

# Museum Campus Transportation Study



## How to provide input at this open house

- ➔ **Use the interactive web application [metroplanning.org/museumcampus](http://metroplanning.org/museumcampus)**

The Metropolitan Planning Council's interactive public engagement website solicits ideas and comments on transportation to and around the Museum Campus. Use this system to propose ideas, comment on the ideas produced by others and offer your insight into issues facing transportation at the Campus.
- ➔ **Leave your thoughts on the **maps and boards** located throughout the open house, and on the **maps located on the back of this sheet.****
- ➔ **Discuss what you're thinking with representatives of the Metropolitan Planning Council, the Chicago Dept. of Transportation and Sam Schwartz Engineering, who are more than happy to talk!**

## About the study

Chicago's Museum Campus is home to the Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum of Natural History, Adler Planetarium, Soldier Field, Northerly Island, FirstMerit Bank Pavilion and Burnham Harbor, which collectively attract millions of visitors each year. The potential addition of the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art would bring even more people to the Campus.

Today the Campus is accessible via Chicago Transit Authority bus services, Divvy bike sharing, pedestrian ways and personal automobile, but both locals and visitors find this area very confusing to navigate. Congestion during peak attendance periods is significant, suggesting that the time is right to consider transportation improvements to serve both current and future Campus visitors and employees. In August 2014, City of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel created a task force to propose transportation enhancements to the Museum Campus area. The task force is chaired by Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) President MarySue Barrett and City of Chicago Chief Operating Officer Joe Deal. The task force is examining

current transportation flows and proposing ways to improve them, which may involve new investments or opportunities to better leverage nearby transportation infrastructure and services.

Task force members include the tenants of the Museum Campus, relevant government agencies and community stakeholders. This transportation task force is being staffed by the Chicago Dept. of Transportation and consultants at Sam Schwartz Engineering. Results from the study process are expected to be released in December 2014.

The task force's study will serve as the transportation element of the Museum Campus Framework Plan, a long-range plan that will establish a vision for the future of the Campus as a whole, with a focus on recreation, education, access and sustainability. The Framework Plan is being undertaken by the Chicago Park District, with assistance provided by architect Jeanne Gang.

## More opportunities to engage

### **Chicago Park District Museum Campus Framework Planning Meeting**

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 6:30 p.m.  
Spertus Institute, 610 S. Michigan Ave.

*The Park District is hosting a public meeting to establish a vision for the future of the Campus and guidelines for implementation of that vision. The framework plan being developed will incorporate the results of the Museum Campus Transportation Study.*

### **Greater South Loop Association Neighbor's Night Out and Open House**

Monday, Oct. 27, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Vice District Brewing, 1454 S. Michigan Ave.

### **Near South Planning Board Annual Membership Meeting (registration required)**

Thursday, Oct. 30, noon  
Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave.

# Leave your thoughts on these maps!



## Museum Campus and area attractions



## Existing transportation

