

# Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Council Public Meeting

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## Shared-use Trail and Trail Connection Development

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### Introduction

The upcoming Chicago Trails Plan includes 37 existing and potential trails around Chicago that contribute to a regional network. CDOT construction projects completed in the last few years include the 6.5-mile Major Taylor Trail to the south city limits, the elevated 1-mile Sauganash Trail to the north City Limits, grade separated access to the lakefront trail access at 18<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Streets, and a grade separate extensions of the North Shore Channel Trail under Lincoln and Peterson Avenue. Except for bridges and the northern segment of the Major Taylor Trail, these are operated by the Chicago Park District. (Also, several segments along the North Branch Trail have been built as requirement of private developments.



Projects in various stages of development include a Lakefront Trail flyover bypass at Navy Pier and widening of the Chicago River Bridge Sidewalk, the elevated 2.65-mile Bloomingdale Trail in Humbolt Park-Wicker Park, Lakefront Trail access bridges at 35<sup>th</sup> , 41<sup>st</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets, the Weber Spur Trail from the Elston Bike Lane and Labaugh Wood to the Village of Lincolnwood, paths and lanes concurrent with the new US Hwy 41 at the USX site, an underbridge connection and connector bridge at Addison on the North Branch Riverwalk , and the Forest Preserve District's extension of the North Branch Trail south toward Foster Avenue (intersecting the Weber Spur). Suburbs have been reaching toward the city in developing the Cal Sag Trail (to Major Taylor, and eventually Burnham Greenway, and Lincolnwood and Skokie are pursuing extensions of the Sauganash and Weber Spur Trails

### Activity Questions

1. What types of users must be considered in developing a new trail?
2. When and why do you use trails instead of on-street bikeways?
3. What factors and elements should be most important in developing new trails?