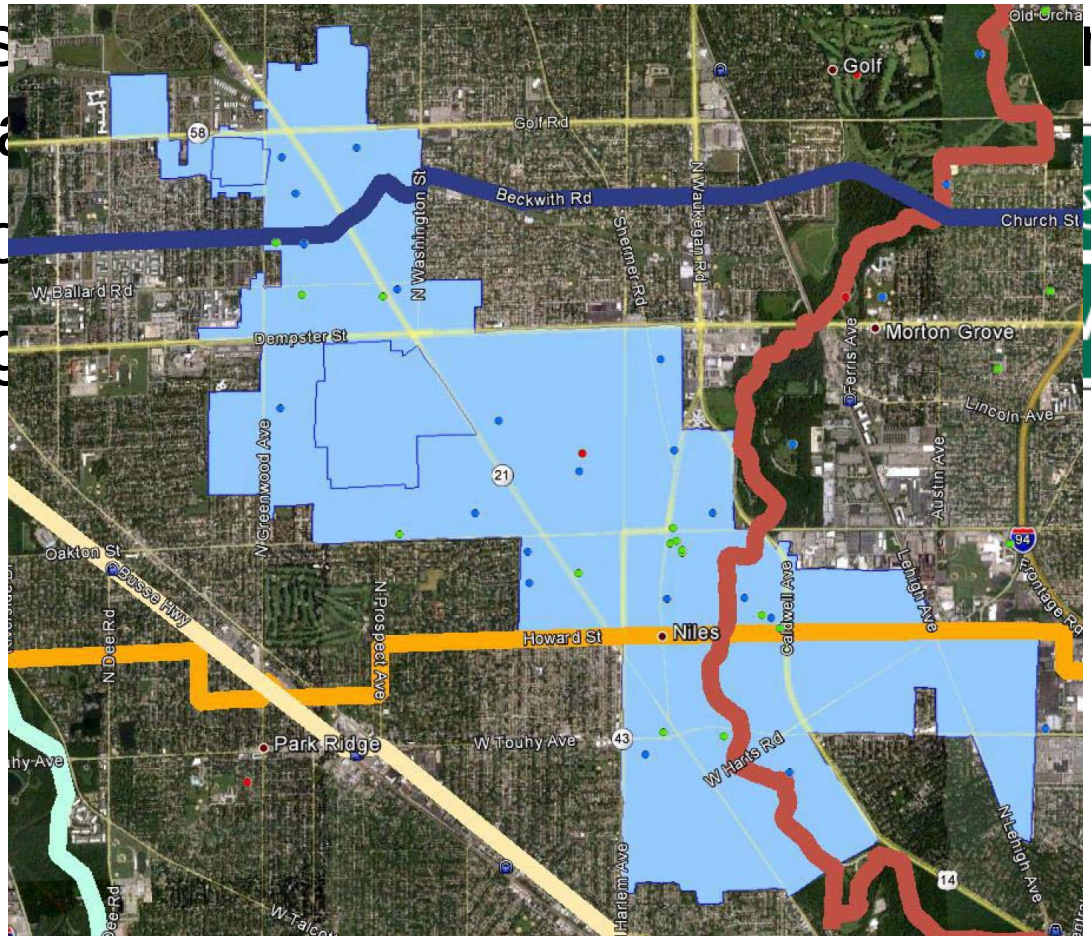
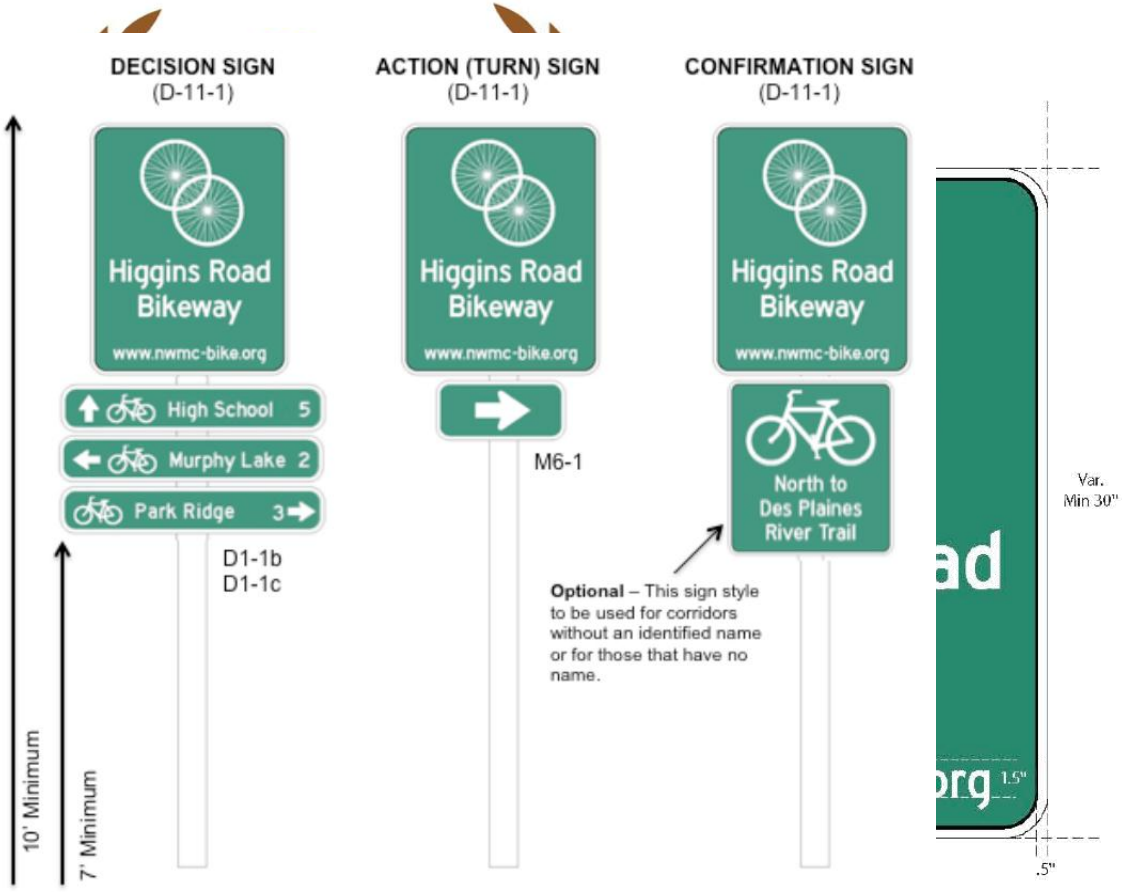


Regional Destination Prioritization System

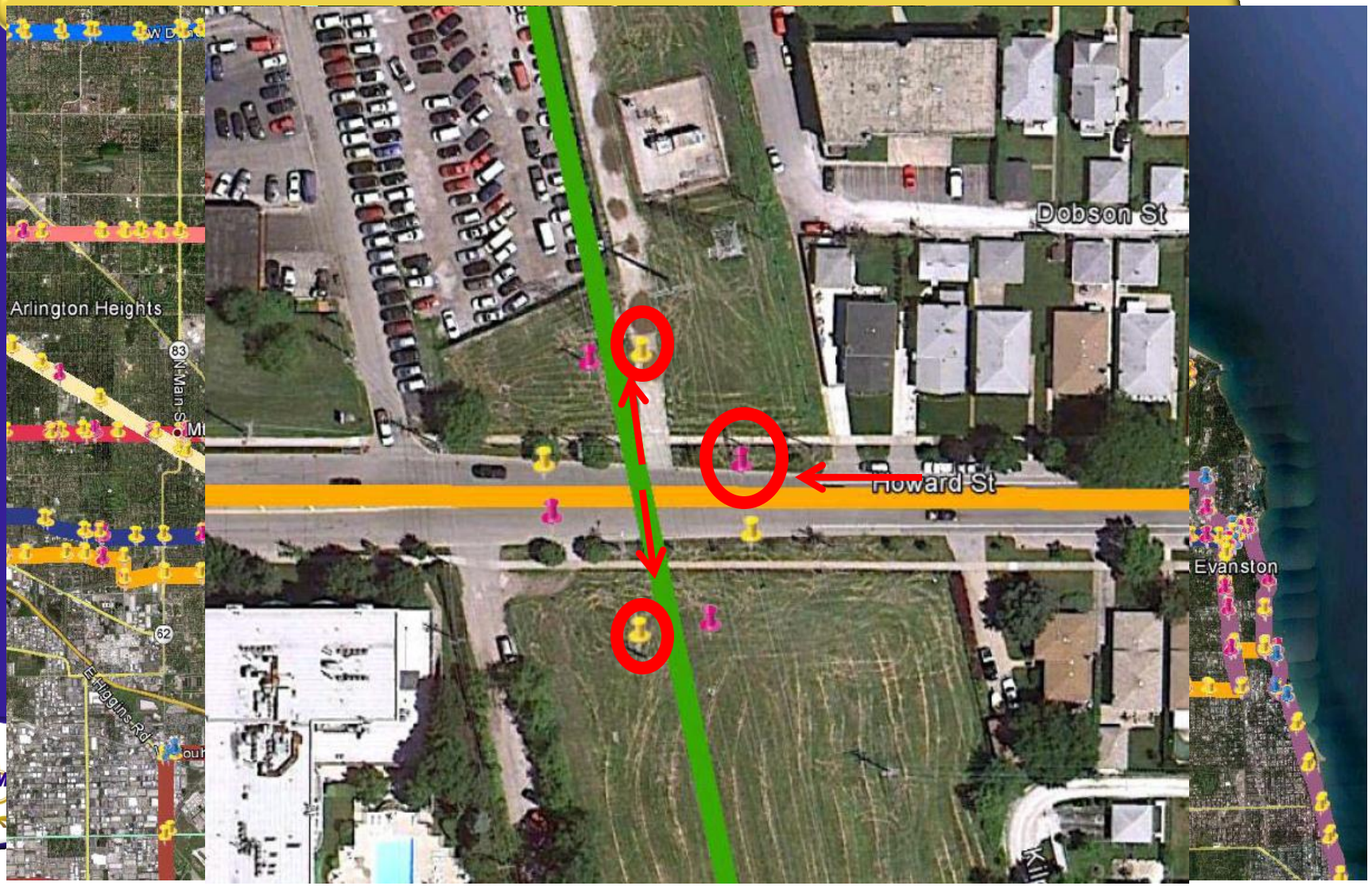
- Primary Destinations
  - Neighboring Cities
  - Transit Stations
  - Shared Use Paths/NWMC Bicycle Corridors
  - Major Parks/Forest Preserves
- Secondary Destinations
  - Major Commercial District/Mall
  - Downtowns
  - Universities/Colleges
  - Stadiums
  - Parks
  - Major Employment Center
  - Major Tourist/Entertainment Attraction
- Tertiary Destinations
  - Airports
  - Civic/Community
  - High Schools

Chapter 4: Sign Layout, Design and Placement Guidelines

- Technical portion of plan
- Custom signage for NWMC bicycle corridors
- Sign types
  - Decision
  - Action (Turn)
  - Confirmation



Chapter 5: Regional Signage Network



Chapter 6: Implementation Plan

- Identify nearly 2,500 signs along the NWMC regional bicycle corridors
- Cost estimate: Approximately $888,000
- Implementation options