

North Milwaukee Ave.

From Logan Square to Belmont

PSG Meeting #4

Meeting Summary

The fourth Project Study Group (PSG) meeting for North Milwaukee Avenue from Logan Square to Belmont Avenue was held virtually on Tuesday, July 21st from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. through Zoom. There were 48 participants in the virtual meeting.

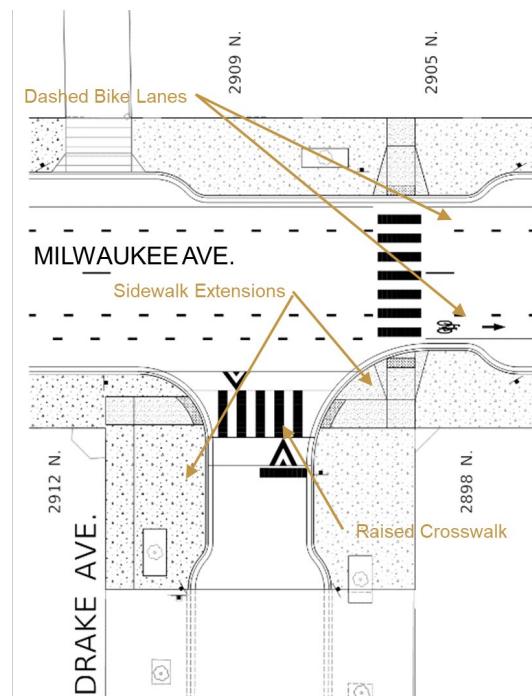
The meeting included the following:

- Presentation with project overview; design updates for Milwaukee Ave, Logan Square, and Kedzie Plaza; as well as considerations for programming and maintenance.
- Polls to obtain input on potential design features for Milwaukee Ave, Logan Square, and Kedzie Plaza.
- Q&A sessions throughout the meeting to address comments.

Milwaukee Avenue Update

The design team highlighted design features such as **dashed biked lanes**, **raised crosswalks**, **sidewalk extensions**, and **new trees** being added throughout the corridor.

With the addition of **sidewalk extensions**, there will be more space for sidewalk cafés and people spots. The exact locations for outdoor seating will be discussed with interested businesses.



Light poles will also be updated along Milwaukee Ave. The design team asked the PSG if they would prefer the Chicago 2000 Gateway pole or the Roadway Davit Arm pole along Milwaukee Ave. Of those who participated in the poll, the majority preferred the Chicago 2000 Gateway pole.

Logan Square Update

As part of this project, the design team developed four concepts for the Square which included various combinations of Complete Streets improvements, rerouting Milwaukee Avenue around the Square, realigning Kedzie Avenue at the CTA Blue Line terminal, and converting the streets around the Square to two-way traffic operations.

At the third PSG and public meetings, the design team presented the two-way concept that bends Milwaukee Ave around the northeast side of the Square, called **“Two-Way, The Bend,”** as the recommended design because it:

- Increases public space.
- Improves pedestrian access to the Square.
- Improves traffic safety and operations.
- Allows for flexible use of the streets for special events.



Two-Way, The Bend is the recommended design for Logan Square

Other updates to the Square include **removing unhealthy and undesirable trees, improving lighting levels, and enhancing views of the Centennial Monument.** The goal of the design team is to provide sufficient lighting in and around the Square by adding a mix of roadway- and pedestrian-scale lighting as well as restoring the historic globe light fixture on eight poles around the Centennial Monument. The design team launched several polls to obtain input on lighting levels, and the results showed that lighting levels are acceptable to the majority of those who participated in the poll.

North Milwaukee Ave.

From Logan Square to Belmont

PSG Meeting #4

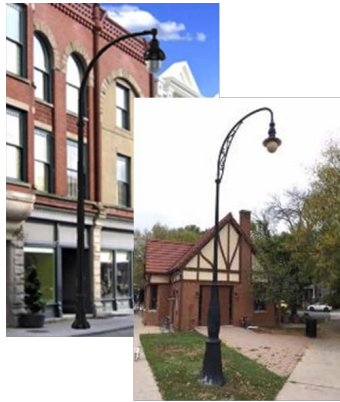
Meeting Summary

The PSG was also asked to share their preference on the following light pole styles and options:

- Option 1: Chicago 2000 Ornamental & Pedestrian poles
- Option 2: Cattail Variant & Pedestrian poles
- Option 3: Davit & Cattail Pedestrian poles



Option 1
Chicago 2000 Ornamental & Pedestrian Poles



Option 2
Cattail Variant & Pedestrian Poles



Option 3
Davit & Pedestrian Poles

For those who participated in the poll, Options 1 & 2 are most preferable.

Kedzie Plaza Update

Part of the Logan Square design includes a new public space, creating **opportunities for outdoor dining, transportation access, play / recreation features, and vegetation / green infrastructure**. During the meeting, the design team shared potential design features related to the alley closure, street furniture, planting palettes, and paving materials.

North Milwaukee Ave.

From Logan Square to Belmont

PSG Meeting #4

Meeting Summary

A local partner or community group such as a Special Service Area (SSA) would be needed to maintain some of the potential design features and activate the new public spaces with programming and events.



Potential Layout of Kedzie Plaza

Next Steps

The design team will review and consider all comments shared during the Q&A sessions throughout the meeting and continue to accept comments on potential design features through Friday, August 7, 2020.