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**80 Years** of **Reinventing** the Region

**Corridor Development Initiative:**

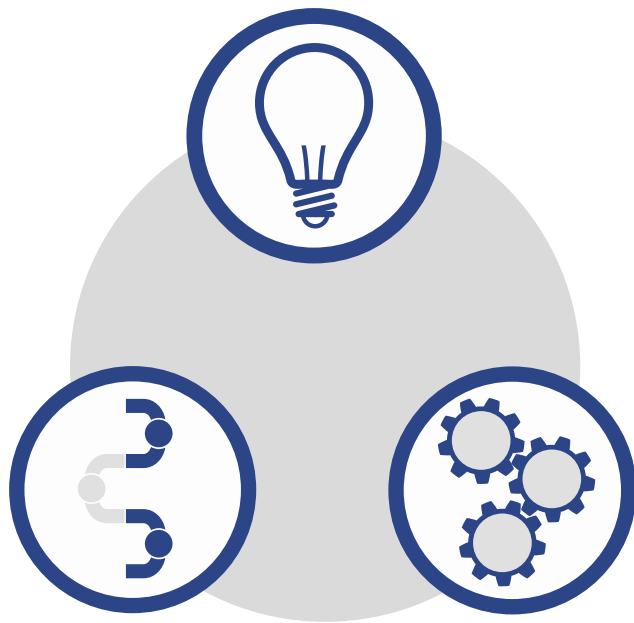
**Uptown**

Meeting 1

May 8, 2014

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# Metropolitan **Planning** Council



**Immediate and long-term solutions**

**Connect region's assets**

**Partnerships with communities,  
governments and business**

# Equitable Transit Oriented Development

The issue:

- In our region, the large majority of population and jobs is inaccessible to transit.
- The results are higher transportation costs, pollution, and segregated communities.

MPC encourages jobs and housing affordable to a range of incomes near transit.

# Corridor Development Initiative

A series of interactive, public workshops designed to plan proactively in the context of market realities.



# Why Uptown?

- One of the city's most populous communities
- Transit rich; strong access to the Loop and job centers
- Diverse community (income, race/ethnicity, linguistically, and culturally) with demographic shifts underway
- Significant public investments; may leverage private investment in the area

# Role of Alderman and MPC

- Ald. Cappleman will use the conclusions from this process to help guide plans with CPS, CTA, and other stakeholders
- MPC is an independent facilitator of this process

# Three Meetings

- Tonight: Setting the stage
  - Overview of existing conditions
  - Group discussions on community needs and goals
- Monday, May 12: Block exercise
  - Creation of hypothetical options for development sites, including design and financial characteristics
- Thursday, May 29: Developer forum
  - Response from three development experts about community proposals

# Tonight

- We will discuss the future of Uptown, with a specific focus on two adjacent areas:
  1. The former Stewart School and parking lot.
  2. The land paralleling the Wilson Station.



# Stewart School

- 107-year-old Stewart School closed in 2013.
- CPS will be seeking development proposals for the building and adjacent parking lot.
- A range of uses is possible.



# Wilson Station Sites

- CTA plans to invest \$200 million in the renovation of the Wilson Station, and will add a Purple Line stop there.
- As part of the renovations, land will be freed up east and west of the tracks.
- This space could be used for new transit-oriented development.



# Keypad Polling



# Who is in the room?

- **What is your role in Uptown?**
  - I live here
  - I work here
  - I live and work here
  - None of the above; I just like it here

# Who is in the room?

- **If you live in Uptown, do you rent or own?**
  - Rent
  - Own
  - None of the above

# Who is in the room?

- **How old are you?**
  - 0-18
  - 19-30
  - 31-50
  - 51-64
  - 65+

# Who is in the room?

## How do you self-identify?

- White
- African American or Black
- Asian
- Latino and/or Hispanic
- Two or more
- None of the above

# Q & A



# Small Group Discussion

- Use this time to talk about the future of Uptown.
- Your table facilitator will help get the conversation going.
- Use the information sheets at your table for more information.
- We will report back to the group.

# Next Meeting

- Please join us **Monday, May 12 at 6 PM** for the next meeting, which will be a block exercise, a hands-on opportunity to sketch out a future for the neighborhood.
- Go to [metroplanning.org/uptown](https://metroplanning.org/uptown) for more information.

