Elevated Chicago’s Steering Committee*

Arts + Public Life
Center for Neighborhood Technology
City of Chicago Department of Public Health
Enterprise Community Partners Chicago
Esperanza Health Centers
Foundation for Homan Square
Garfield Park Community Council
IFF
Latinos Progresando
Latin United Community Housing Association
Logan Square Neighborhood Association
Metropolitan Planning Council
Sunshine Enterprises
The Chicago Community Trust
ThoughtWorks
Urban Juncture
Washington Park Development Group

A list of individuals serving on our committee and working groups is available at ElevatedChicago.org.

* As of December 2017

Our governance
A Steering Committee is guiding, implementing and evaluating the initiative’s work plan. Three working groups (WG) comprised of steering committee members and other key stakeholders are charged with designing and implementing strategies around Capital and Programs, Systems Change and Knowledge Sharing. Inclusive Community Tables (CT) at our sites inform our strategies and determine our priorities in support of capital projects, programs, policies, narratives, data and technical assistance. A council of senior leaders from across the city and region will help advance systemic change and work plan implementation.

Elevated Chicago member Urban Jucture brought together community leaders, artists and residents to dedicate a new mural promoting resiliency near the 51st St. Green Line station.

Elevated Chicago member Logan Square Neighborhood Association and LUCHA led a community resiliency event at the Logan Square–Blue Line station, which included a mural dedication.
ELEVATED Chicago is a new initiative formed to promote racial equity, prosperity and resiliency in Chicago communities by using equitable transit-oriented development—or eTOD—as the catalyst for change.

Led by a collaborative of nonprofit, public and private organizations, Elevated Chicago aims to turn the ½-mile around transit stations into racially equitable centers for climate resiliency, health and culture. Our work is guided by the core principles of adaptability, impact, inclusion, innovation and transparency. By enabling community-driven development, Elevated Chicago will position station areas as civic assets where programming and the built environment converge to create nodes of opportunity and connection across the region’s vast transit system.

Our work has started within the half-mile radius around seven Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) or eTOD hubs, located in the following areas (see map):

- Green Line South eTOD hubs (three stations):
  - 51st Garfield
  - Cottage Grove & 63rd
- Kedzie Corridor eTOD hubs (two stations):
  - Kedzie
  - Kedzie-Homan
- California—Pink Line eTOD hub: California
- Logan Square—Blue Line eTOD hub: Logan Square

In 2017, Elevated Chicago awarded $700,000 in grants to nonprofits to fund:

- our working groups and community tables
- the activation of our station areas through community events and engagement
- racial equity within our collaborative
- capacity building for organizations developing housing, community centers, retail, vacant land, and other capital projects
- projects advancing climate and cultural resiliency.

In the next few years, we expect to deploy millions more in grants and capital investments for projects and programs within a half-mile radius of each eTOD hub in collaboration with national and local funders and investors.

The Time Is Now

The Chicago region is among the most segregated in the country—the result of a century of racially motivated disinvestment and wealth extraction in which the built environment was used to separate communities of color from opportunity. As a result, health and economic indicators show stark differences between communities: average life expectancy in communities of color, for example, can be up to 17 years shorter than in majority-white neighborhoods. [Source: Chicago Health Atlas]

Elevated Chicago builds on a catalytic moment spurred by new local and regional planning, policy and finance tools designed to promote an inclusive built environment (such as Healthy Chicago 2.0 or the Chicago Community Catalyst Fund). We aim to facilitate implementation of community-led projects by deploying resources, building capacity and removing structural barriers.

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