

# 2023

## IMD BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN



**ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT**  
Bike & Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

### PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Building off the Illinois Medical District (IMD, the District) Master Plan, the IMD has launched its first Bike & Pedestrian Safety Plan (BPSAP). The plan aims to support transit use while simultaneously reducing the demand for parking and traffic by enhancing walkability and bicycle riding capacities throughout the District. The plan will promote user safety, equitable access, and sustainable development that efficiently shares public way infrastructure. This will be done through the identification of arterial roads, intersections, mid-block crossings, and informal pathways that are sites for potential improvement.



#### Safety:

Review all modes of transportation for user safety and provide recommendations on how to enhance infrastructure to enhance the safety of all users.



#### Modernization of Local Infrastructure:

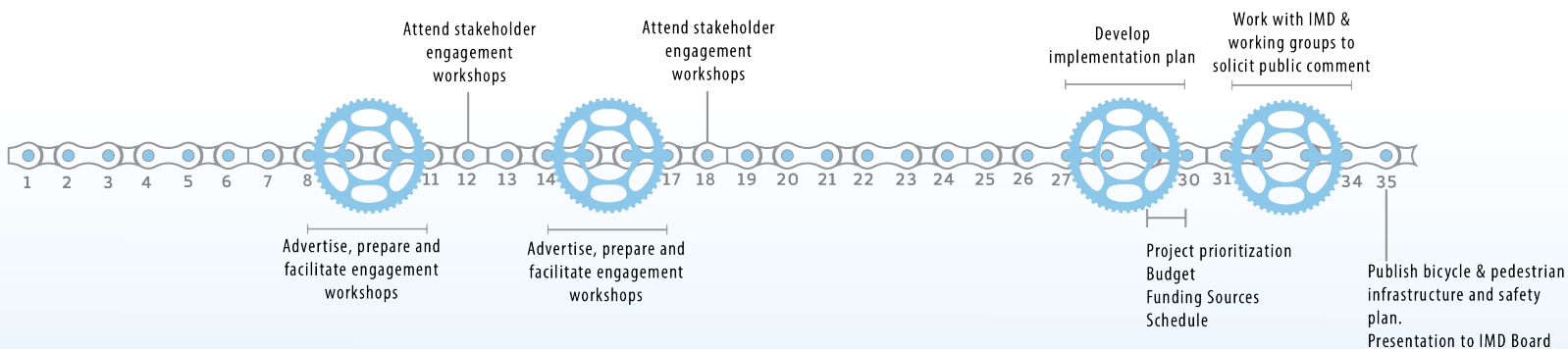
Evaluate existing transit, bicycle, and pedestrian transportation infrastructure to help modernize and connect modes.



#### Accessibility:

Identify locations where vulnerable road users may face additional challenges accessing transportation infrastructure

### PROJECT TIMELINE:



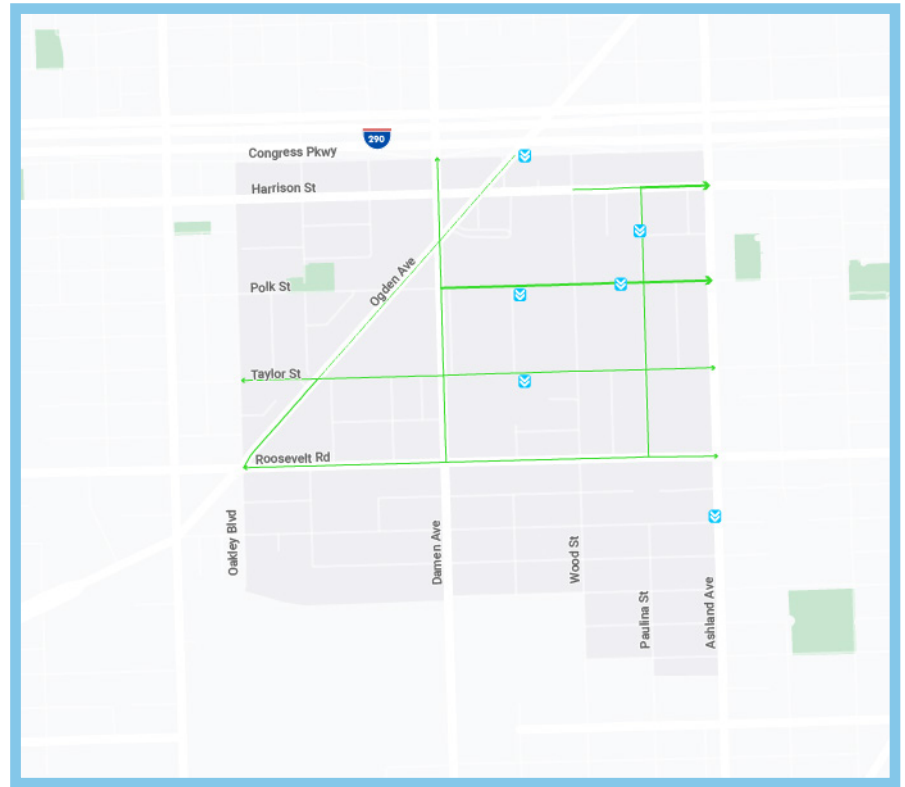
### PROJECT OUTCOMES:

The final report developed by the project team will summarize the existing conditions, outline the vision, goals, and metrics of a successful plan, outline the actions the IMD can undertake independently and with partners to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety across the District, and highlight opportunities for infrastructure funding. A secondary outcome of the plan will be to develop lasting partnerships between the IMD and local advocates, organizations, businesses, students, residents, employees, and visitors around bicycle and pedestrian safety and access to transit options.

## Existing Conditions & Map:

The District:

- Includes 560 acres of research facilities, labs, universities and a biotech business incubator.
- Serves as one of the largest medical districts in the country.
- Welcomes 29,000 employees, 10,000 health science and medical students, and 50,000 visitors on a daily basis.



## Community and Public Engagement:

A robust community and public engagement strategy is important to addressing the issues of bike and pedestrian safety in and around the IMD. Throughout the planning process, it will be critical for frequent users, residents, and local organizations/institutions to be provided with the opportunity to share their input when it comes to informing the development of the BPSAP. The activities outlined below are designed so that feedback is properly recorded and accounted for.



### Targeted Meetings

Small groups and/or interviews to distinct community members to gather unique perspectives (e.g., students, patient advisory boards, and non-profits among others) or discuss dedicated topics (e.g., racial equity, youth safety, and accessibility among others).



### General Engagement & Pop-up Activities

In-person engagement opportunities with the general public to promote the project and gather input on topics such as hazardous areas, popular routes, and typical commuting and transportation modes in and out of the IMD.



### Working Group

A group of decision makers and advocates throughout the IMD to provide guidance and support regularly during the plan development.



### Site Walks/Rides

Events to demonstrate the current user experience with a variety of community members and discuss potential options for improvements (e.g., accessibility walk/roll, bike ride, and safety walk among others).