

# A New Look for

# Roosevelt Road

Roosevelt Road Streetscape Design Plan & Zoning Regulations | Village of Oak Park, City of Berwyn, Town of Cicero | July 2008

## Public Workshop on Roosevelt Road Upgrades

To be held on July 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Residents, visitors, property owners, merchants and others who are interested in what's being planned for the stretch of Roosevelt Road that runs from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue are invited to a public workshop on July 30, 2008. The 7:00 p.m. workshop will be held at St. George Church, 1220 South 60th Court in Cicero. Attendees will be given a preview of a draft streetscape design plan for the Roosevelt Road Corridor and an opportunity to provide feedback to municipal officials, officials and the consultant team. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

### What Do You Think?

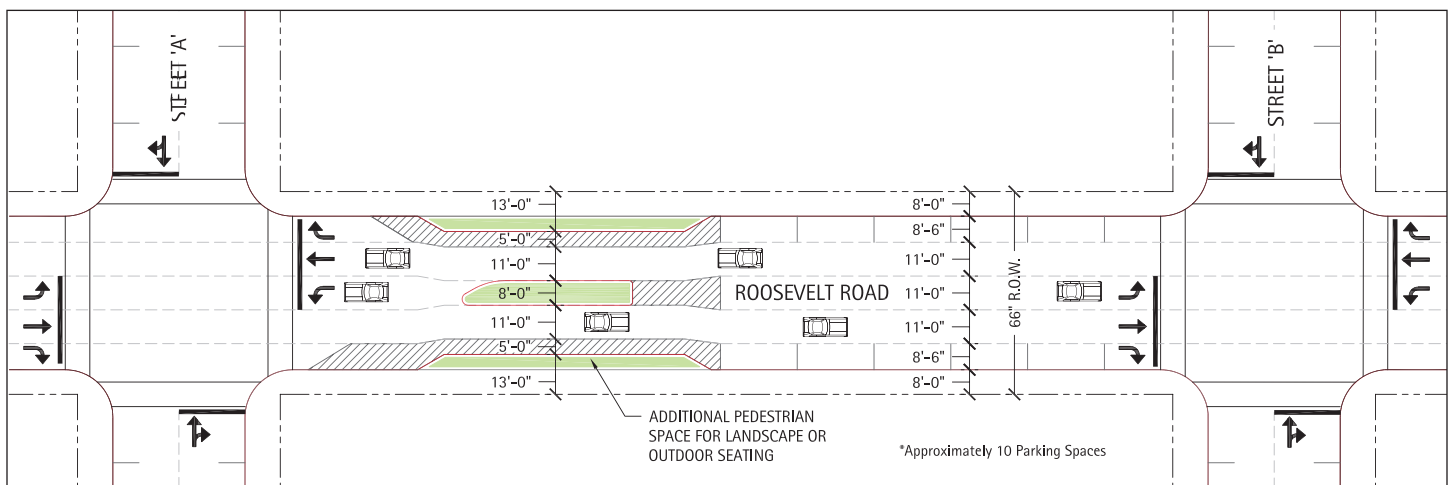
No preparation is required for the July 30th public workshop, but here are a few questions just to get you thinking:

1. What physical improvements (e.g., sidewalk widening, lighting, landscaping, street furniture, parking arrangements) would make it a more attractive and pedestrian friendly street?
2. What changes would attract more customers and visitors from adjacent neighborhoods?
3. What types of land uses should be encouraged along the corridor?

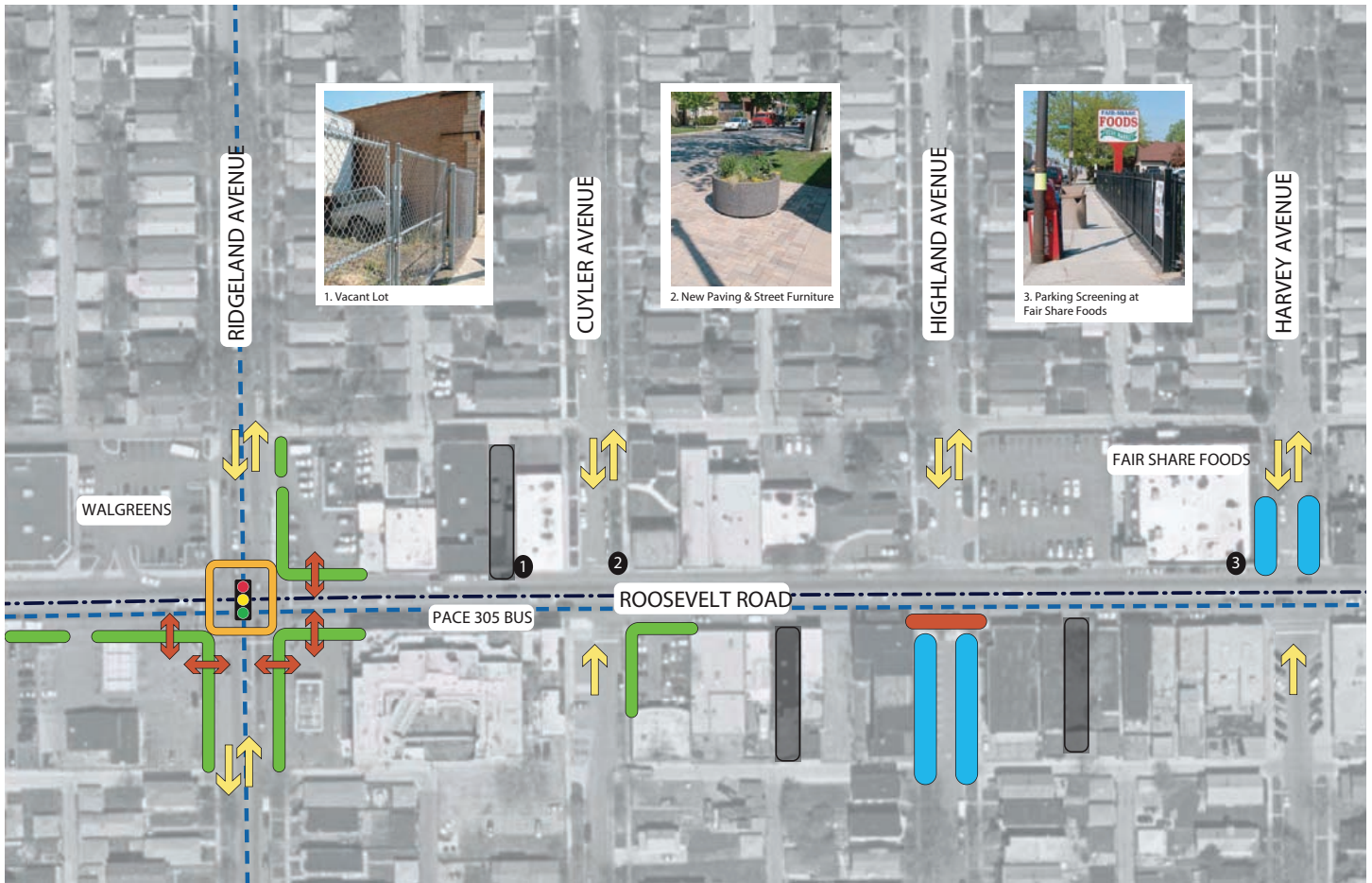
## What is a Streetscape Plan?

A streetscape design plan is a policy document that establishes the official vision and recommendations for future landscape and construction improvements to streets and sidewalks in an area. The Roosevelt Road streetscape design plan will build upon the 2001 Roosevelt Road redevelopment plan. The forthcoming streetscape plan will recommend physical design and engineering improvements to some or all of the following elements:

- Turning lanes and controls
- Street resurfacing
- Driver and pedestrian visibility and sight lines
- On- and off-street parking
- Landscaping and street trees
- Crosswalk surfaces and signals
- Bicycle lanes
- Street lighting
- Signage
- Drainage and flood control
- Driveways and curb cuts
- Street furniture, e.g., benches, trash receptacles



One of several proposed street and sidewalk configurations that will be discussed at the July 30th workshop includes landscaped medians and wider sidewalks along portions of the corridor.



**Corridor Opportunities and Constraints Map:** *Current conditions along Roosevelt Road sidewalks are far from accommodating to pedestrians. The streetscape plan will help the jurisdictions improve the aesthetics and the conditions of segments such as this.*

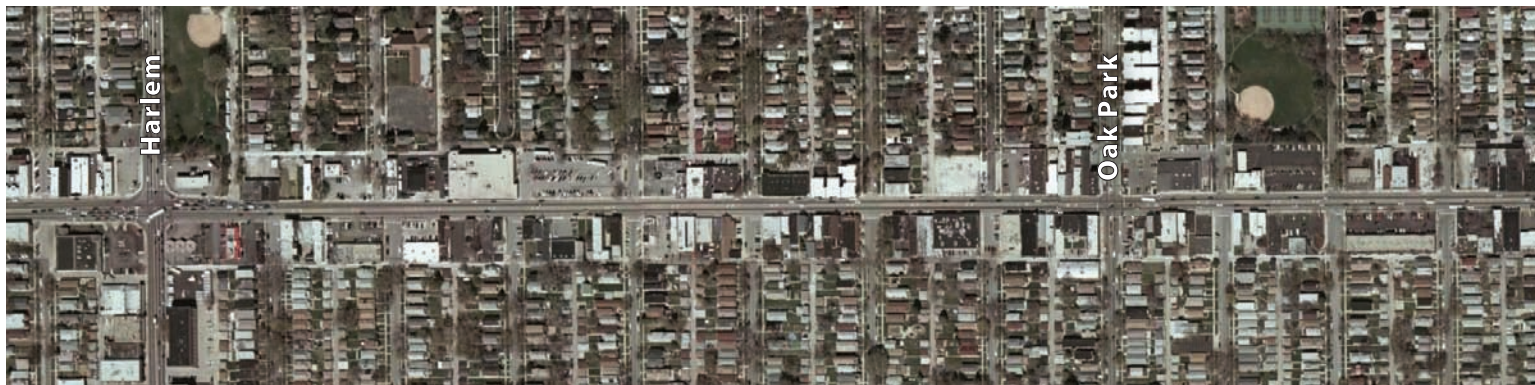
## Project Background

The Village of Oak Park, City of Berwyn, and the Town of Cicero have joined together to revitalize the 1.5-mile segment of Roosevelt Road between Austin Boulevard and Harlem Avenue. The first part of this multi-jurisdictional planning effort involves preparation of a streetscape design plan.

Following that, new zoning and development regulations will be drafted for the corridor. The project is intended to enhance the appearance, accessibility and function of this key stretch of Roosevelt Road. The streetscape plan is expected to be finalized by November 2008 and the new zoning regulations are scheduled to be completed in spring 2009.



*The Streetscape Design Plan will recommend improvements to some of the side streets that intersect with Roosevelt Road.*



# New Zoning Regulations

Concurrently with the streetscape design plan, the consultant team is preparing new zoning regulations for the corridor. The approach will combine form-based zoning with elements of conventional zoning. Form-based zoning focuses on the scale and appearance of buildings and public areas. It regulates the size and height of buildings and their location relative to the street and sidewalks. The composition and design of public areas—including sidewalks, medians, crosswalks, landscaping, and street trees—are also included in a form-based code. For key commercial corridors such as Roosevelt Road, improving the physical appearance of the buildings and the streetscape can go a long way toward promoting a more attractive, safe and pleasant area for residents and visitors.

Based on discussions with staff and the Roosevelt Road Advisory Committee (RRAC), the regulations may include new overlay zoning districts, new base zoning districts, proposed amendments to existing zoning districts or a combination of approaches. The draft regulations will be based on and serve to implement the land-use and urban design recommendations of the preceding Roosevelt Road Planning Study.

## Your Ongoing Input is Needed

In addition to the July 30th workshop at St. George Church in Cicero, there will be other opportunities for residents, businesses, and others to provide input on the streetscape plan and new zoning regulations.

The public is also welcome to submit comments and concerns via electronically by filling out a feedback form which is accessible through the project website.



The dates and times of all events, workshops, and public hearings will be posted on the project website: [www.rooseveltrd.com](http://www.rooseveltrd.com).



The new zoning regulations for Roosevelt Road are likely to place much greater emphasis on the physical “form” of new development. Such form-based zoning will encourage building forms that help create a more pleasant pedestrian environment by promoting buildings along the sidewalk, large storefront windows, conveniently located building entries and parking located to the rear or side.

## Project Advisory Committee Formed

The municipalities have assigned a committee of residents, business owners, and municipal staff to evaluate project components and make recommendations to the municipal governments.

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| John Eckenroad  | Oak Park Development Corporation |
| Craig Failor    | Village of Oak Park              |
| Dominick Gatto  | Cicero business rep.             |
| Louis Guido     | Town of Cicero                   |
| Barbara Harris  | Cicero resident                  |
| Jim Kelly       | Oak Park resident                |
| Lance Malina    | Berwyn resident                  |
| Zafar Mawani    | Roosevelt Rd. Business Assn.     |
| Merrie Neal     | Town of Cicero                   |
| Anthony Griffin | Berwyn Development Corporation   |
| Rich Schuler    | Oak Park business rep            |
| Matt Speer      | Berwyn business rep              |
| Paul Zimmerman  | City of Berwyn                   |



## Construction Season

In August 2008, you will see utility construction work getting underway on the Berwyn segment of Roosevelt Road, from Harlem Avenue to Lombard Street. The work is necessary to re-lay the water mains and to re-sheath the sewer lines. After construction is completed the area above ground will not have changed. Work will take place between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays, with extended hours on Saturdays. The utility project is scheduled to be completed by December 2008.

To minimize impacts on businesses, residents and visitors, Oak Park, Berwyn and Cicero will coordinate on scheduling all construction related to the streetscape project.

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## Municipal Representatives

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## Meet the Consultant Team

The following firms, all of which are based in the Chicago area, have been retained to assist with the streetscape and zoning project:

Duncan Associates – Zoning Regulations

The Lakota Group – Landscape/Streetscape Design

KLOA – Traffic Analysis/Transportation Planning

Terra Engineering – Site Work Planning/Civil Engineering



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