



MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Desired State: Lake Forest has a comprehensive system of major streets and transportation options which connects areas within and beyond the City limits. It is desirous to maintain this system while preserving the character of The City of Lake Forest. An integrated, citywide, regional and multimodal transportation system that is safe, functional, and provides mobility opportunities will foster greater economic development, that minimize and relieve future congestion, and benefit all residents.

In 2022, The City of Lake Forest will be regionally linked and easy to navigate regardless of resources or ability. The City will create effective local, regional, and mass transportation options for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists alike. This will be achieved through the pursuit and advancement of transportation options, expansion of “inter-connectedness” of non-vehicular pathways, and enhancement of regional transportation and existing roadway infrastructure.

Outcome, Opportunities, Obstacles: As a land-locked, predominantly built-out community, the opportunities to connect on a regional scale are challenging. However, providing transportation alternatives that interconnect with neighboring communities and improving mobility within the community will accommodate and encourage the use of multi-modal transportation and bicycle use.

Pursuit of these activities will open the door to community partnerships and new service opportunities that cannot only improve quality of life for residents, but also enhance business perceptions of the City by improving traffic efficiencies for employees. Perhaps the greatest challenge that the City may face in pursuit of this strategic goal is identifying the appropriate resources to make the improvements desired.

1 *Continue to promote strong interconnections and coordination between transportation and land development projects.*

- ⇒ Explore opportunities to enhance community development projects (i.e. Residential and Non-Residential) that achieve greater “urban-suburban” feel through connections to multi-modal transportation routes.
- ⇒ Seek public infrastructure projects that promote greater mobility and enhance safety.
- ⇒ Identify opportunities to enhance the Lakefront area as an additional gateway into the community.



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2 *Promote safety and expansion of inter-connectedness of non-vehicular roadways on local and regional level.*

- ⇒ Identify opportunities to expand and connect non-vehicular pathways.
- ⇒ Investigate non-vehicular pathway safety improvements (i.e. streetlights, under/overpasses, safety markers for trails, etc.).
- ⇒ Enhance the pedestrian/bike trail and sidewalk inspection and maintenance program.
- ⇒ Seek partnership opportunities with the Lake County Forest Preserve to ensure best practices are met in design, construction method and materials.

3 *Pursue and advance public transportation service opportunities for residents, organizations, businesses and institutions.*

- ⇒ Collaborate with PACE, State, and County to identify and promote public transit opportunities to community stakeholders.
- ⇒ Advocate initiatives that seek to improve and expand commuter rail services (e.g. Metra, Amtrak, etc.) in Lake Forest, in particular, express trains to Chicago.
- ⇒ Identify and leverage partnerships or grants to support public transportation services and capital projects.
- ⇒ Implement a bicycle sharing program that links commuter rail facilities to commercial corridors, parks and recreation locations, and institutions.