

CCSE Transportation Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 9, 2013

Time: 3:00- 4:00 p.m.

Location: CUPPA Hall, Room 110

Discussion/Things that have been established:

1. Circle Interchange Project is a nearly \$500 million/ four to five year project starting now with demolition and reconstruction of the Morgan Street Bridge. A total of 8 bridges will be reconstructed. UIC will be most impacted by work being conducted on Peoria, Morgan and Halsted bridges, as well as ramps over Halsted and Harrison. Work on the Peoria Street Bridge will affect the UIC-Halsted Blue Line stop (which was deemed a major entry point to campus in the Master Plan).
2. Master Plan "University Gateway" discussion. The pathway coming off of the Peoria Street Bridge is the busiest on the Forest Park Blue Line service, with many students using this area as an entry point to campus. A pedestrian and bicycle path will direct people to a single entrance on Harrison, creating a much more welcoming bicycle and pedestrian friendly entrance to campus. Envisioned design elements include sloped walls, scoring on concrete, landscaped island, flagpoles, etc.

Things we are continuing to work on:

1. A continued series of requests for more bike parking. A way to understand where cyclists prefer racks near and around UIC-Halsted Blue Line stop, and CUPPA Hall and Art and Design Hall. It is suggested to sponsor a meeting for faculty and staff to gauge this opinion. It is UIC's responsibility to purchase and maintain the bike racks, while also it is important to ensure safety and security. Work with designers (for bridge construction related to the Circle Interchange Project) to understand where bike racks can be placed (in front of CUPPA Hall, on bridge, etc.). Ultimately, a study would need to be conducted to understand who is biking to and from campus, parking near the UIC-Halsted Blue Line stop, would want to leave their bike overnight near UIC-Halsted Blue Line stop, where is the safest location, number of spots needed, etc.