

Welcome

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Federal Actions In and Adjacent to Jackson Park

South Shore Cultural Center

September 17, 2018

Why are we here?

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Purpose of the Meeting

- Describe the combined NPS and FHWA federal processes and their relationship to local City processes
- Discuss the next steps of the Federal Review

What is NOT subject to Federal Approval?

- City’s action to close roadways
- City’s action to approve OPC location and site design

Why is NPS here?

The City’s action to allow for OPC construction in Jackson Park results in a conversion of parkland under the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) Act and NPS approval of conversion and mitigation land specifically requires NEPA review.

Why is FHWA here?

The City desires to utilize Federal-Aid Highway Program funding for construction of roadway improvements due to the City’s action to close roadways which requires NEPA review.

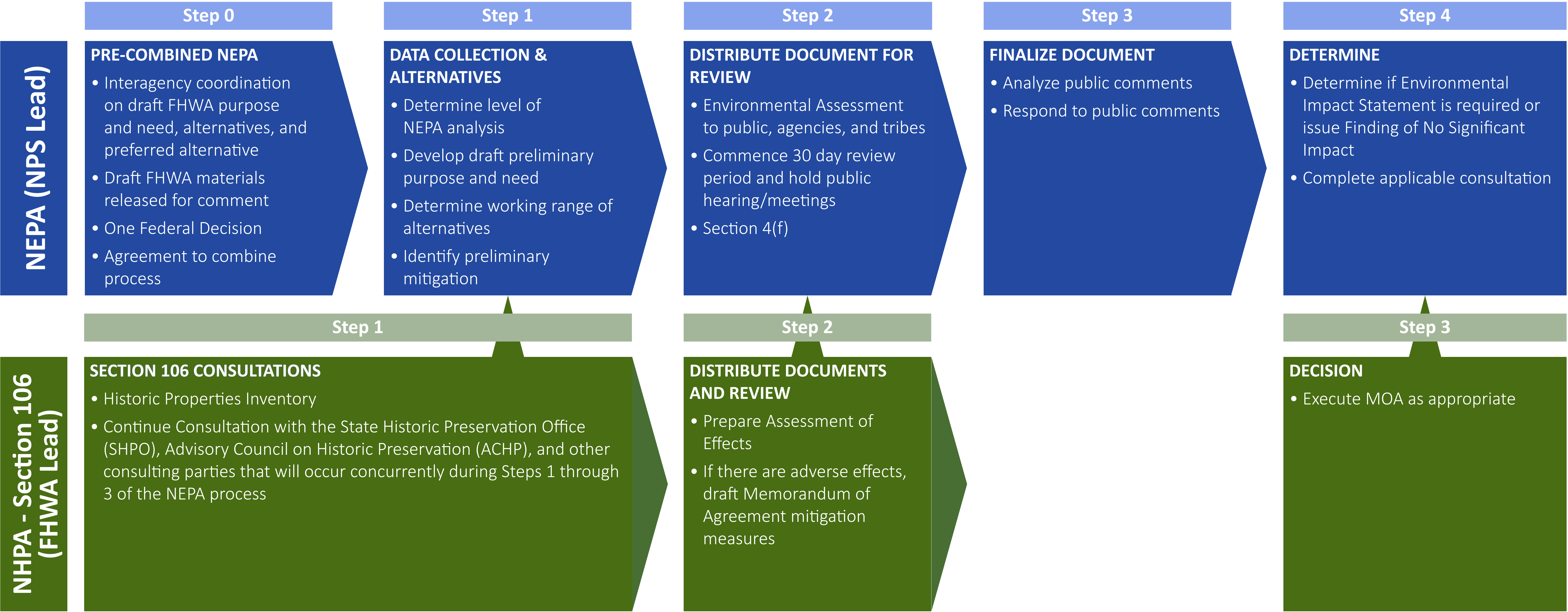
Combined NEPA & NHPA-Section 106 Process

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Due to the City’s proposal to locate the Obama Presidential Center (OPC) in Jackson Park, the NPS has determined that a partial conversion in recreation use will occur.

The purpose of the NPS review is to comply with the UPARR act by ensuring retention of recreation utility in the area.

The need for NPS review is to evaluate the replacement of lost recreational uses due to the City’s decision to locate the OPC within Jackson Park and a need to improve the roadway network as a result of the City closing roadways.

DRAFT FHWA Purpose and Need:

Due to the City’s decision to close roadways in Jackson Park, roadway improvements will be required for which the City desires to utilize Federal-Aid Highway Program funds.

The purpose of the FHWA federal action is to (1) address changes in travel patterns resulting from closing roadways in Jackson Park and (2) improve bicycle and pedestrian access and circulation.

The following needs were identified:

- Poor intersection operations and congestion after roadway closures
- Lack of pedestrian grade separations within Jackson Park
- Poor trail conditions
- Long crossings of heavily travelled multilane roadways

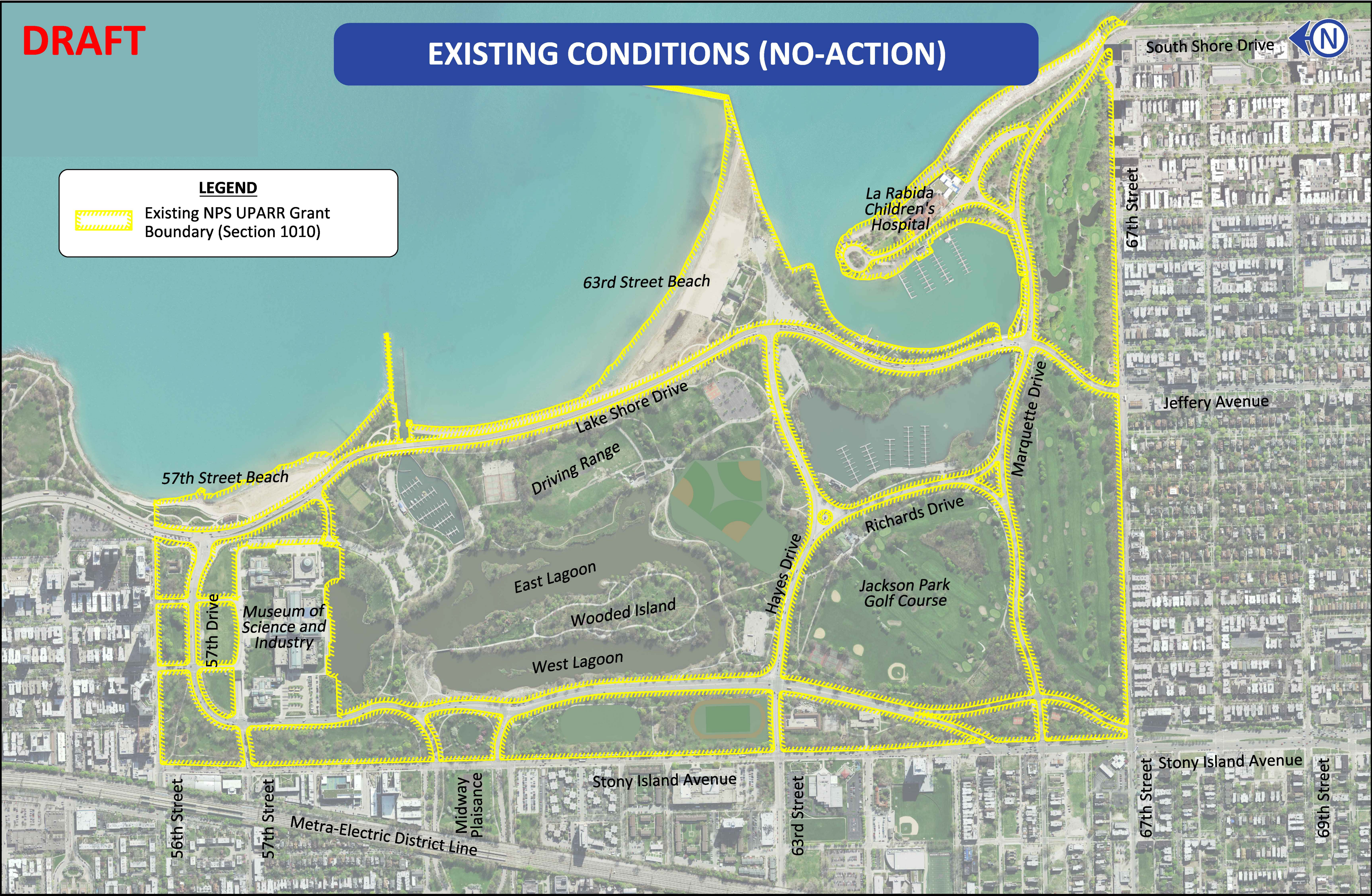
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EXISTING CONDITIONS (NO-ACTION)

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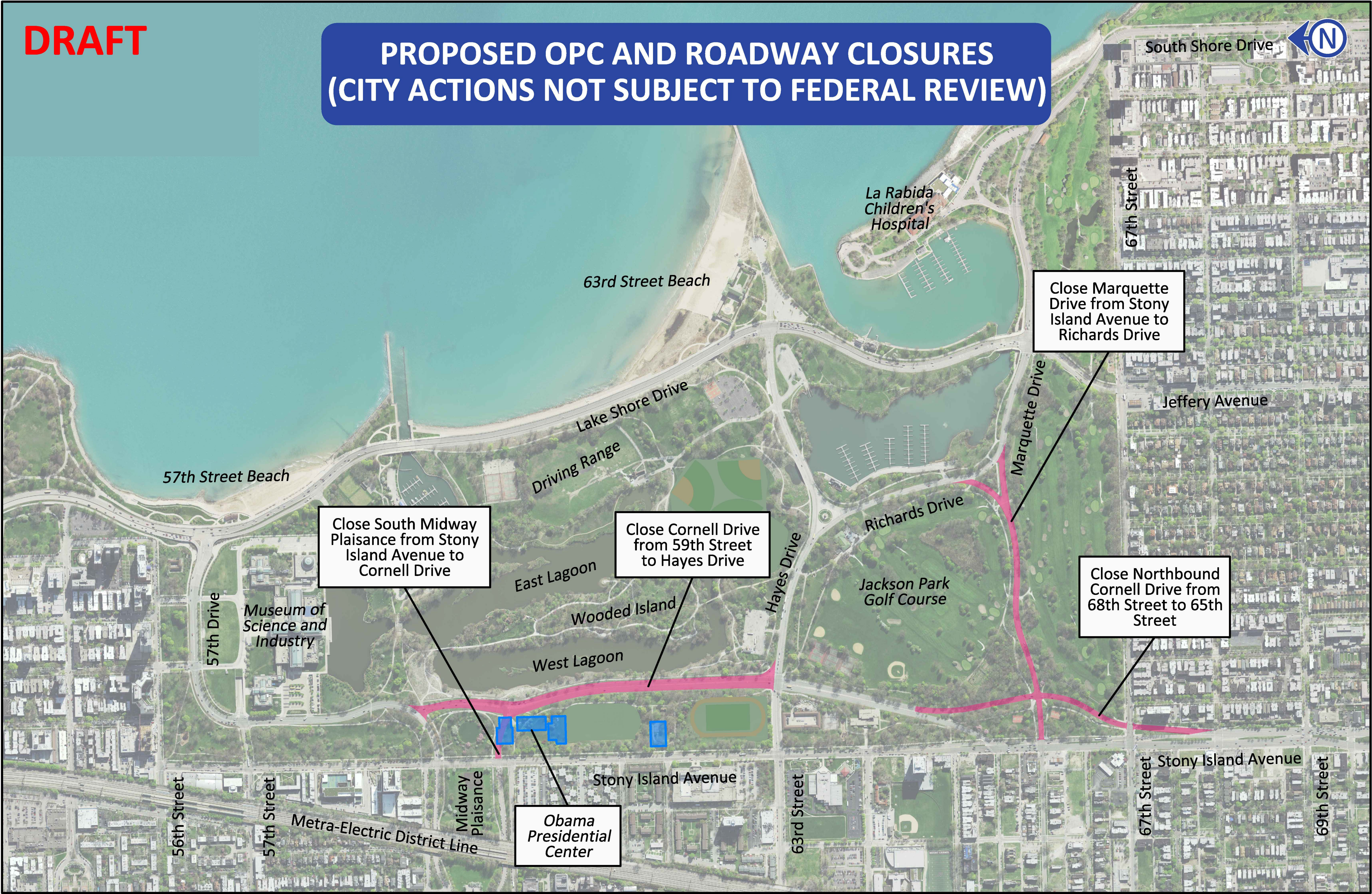


Existing NPS UPARR Grant Boundary (Section 1010)



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**PROPOSED OPC AND ROADWAY CLOSURES
(CITY ACTIONS NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REVIEW)**

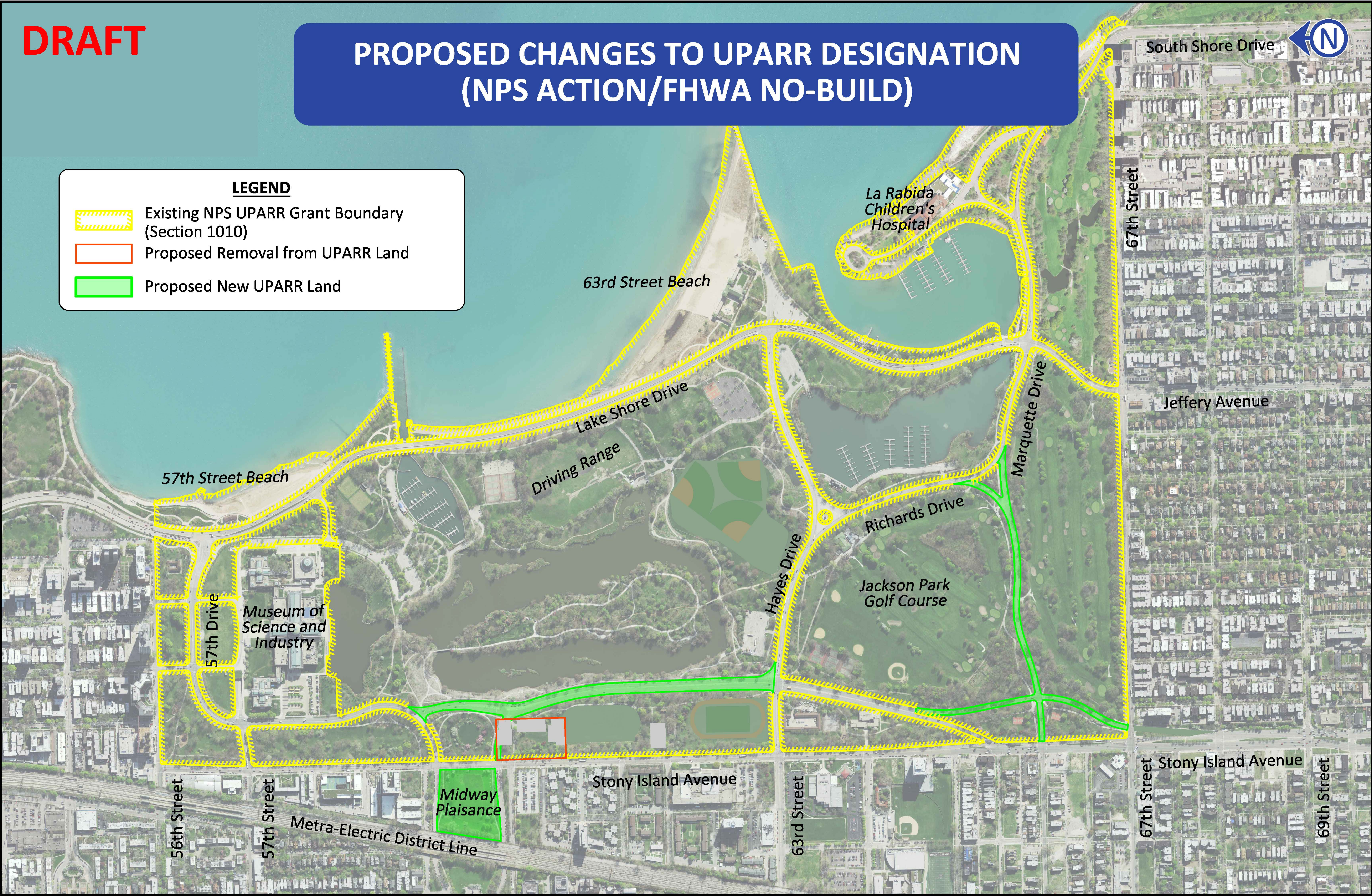


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PROPOSED CHANGES TO UPARR DESIGNATION
(NPS ACTION/FHWA NO-BUILD)

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- Existing NPS UPARR Grant Boundary (Section 1010)
- Proposed Removal from UPARR Land
- Proposed New UPARR Land



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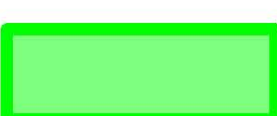
PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS (FHWA ACTION)

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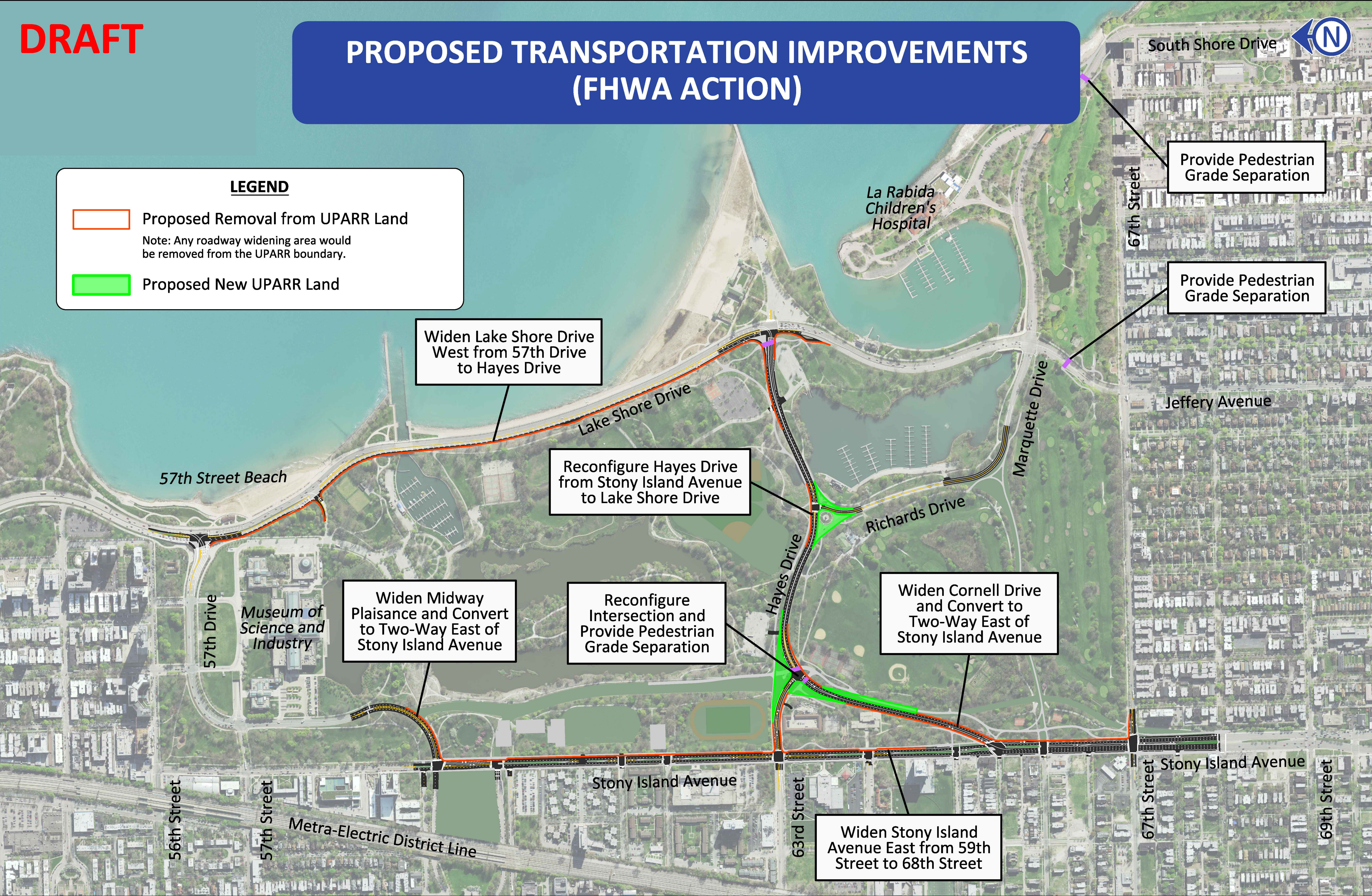


Proposed Removal from UPARR Land

Note: Any roadway widening area would be removed from the UPARR boundary.



Proposed New UPARR Land



Potential Impact Topics

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As part of the NEPA review, NPS and FHWA will be evaluating natural and cultural resources that the City's proposal could impact. They may include:

- Social and Economic Issues
- Cultural Resources
- Recreation
- Special Lands
- Traffic Congestion
- Environmental Justice
- Agricultural
- Air Quality
- Noise Analyses
- Natural Resources
- Water Quality and Resources
- Groundwater Resources
- Floodplains
- Wetlands
- Tribal Interest

Proposed Next Steps*

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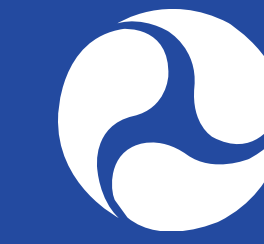
- Prepare an Environmental Assessment - Fall 2018
 - Evaluate Alternatives
 - Identify a Preferred Alternative
 - Assess Preferred Alternative and associated impacts
- Release Environmental Assessment for 30-day comment period, including Public Hearing - Fall 2018/Winter 2019

NHPA – Section 106

- Complete Assessment of Effects (AOE) - Fall 2018
- Distribute AOE and hold Consulting Party Meetings - Fall 2018
- Execute Memorandum of Agreement as appropriate - Winter 2019

Thank You

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Thank You for Your Questions and Comments.

Comments received this evening will be added to this public meeting record. For further information, please visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/JPIImprovements>

We will see you when we complete the Environmental Assessment this winter.