





# The Eisenhower Expressway Study

*A Community Meeting to Update and Engage Oak Park Residents*

# Abbreviated History

## STUDY PROCESS

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT & AGENCY INPUT

1998 HOV  
Feasibility  
Study

*Data Collection  
(Needs Analysis)*

*Purpose  
& Need*

*Alternatives  
Development &  
Evaluation*

*Preferred  
Alternative*

Fall 2009

Fall 2014

CTA VISION STUDY

INITIAL ALTERNATIVES

ALTERNATIVES  
CARRIED FORWARD

**IDENTIFY AND  
DEVELOP INITIAL  
ALTERNATIVES**

**ROUND 1**

**ROUND 2**

**ROUND 3**

*Single Mode*

*Remaining Single  
Mode Alternatives*

*Combination  
Alternatives*

*Draft Environmental  
Impact Statement  
(DEIS) Alternatives*

Over 600 Stakeholder  
Ideas Reviewed & Screened  
to Smaller List

Individual Highway  
& Transportation  
Improvements Evaluated

Combinations of Highway  
& Transportation  
Improvements Evaluated

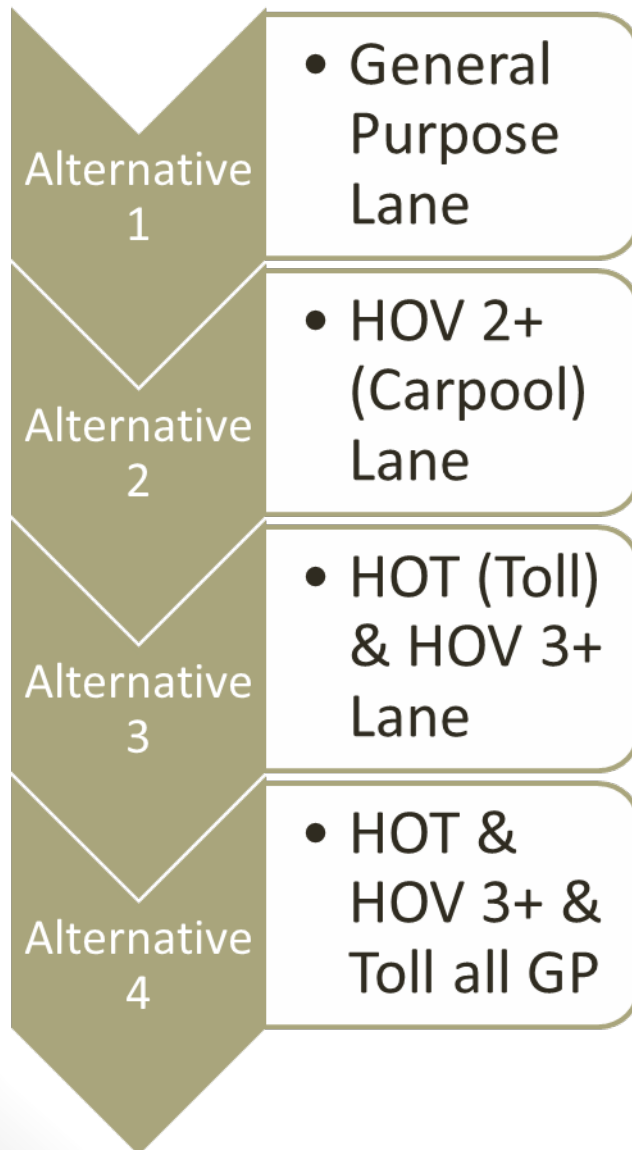
Four Combination Highway/  
Transit Alternatives  
Evaluated in Further Detail

*We Are  
Here*

# Objectives

- Advocate for a **multi-modal solution** (e.g., a westward CTA Blue Line extension).
- Ensure that any improvement is **constructed within the footprint** of the existing trench.
- Support and **advance concepts that expand bridge decking** over the Ike (e.g., at Austin, Lombard, East, Oak Park Avenue, and/or Harlem).
- Monitor study for **compliance with applicable state and federal laws** intended to improve quality of life and avoid adverse impacts or, where such impacts are unavoidable, to minimize or mitigate them.

# Four IDOT Alternatives



## Common Traits

- New Lane from Mannheim to Austin
- Lane *Conversion* from Austin to Racine \*
- Ramps Moved to Right and Elevated
- Either Bus Rapid Transit or CTA Blue Line to Mannheim
- Express Bus Service West of Mannheim

\* *Except General Purpose Alternative*

# I-290 – Mainline Convertible Concept

1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to West of Addison Creek



*Preliminary Draft*



## Initial Configuration

- 4 Lanes each direction
- Wide inside shoulder for Express Bus
- Landscaped Median Treatment
- Variable Speed Limits & Message Signs

### Features:

- Bus on shoulder
- Variable speed limit adjusted for conditions
- Minimizes initial mainline pavement area



## Ultimate Configuration

- Convert inside lanes & shoulders to HCT guideway
- Convert outside shoulder to through-lane
- Add new shoulders to the outside

### Features:

- Reuses existing 8 lanes pavement
- No modifications to overhead bridges & piers required
- Only 8' of new outside shoulder required.



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# Austin Boulevard – Aerial Perspective

## Modified Single Point Interchange Concept

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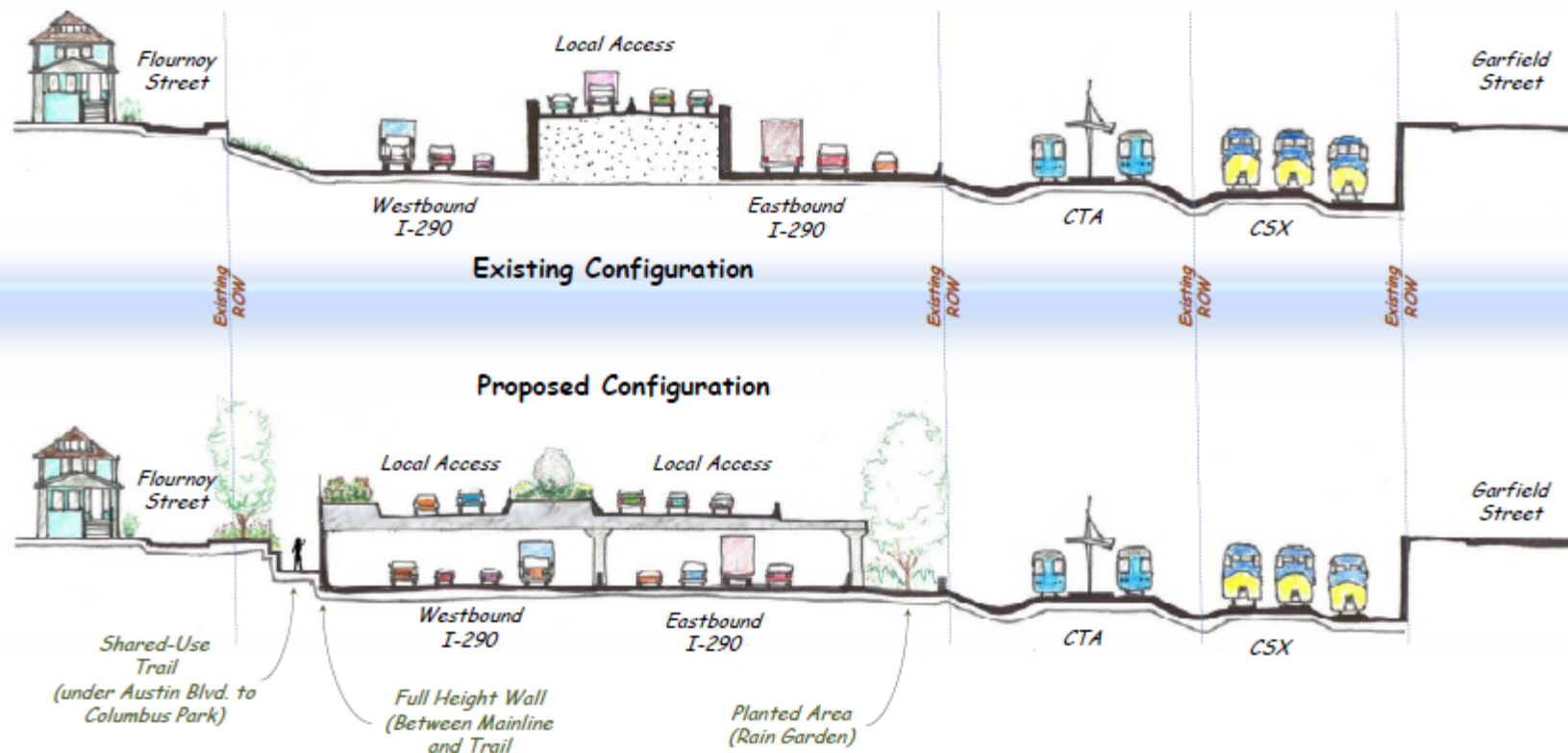
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# I-290 at Austin Boulevard

## Cross Section – West of Austin Blvd.

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# Austin Boulevard Interchange Transit Oriented Design (TOD) Concept

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CONCEPTUAL



# Austin Boulevard Interchange Transit/Pedestrian Perspective

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The Cap at Union Station  
- Columbus, OH





# Key Concerns Today

- **Noise and air quality impacts** associated with increased traffic and new ramp design shifting traffic closer to homes.
- **Proposed Interchanges (e.g., Austin, Harlem) are not safe for pedestrians** due to added lanes and increased traffic volumes.
- **Opportunity to improve and expand bridge decking** (e.g., reconnecting north and south segments of Oak Park Avenue) requires much greater design attention.

# Key Concerns Today

- In order to offset the **equity implications of road pricing** strategies, pricing must include a dedicated transit revenue share.
- **Public engagement and outreach has been inadequate.**
- Certain IDOT **findings and conclusions are not statistically supported.**

# Looking Forward: IDOT Meetings

## Monday, October 7, 2013

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Marriott Chicago - Medical District

625 South Ashland Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60607

(Just east of the Racine Blue Line Station)

## Tuesday, October 8, 2013

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Proviso Math and Science Academy

8601 Roosevelt Road

Forest Park, Illinois 60130

(Pace Bus route 301 and 308 stop at the south-west corner of the Academy)