

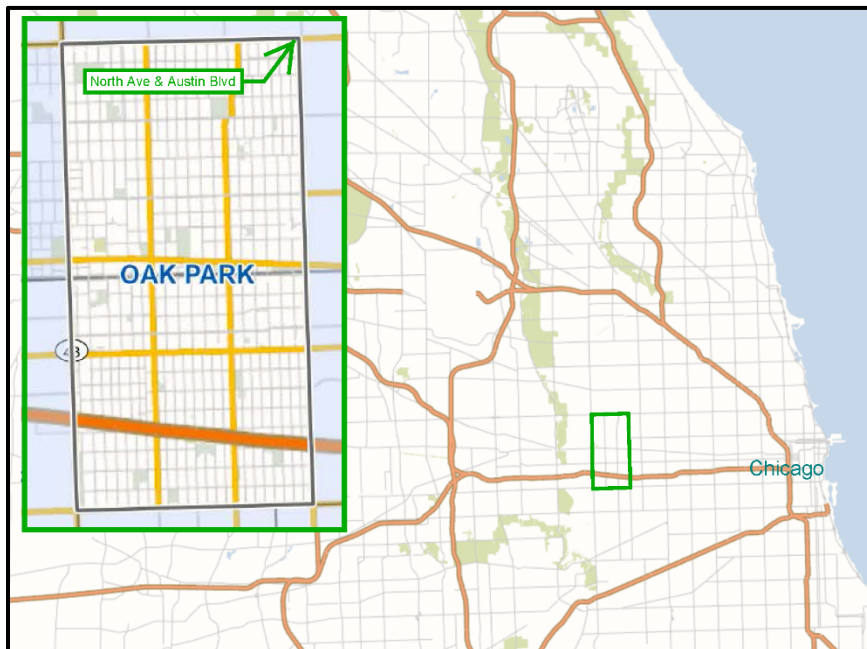
Village of Oak Park North Avenue Safety Improvements Project B-22-CP-IL-0333

North Avenue is a heavily used arterial carrying over 31,000 vehicles per day. The centerline of North Avenue is the border between the Village of Oak Park and the City of Chicago. Numerous pedestrian and vehicle safety related concerns exist along this congested corridor along with challenging conditions for development and the existing commercial businesses due to the high-speed nature of the roadway and lack of safe pedestrian access to both sides of the road.



Fulton Market Gateway: Chicago, IL on W Fulton St. near Halstead St.

The Village of Oak Park worked with Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) on a land use study to revitalize the North Avenue corridor. The land use study recommends enhancements to North Avenue to improve mobility, safety, and usability of the corridor. The Village of Oak Park also collaborated with the City of Chicago on a separate Chicago-Oak Park Traffic Safety & Mobility Study to identify traffic, safety, and mobility issues affecting all users. Both studies recommended traffic calming and streetscaping enhancements to enhance the comfort, safety, and convenience for users of all ages and abilities by improving safety at street crossings and to enhance the role of the street as a public place by creating new spaces for social connections, gathering, and community character.



Project Location Map

The proposed North Avenue Safety Improvement Project consists of the installation of a gateway feature near the entrance to the business district on North Avenue near the Austin Avenue intersection (see location map inset). The gateway feature will be used as a strong visual element to indicate to drivers that they are entering an area with increased pedestrian activity and the gateways will help calm and slow traffic to improve the safety of pedestrians. The gateway feature will also help meet other goals of the studies for improving the business

district and creating new spaces for the communities. Examples of other gateway projects similar in concept are shown in the inset images. The design of the proposed gateways for the North Avenue Safety Improvement Project would be developed in coordination with stakeholders during the design of the project.



*Gateway Concept for Jeddah, Saudi Arabia by
Dover, Kohl & Partners*

The scope of the proposed North Avenue Safety Improvement Project will consist of the Phase 1 preliminary design of the project which will include the conceptual design of the gateways, the preliminary engineering design, environmental reviews, and public engagement; the Phase 2 Engineering Design which will include the development of detailed plans and specifications and cost estimates; and the Phase 3 construction of the project which includes the fabrication and installation of the gateways and all associated construction related work for pavement removals, electrical, drainage and utility

work, etc. The \$200,000 in EDI CPF funds are proposed to be used only for the phase 3 construction of the project. The phase 1 and 2 designs and the construction engineering for the project will be funded using State or local funds.

Design of the North Avenue Safety Improvement Project would start shortly after the execution of a CPF Grant Agreement which is anticipated in the second quarter of 2023. Design of the project is anticipated to be completed in late 2024 for construction to occur in 2025. Construction of the North Avenue Safety Improvement Project would be coordinated with a separate planned City of Chicago led streetscaping project on North Avenue, anticipated for 2025.



*Hefei Vanke plaza entrance in
Hefei, China*