# **North Lake Shore Drive Public Input Opportunity** Study Background











## Why is NLSD Being Studied?

- Over 80 years old and in need of reconstruction
- In need of safety, mobility, and access improvements
- Encompasses seven miles between Grand Avenue and Hollywood Avenue and includes:
  - 11 neighborhoods, six wards
  - 24 bridges and tunnels
  - 12 junctions











## Renewing all of Lake Shore Drive

- Museum Campus 1995-1998
  - Roosevelt Road McCormick Place
- South LSD Rebuild 2001-2004
  - McCormick Place 67<sup>th</sup> Street
- South LSD Extension 2012-2013
  - 79<sup>th</sup> Street Harbor Avenue
- South Lakefront Bridges ongoing
  - 35<sup>th</sup> Street, 41<sup>st</sup> Street, 43<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Lakefront Trail Separation ongoing
  - 71st Street Ardmore Avenue
- North LSD Rebuild estimated 2025+
  - Current project











## **Project Study Group (PSG)**



- Ensure compliance with design & environmental policies.
- Promote partnership with stakeholders.
- Work to achieve general project understanding.



Over 70 meetings to date







## **NLSD Stakeholder Involvement**

- Task Force Meetings
- Public Meetings
- Public Hearing
- Community Meetings
- Agency Coordination
- Newsletters
- Project Website

Over 100 meetings to date





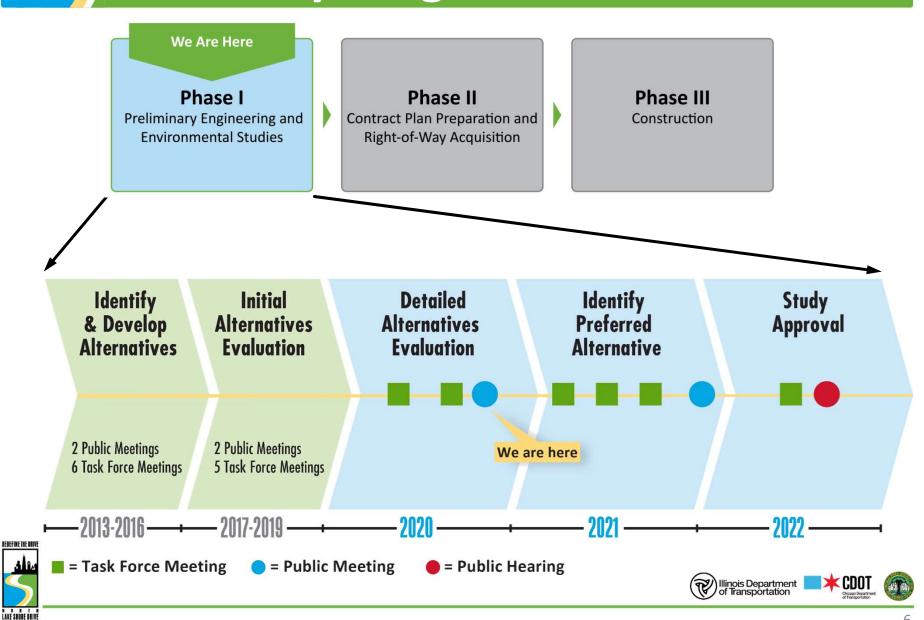








#### **Study Progress to Date**



## **NLSD Purpose and Need**

The purpose of the North Lake Shore Phase I Study is to improve the NLSD multimodal transportation corridor.

- Improve safety for all users
- Improve mobility for all users
- Address infrastructure deficiencies
- Improve access and circulation

The complete Purpose & Need document can be found on the project website: <a href="http://northlakeshoredrive.org/info">http://northlakeshoredrive.org/info</a> environ documents.html











## **NLSD Phase I Study Primer**

#### The NLSD Phase I Study follows the National **Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

- National framework for project planning
- Stakeholder involvement
- Rigorous and objective technical evaluation
- Agency oversight and approvals
- **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

#### **Other Key Federal Laws**

- Section 106 Historic Properties
- Section 4(f) Park and Recreational Lands













## **NLSD Alternatives Evaluation**

#### **Levels of Screening**

#### Level 1

Major Flaws

#### **Level 2 (Purpose and Need)**

- Conceptual level of detail
- General footprint review
- Travel modeling

#### **Level 3 (Finalist Alternatives)**

- Refined Concepts
- Detailed Social, Economic and Environmental Studies
- Updated Travel Modeling

