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Public Meeting | April 18th

Des Plaines
River Trail

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Feasibility Study



ACTIVE
TRANSPORTATION
ALLIANCE



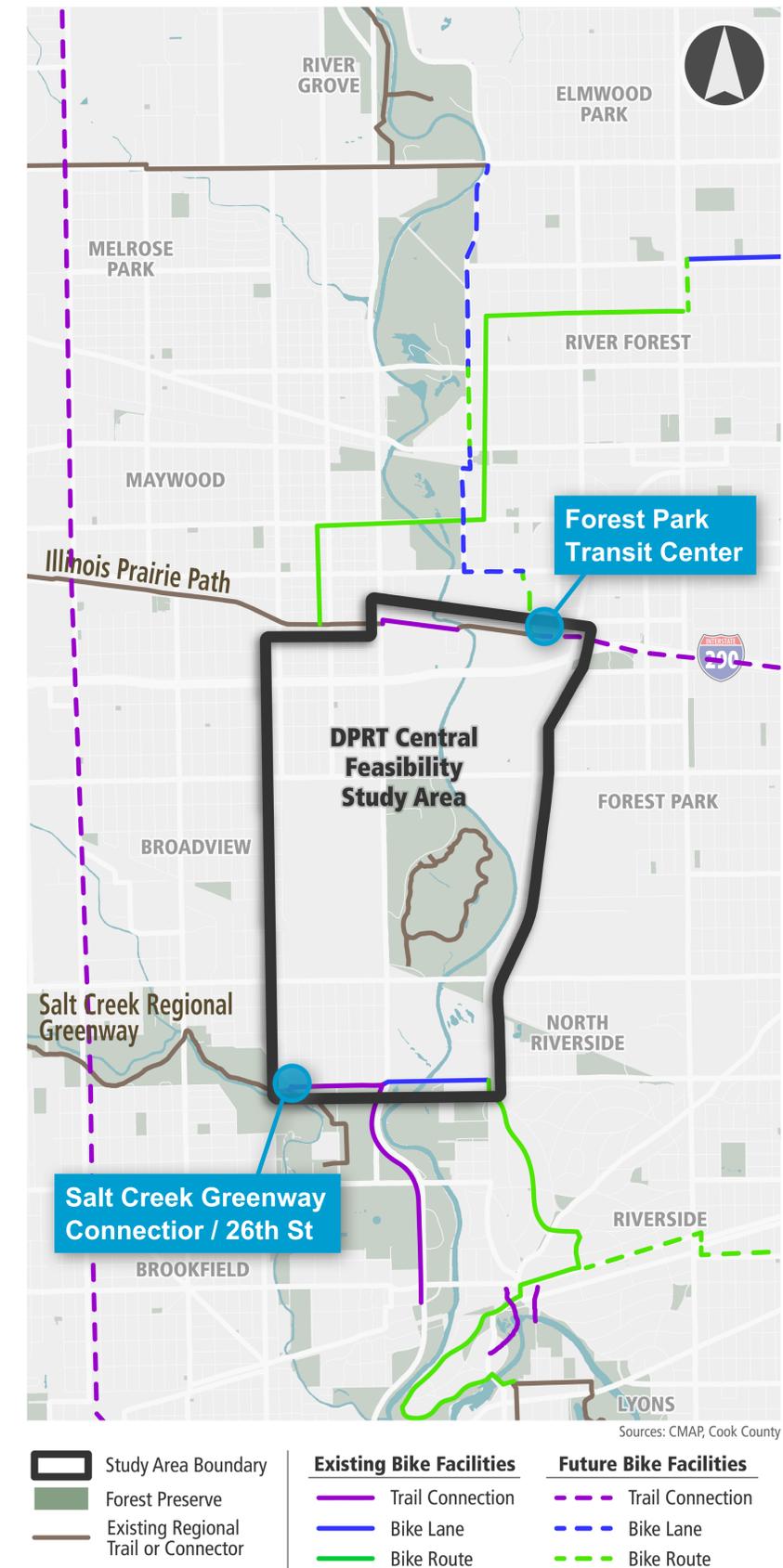
Study Overview and Goals

OVERVIEW

- 2.5-miles trail gap between the Forest Park Blue Line station at Van Buren St. and 26th St.
- Study funded through Invest in Cook

GOALS

- Determine the feasibility of extending the Des Plaines River Trail from the Forest Park Blue Line Station to Miller Meadow
- Identify and determine the feasibility of alternative low-stress, on-street routes in lieu of a dedicated trail in the Forest Preserve property
- Engage with multiple stakeholders and reach consensus on an alignment(s)
- Identify implementation steps, including funding strategies and intergovernmental agreements



Study Timeline

WE ARE HERE



Engagement Summary

LOCAL EVENTS

Miller Meadow, Party for the Preserves
September 24, 2022

Village of Riverside, Tour de Proviso
October 1, 2022



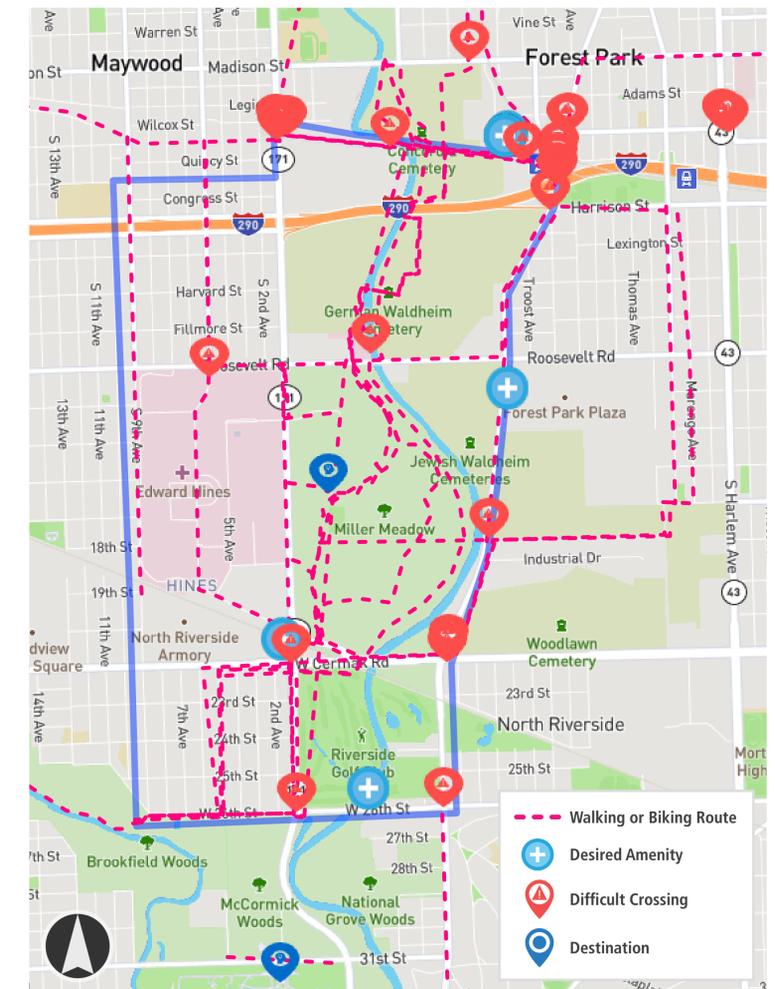
WIKIMAP & ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

Top Concerns / Desires

- Improve crossings
 - » Underpasses, overpasses, countdown timers
 - » Roads commonly mentioned: 1st, Roosevelt, Cermak, Des Plaines
- Improve access to destinations
 - » Miller Meadow, Brookfield Zoo, Loyola Medical Center, Town centers/neighborhoods, CTA Station
- Off-road trail system preferred
- Address safety issues
 - » Lack of sidewalks, lighting, wayfinding/signage, bikeways

Top Route Suggestions

- 1st Avenue
- 5th Avenue
- Miller Meadow
- Illinois Prairie Path
- Salt Creek Trail



Top Crossing Issues

- No bike lanes, crosswalk, curb ramp, signage or lighting
- Long and wide crossings
- No Traffic Control

Existing Conditions

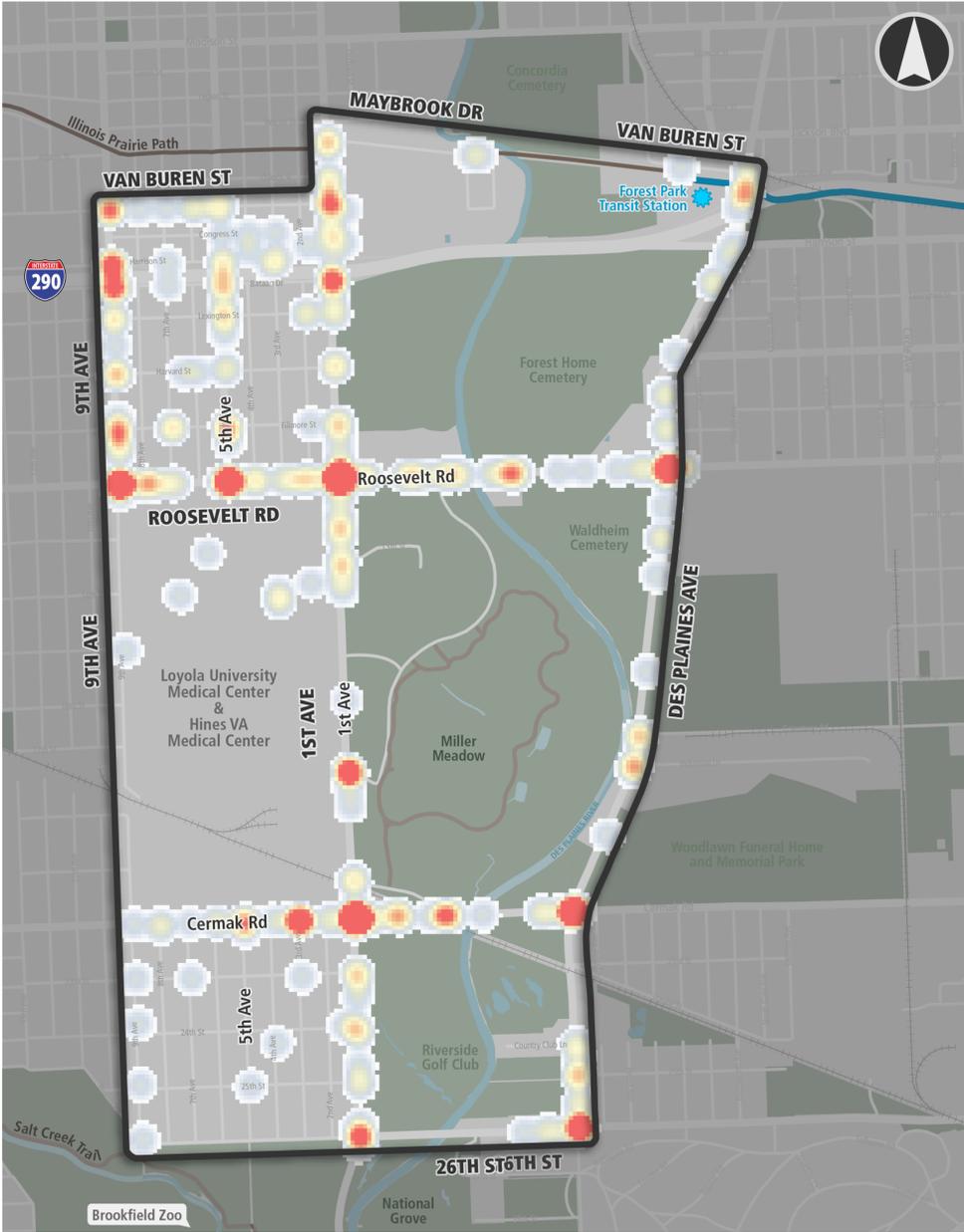
SAFETY

Bike and Pedestrian Crashes (2016-2020)



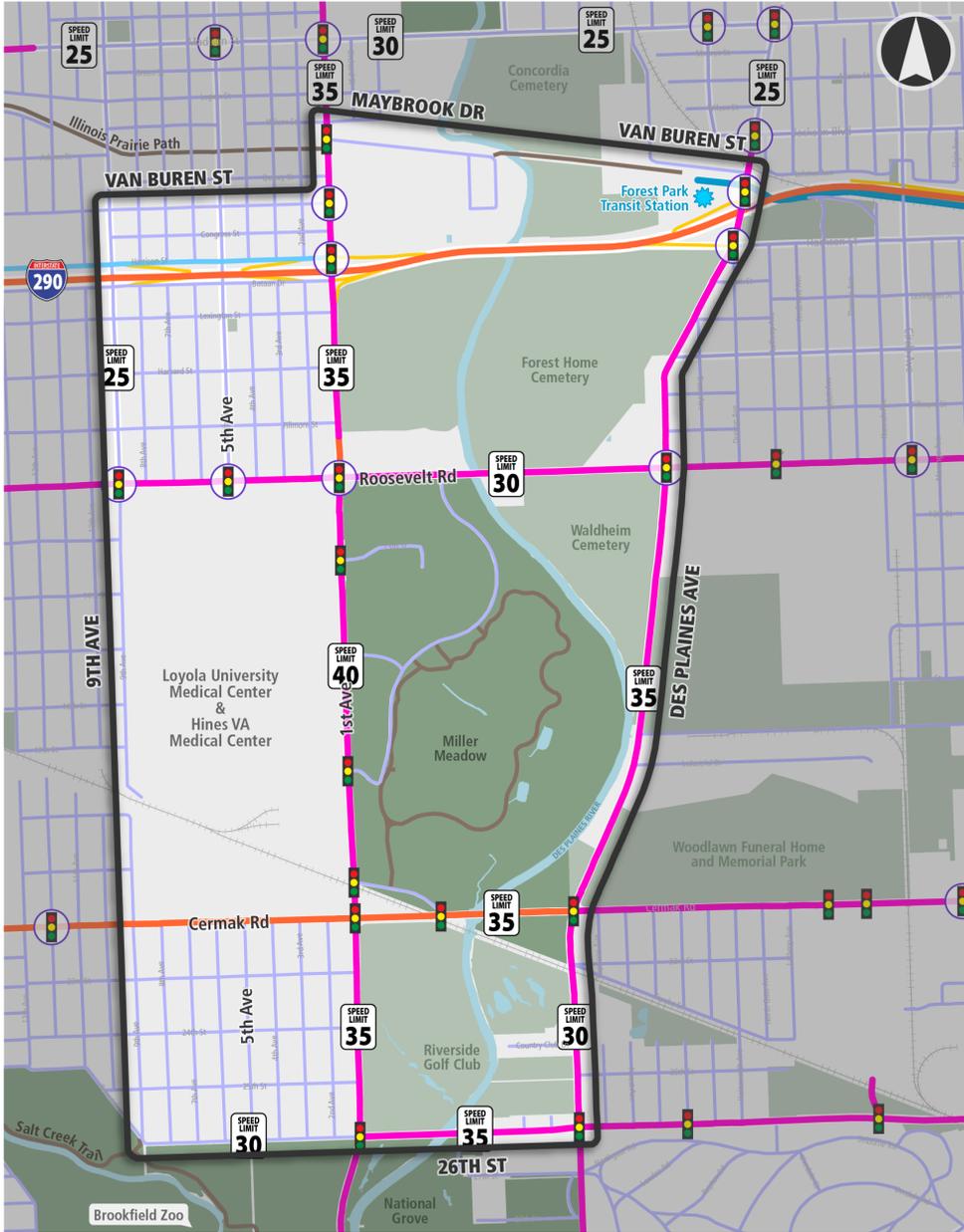
- Study Area Boundary
- Forest Preserve
- Other Open Space
- Existing Trail
- Severe Pedestrian Crashes**
- Fatal
- A-Injury
- B-Injury
- Severe Bicycle Crashes**
- Fatal
- A-Injury
- B-Injury

Injury Crash Hot Spots (2016-2020)



- Study Area Boundary
- Forest Preserve
- Other Open Space
- Existing Trail
- Injury Crashes Heat Map**
- Low
- Medium
- High

Speeds, Signals, and # of Travel Lanes

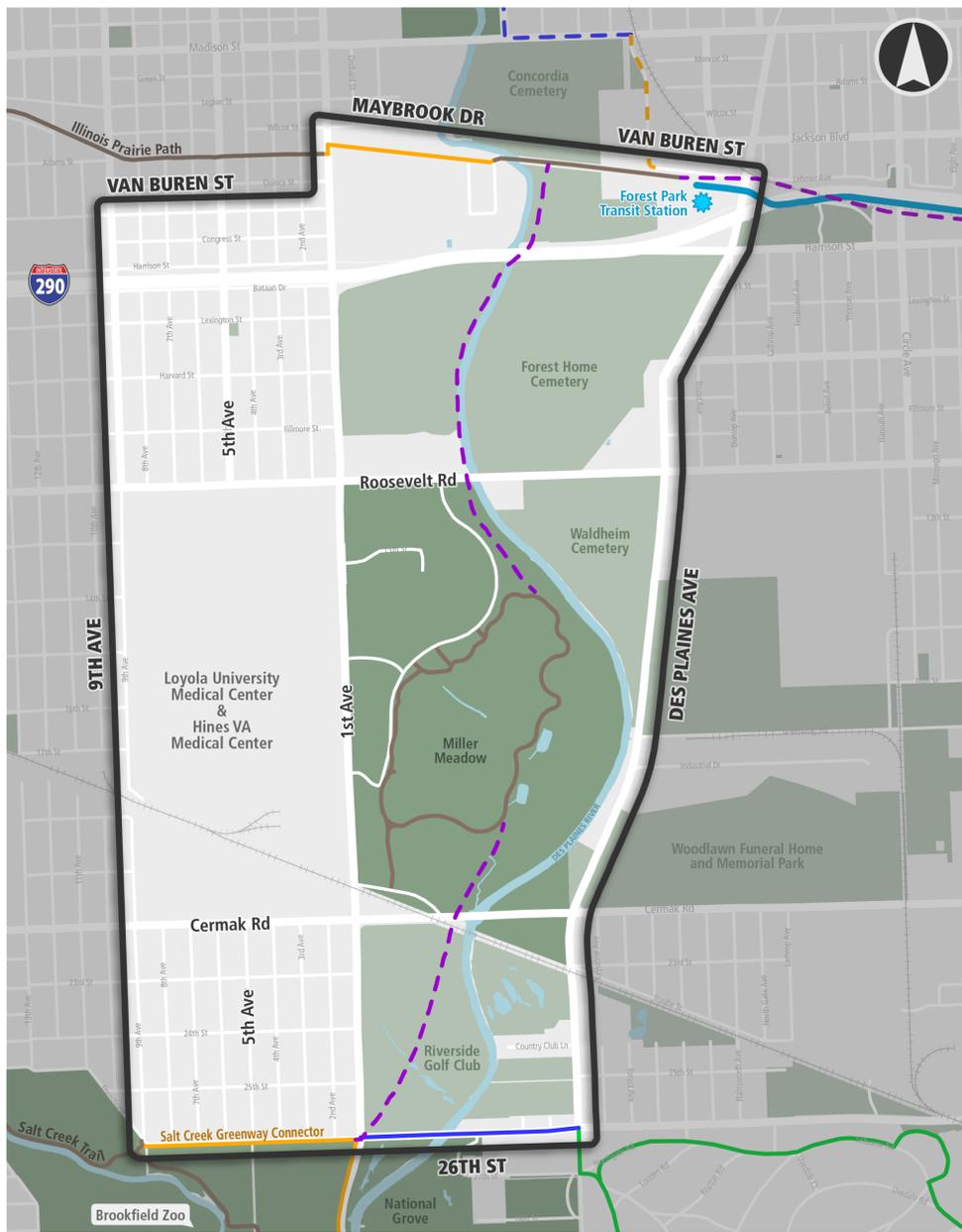


- Study Area Boundary
- Forest Preserve
- Other Open Space
- Existing Trail
- Number of Lanes**
- 1 Lane
- 2 Lanes
- 3 Lanes
- 4 Lanes
- 6 Lanes
- Intersections**
- Signalized
- Signalized with Pedestrian Signal

Existing Conditions

TRANSPORTATION CHARACTERISTICS

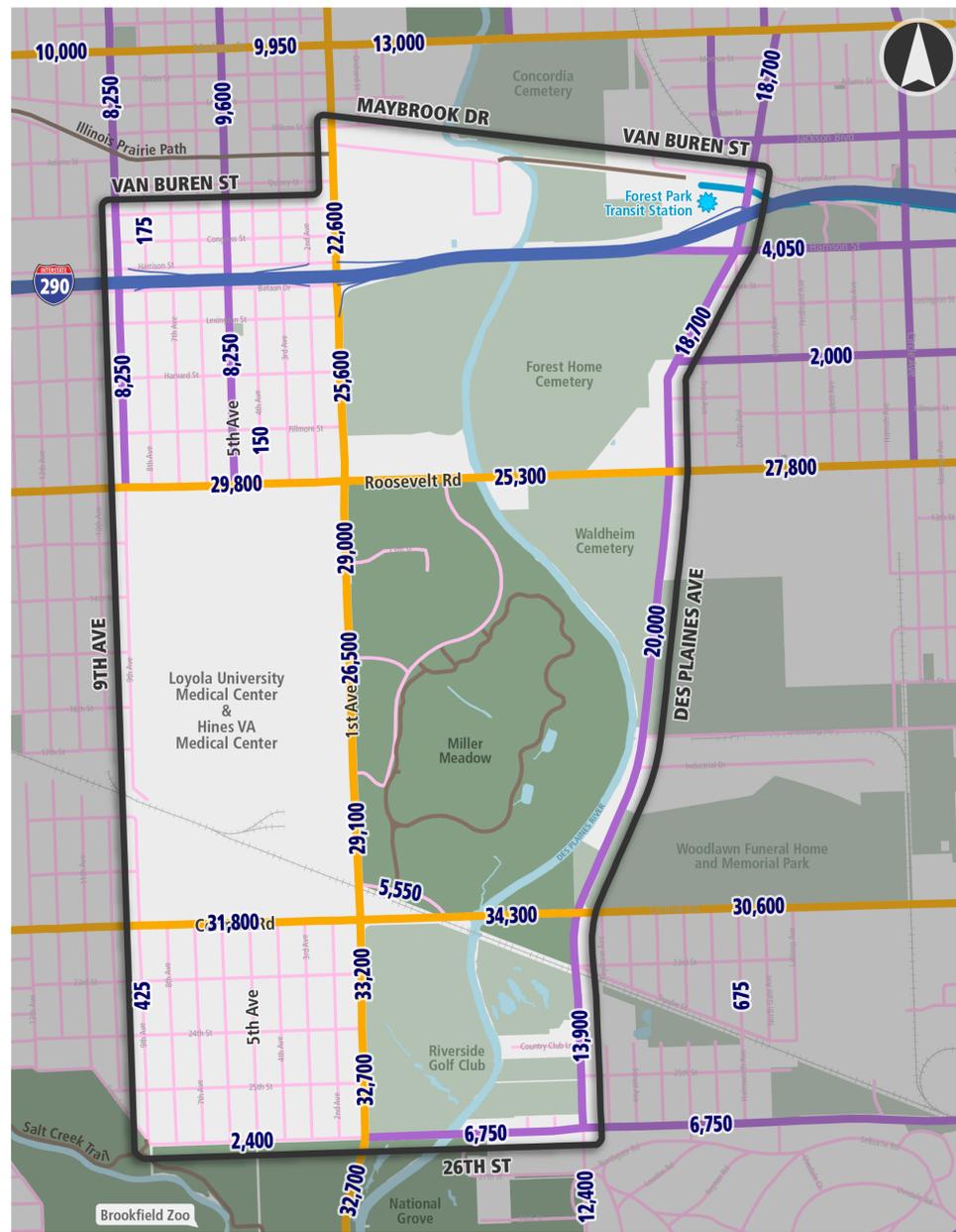
Existing and Planned Bike Facilities



Sources: CMAP, Cook County

- Study Area Boundary
- Forest Preserve
- Other Open Space
- CTA Blue Line
- Existing Trail
- Existing Trail Connector
- Existing Bike Lane
- Existing Bike Route
- Planned Regional Trail/Connector
- Planned Trail Connector (Sidepath)
- Planned Two-Way Cycle Track

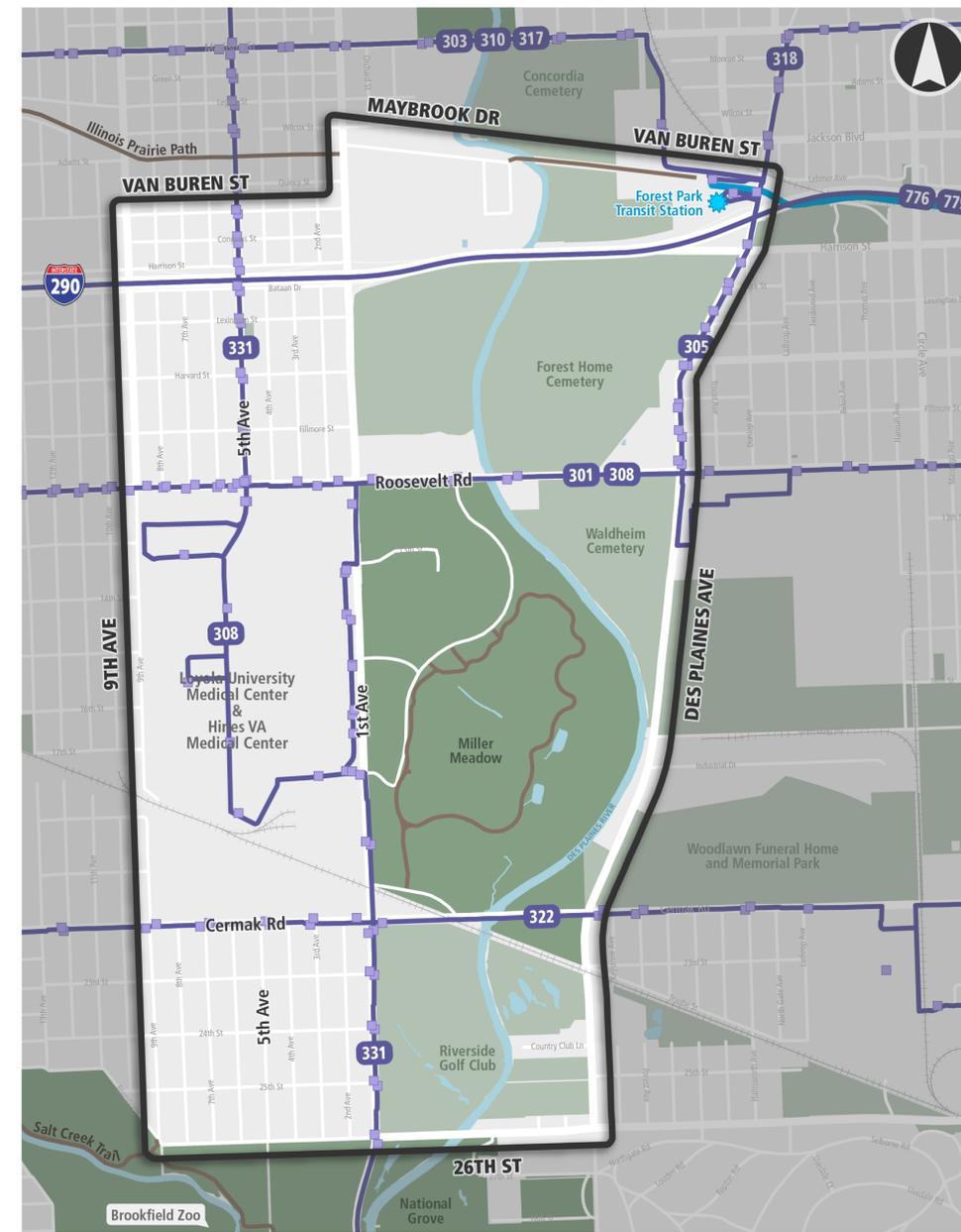
Annual Average Daily Traffic



Sources: IDOT

- Study Area Boundary
- Forest Preserve
- Other Open Space
- Existing Trail
- Functional Class**
- Interstate / Expressway
- Arterial
- Collector
- Local Road or Street
- AADT**
- #####** Average Annual Daily Traffic

Transit Network

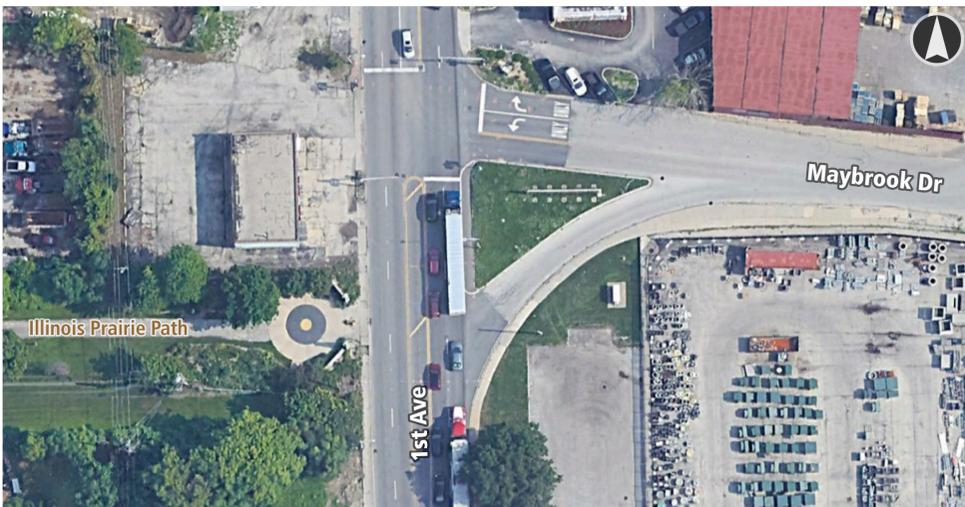


Sources: Pace, CTA

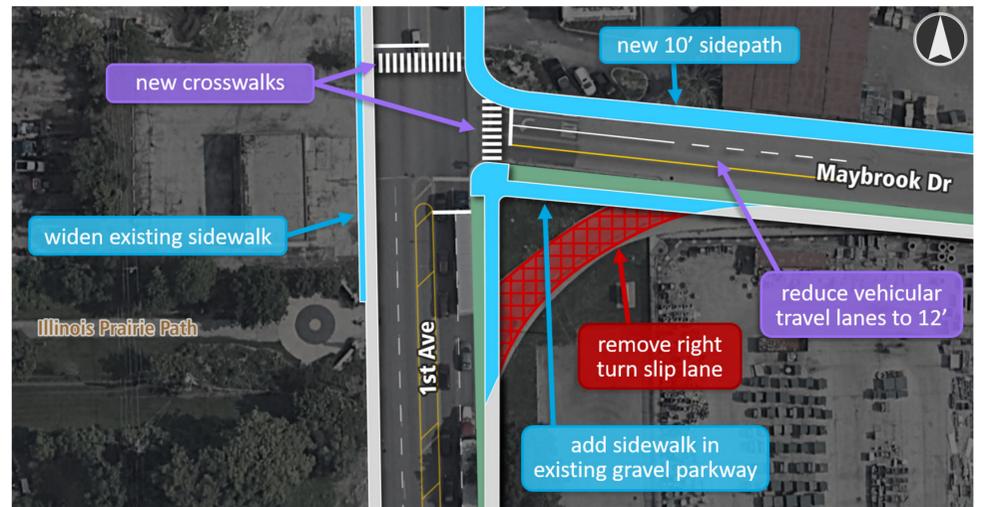
- Study Area Boundary
- Forest Preserve
- Other Open Space
- Existing Trail
- Transit**
- Pace Bus Stop
- Pace Bus Route
- * CTA Blue Line Stop
- CTA Blue Line

MAYBROOK & 1ST

Existing



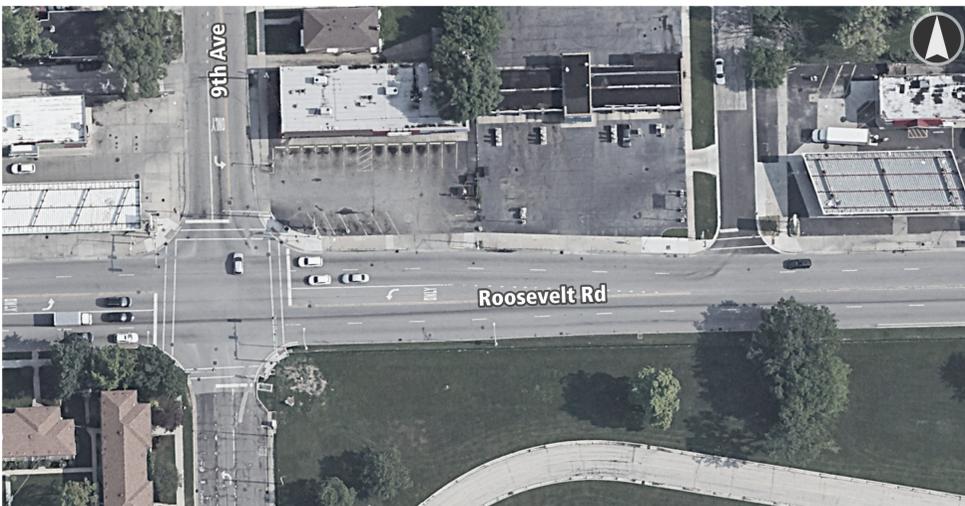
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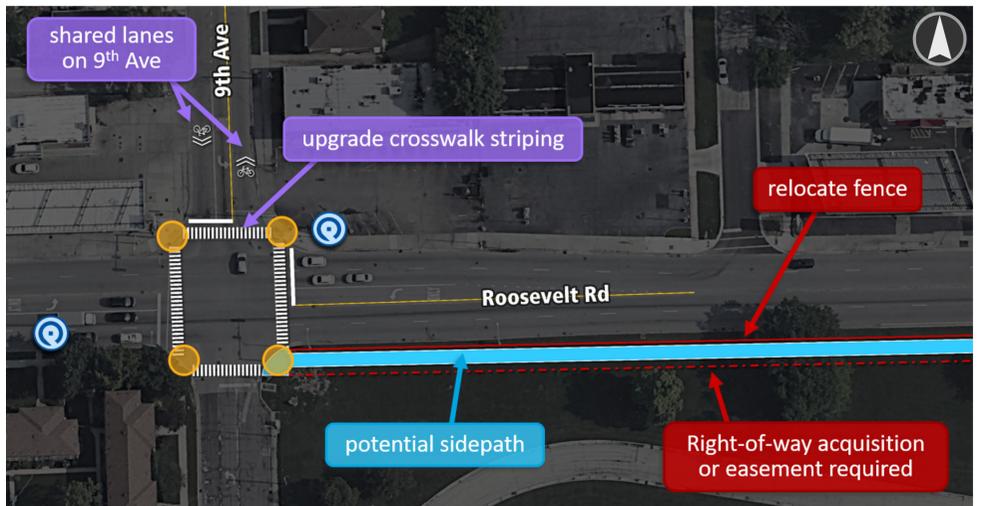
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ROOSEVELT & 9TH

Existing



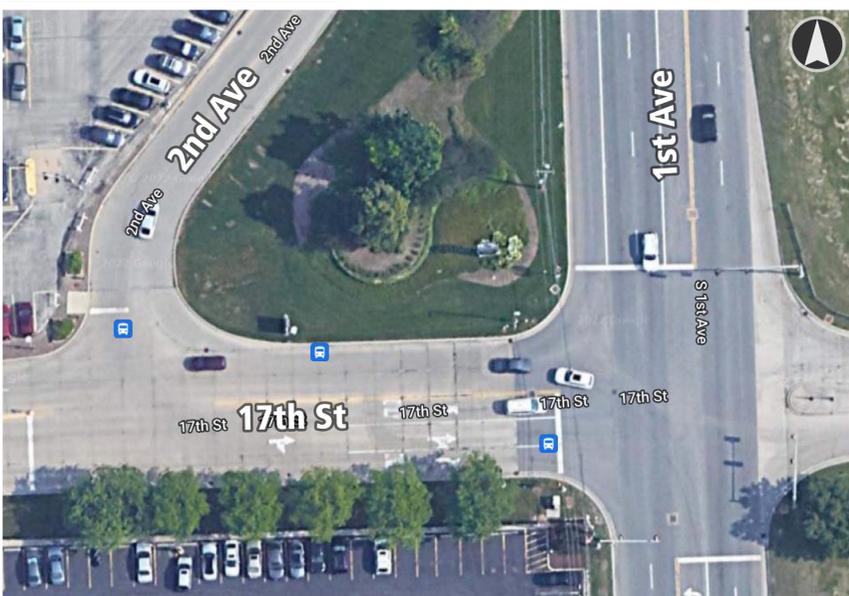
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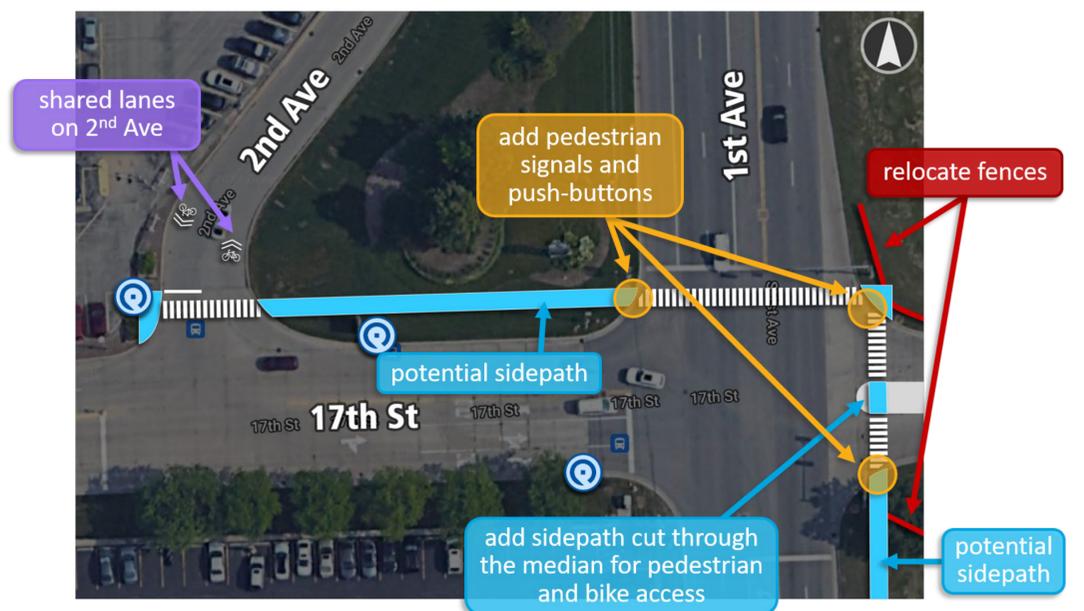
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1ST & 17TH

Existing



Potential



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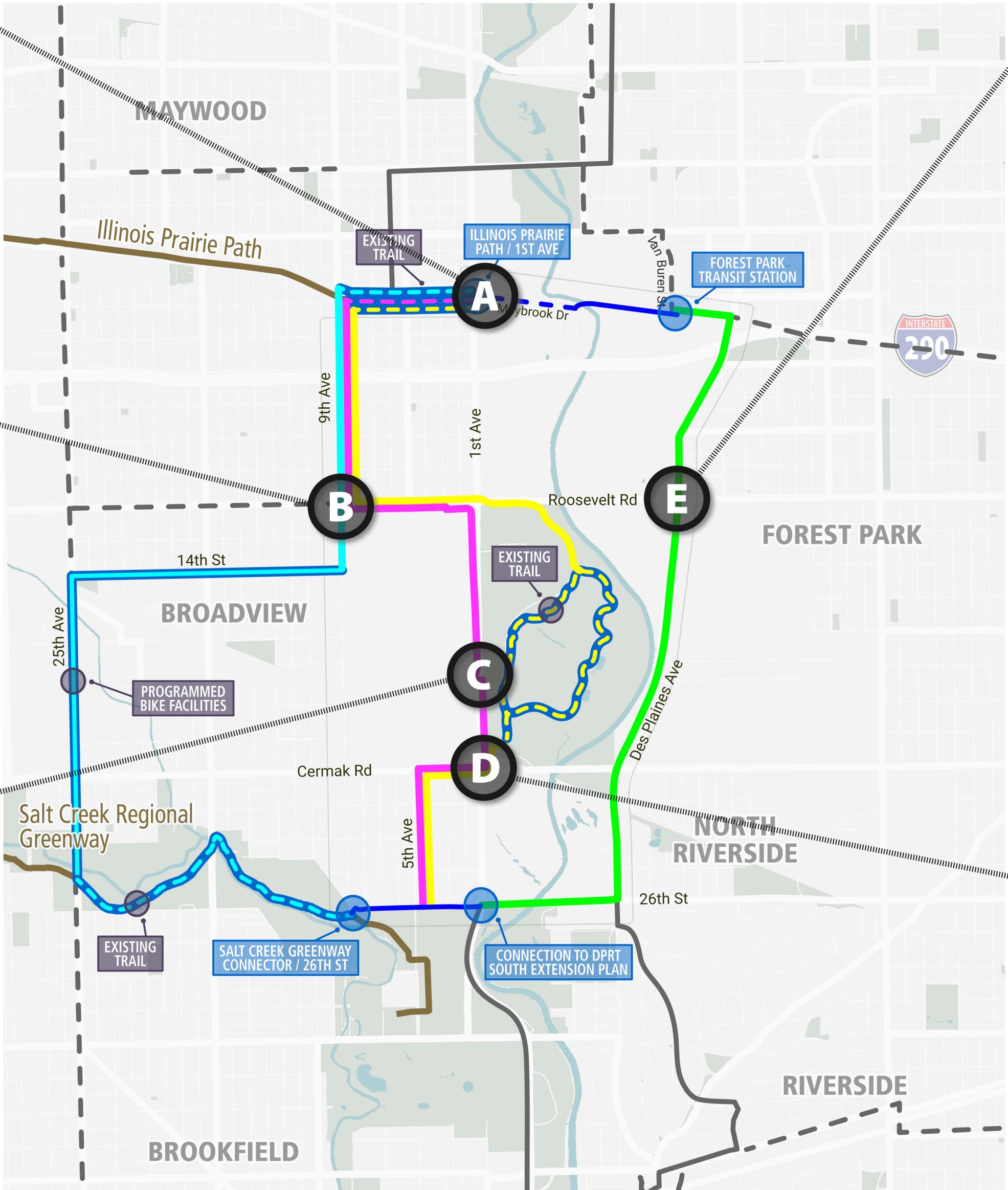


Pace Bus Stop



Pedestrian Signals and Push-Buttons

Alignment Options



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|  Existing Regional Trails |  Alignment #1 |  Alignment #3 |
|  Existing Bike Routes |  Alignment #2 |  Alignment #4 |
|  Future Bike Routes |  Existing/Programmed Bike Facility | |

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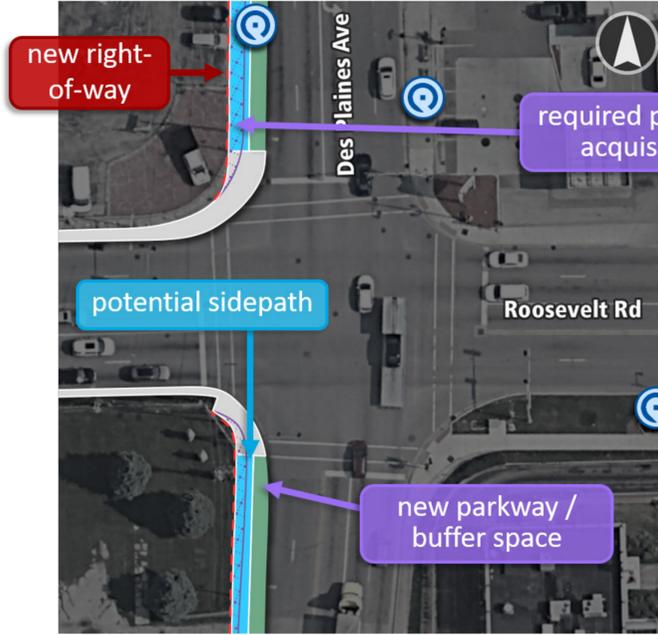
DES PLAINES & ROOSEVELT

Existing

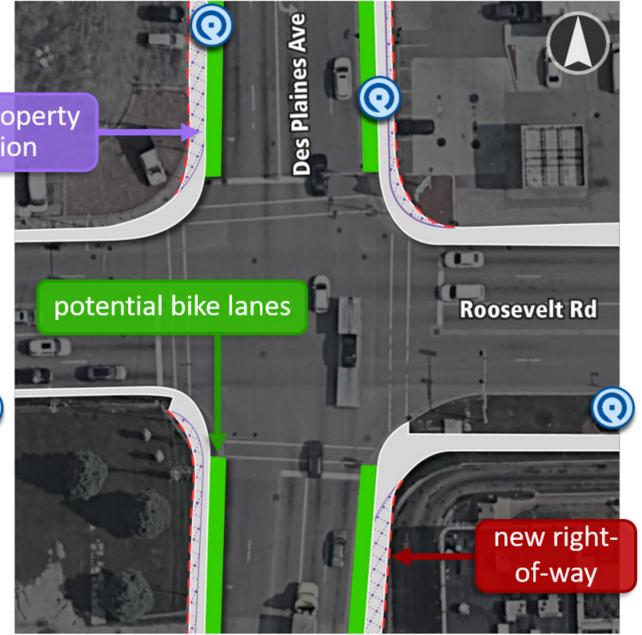


Potential

OPTION 1: SIDEPATH



OPTION 2: BIKE LANES



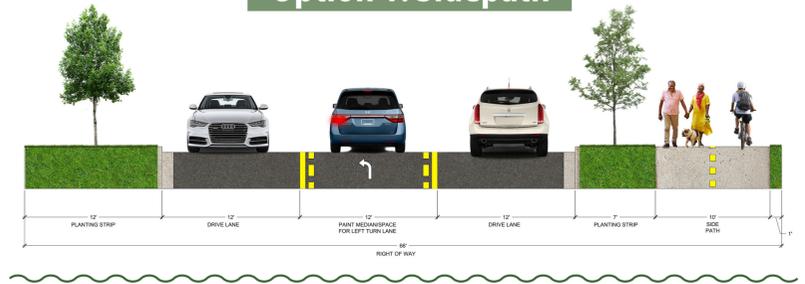
TYPICAL CROSS SECTION

Des Plaines Ave
from Roosevelt to Cermak
(looking north)

Existing



Option 1: Sidepath



Option 2: Bike Lanes



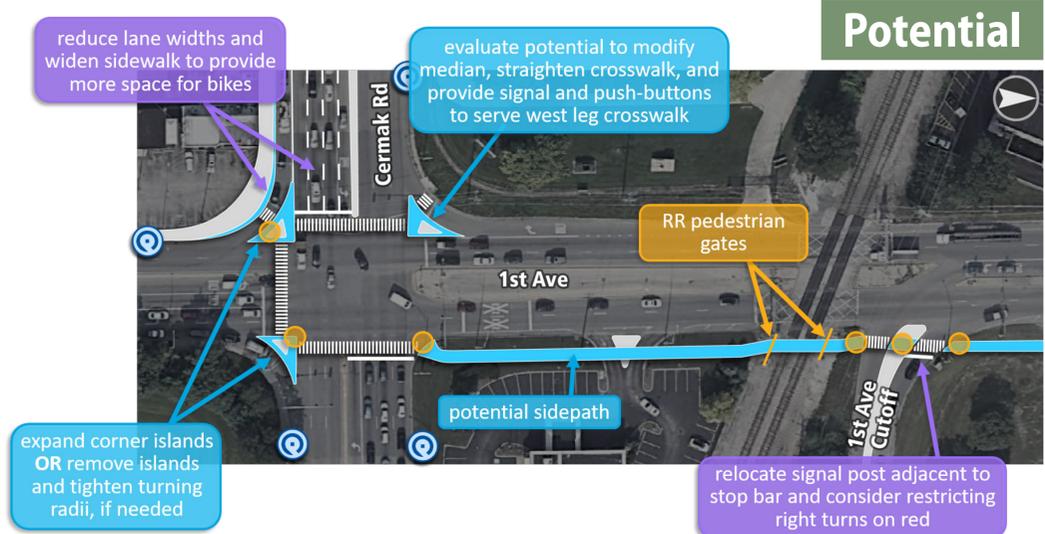
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1ST & CERMAK

Existing



Potential

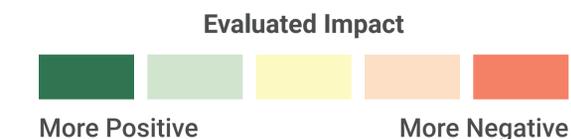


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Evaluation Criteria Matrix

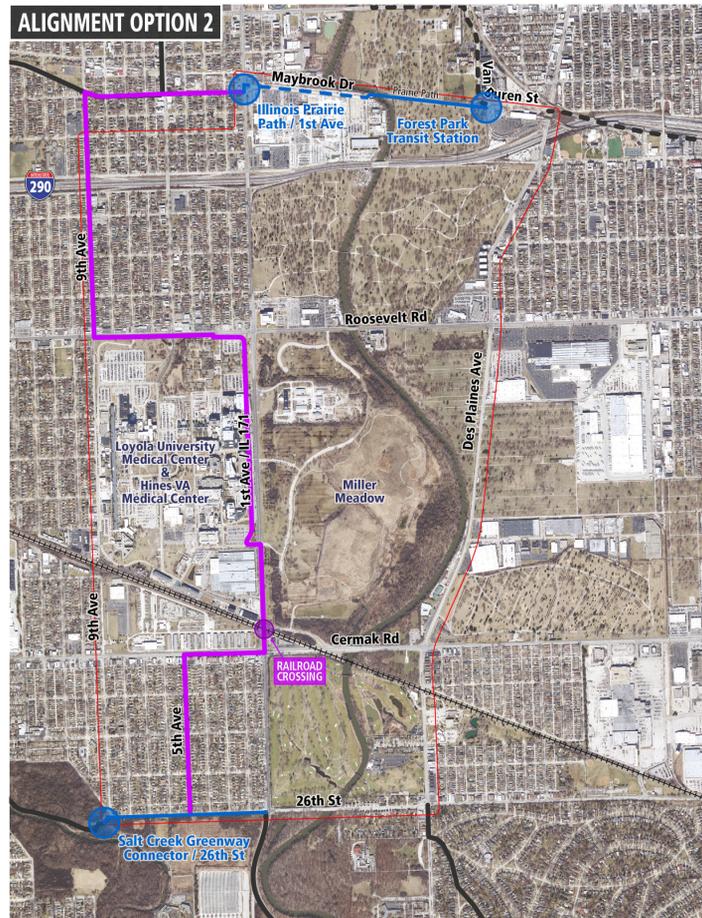
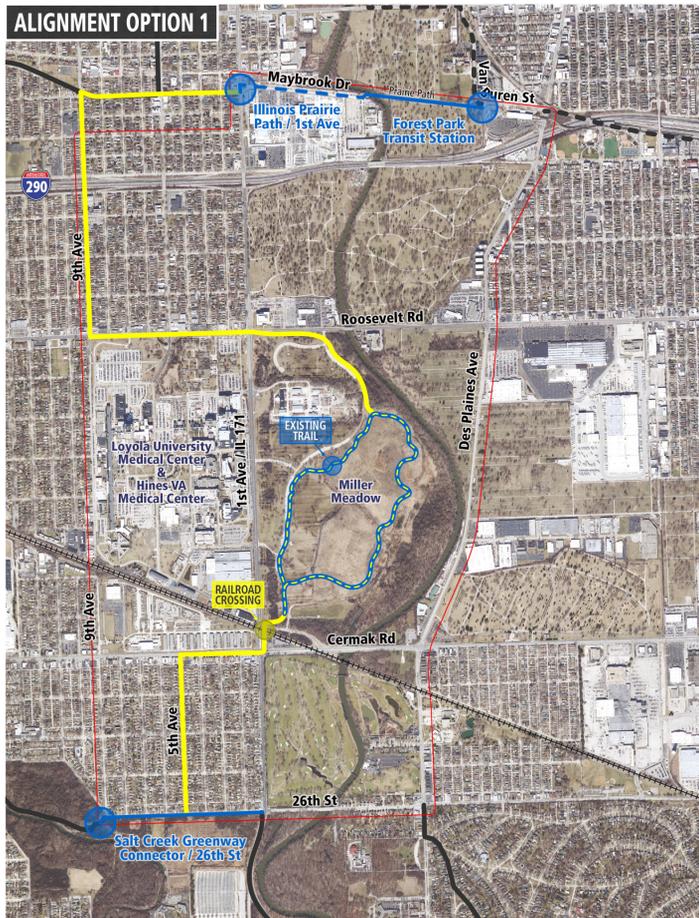
	User Experience			Community Connectivity		Environmental Considerations	Right-of-Way			Engineering Feasibility	Other		
	Direct Route	User Comfort (segments)	User Comfort (intersections)	Local Plans	Local Destinations	Wetlands / Waters of US	Land Acquisition	Tree Impacts	Utility Coordination	Structure Modifications	Cost	Agency Coordination	24-Hour Access
Alignment #1	Light Green	Dark Green	Yellow	Dark Green	Dark Green	Light Orange	Dark Green	Yellow	Yellow	Dark Green	Yellow	Yellow	Light Orange
Alignment #2	Dark Green	Light Green	Yellow	Light Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Light Green	Yellow	Dark Green	Light Orange	Yellow	Dark Green
Alignment #3	Dark Green	Yellow	Yellow	Light Orange	Yellow	Dark Green	Light Orange	Light Green	Light Orange	Dark Green	Light Orange	Light Orange	Dark Green
Alignment #4	Light Orange	Dark Green	Light Green	Dark Green	Light Green	Light Orange	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Dark Green	Light Green	Light Orange



- Alignment 2 (Medical Campus)** has the best overall score.
- Alignment 1 (Miller Meadow)** utilizes current trails in Miller Meadow but does not have 24-hour access.
- Alignment 4 (14th Street / 25th Avenue)** connects to planned and programmed bike routes but is a less direct connection between the Forest Park Transit Station, Illinois Prairie Path and the Salt Creek Greenway Connector at 26th Street.
- Alignment 3 (Des Plaines Avenue)** is the most complicated, expensive, and as presently shown does not connect with Miller Meadow.

Alignments Prioritization

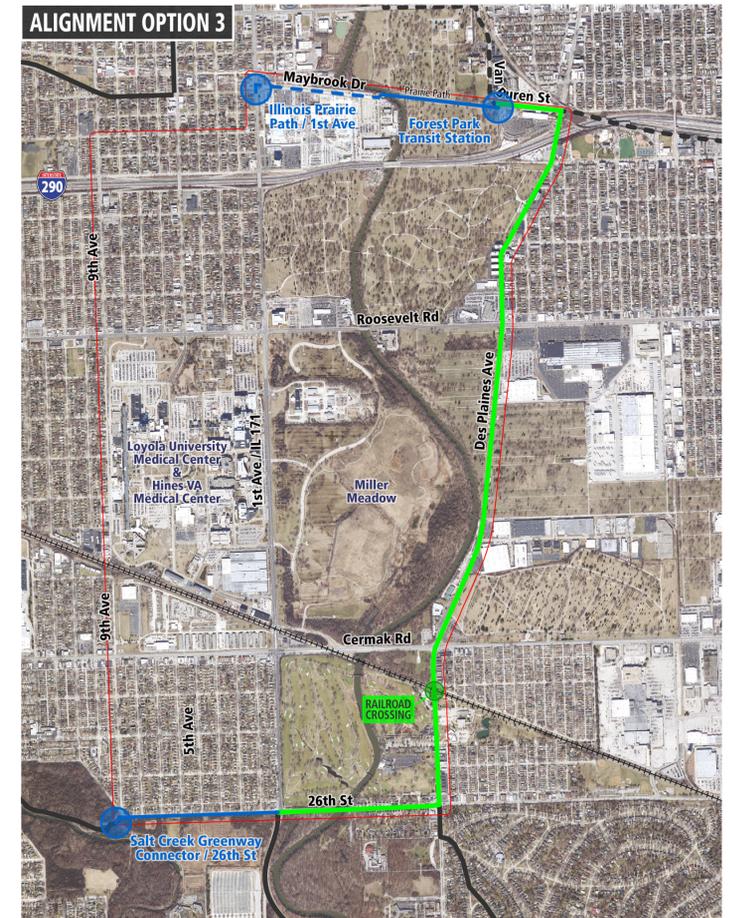
PRIORITY 1



PRIORITY 2



PRIORITY 3



Roosevelt Rd & 9th Ave

EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED FUTURE CONDITIONS



1st Ave & Railroad

EXISTING CONDITIONS



PROPOSED FUTURE CONDITIONS



We want to hear from you!

- Tell us what you think about the potential alignments this evening
- Email alex@activetrans.org with any comments after the meeting
- Provide comments through **May 9, 2023**
- Refine alignments based on community feedback
- Share the final plan summer 2023

PROJECT WEBSITE

<https://activetrans.org/dprt>

**Thank you for joining
us this evening!**

We look forward to continuing to work with you to connect the Des Plaines River Trail and improve bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the community.