

21-R-15

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for funding with the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program to Support Access to Transit Initiatives

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation (“U.S. DOT”) provides flexible funding source to State and local governments for transportation projects and programs to help meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act, U.S.C. Title 42, Chapter 85A et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. DOT created the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (“CMAQ”) to provide funding to further two important goals of the Department of Transportation: improving air quality and relieving congestion; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to apply for funding through the CMAQ program to support its initiatives to increase access to alternative modes of transportation with the purchase and installation of 40 new bike racks on three concrete pads in the vicinity of Main Street CTA and Metra stations (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Authority (“RTA”) will be compiling grant applications from several local governments for submission to the U.S. DOT for CMAQ funding and no local match is required for this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Evanston to submit an application for CMAQ grant funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby found as fact and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2: The City Council authorizes the submission of the Access to Transit Improvement Program Application with the RTA for CMAQ funding; the application is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit 1.

SECTION 3: The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any additional documents necessary to complete the City of Evanston's Access to Transit Improvement Program Grant Application as he may determine to be in the best interests of the City.

SECTION 5: This Resolution 21-R-15 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.


Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, Mayor

Attest:


Rodney Greene, City Clerk

Adopted: February 23, 2015

EXHIBIT 1

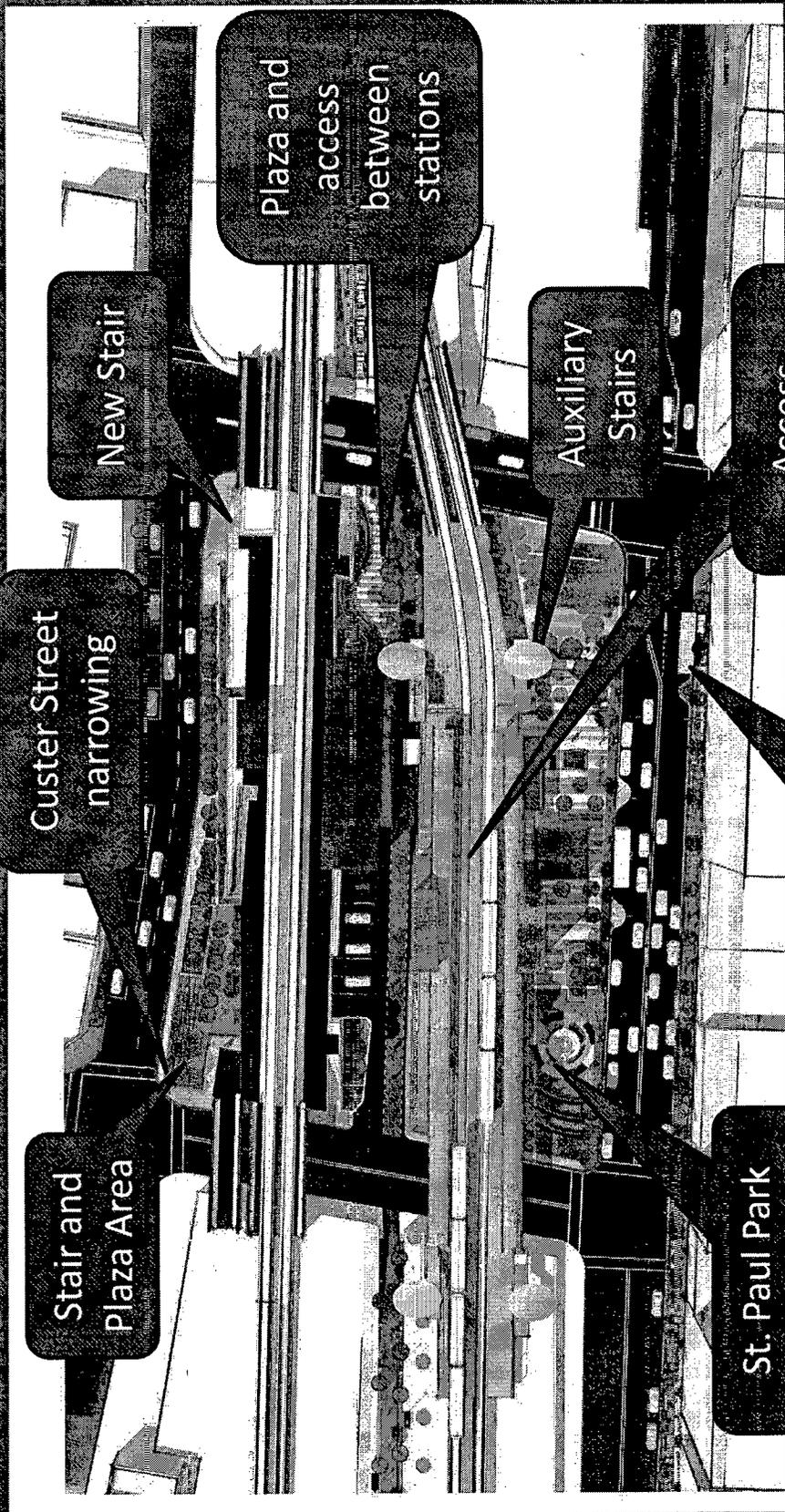
ACCESS TO TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

Access to Transit Improvement Program

Application

1. **Name of the Community:** City of Evanston
2. **Contact Information:** Damir Latinovic
Neighborhood and Land Use Planner, City of Evanston
Address: 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201
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3. **Community Planning Study:** Main St. Station TOD Plan & Study (Proposed Plan Attached *Exhibit A*); Adopted June 9, 2014
4. **Project Description:**
Bike Parking Facilities Installation
The City of Evanston is applying for a grant to purchase and install a total of 40 bike parking facilities on 2-3 new concrete pads around the Metra and CTA Main St. Stations. (Concept Map attached *Exhibit B*)
The Main St. Station Study identified significant lack of adequate number of bike parking facilities, improper location of existing bike parking facilities, improper type (hoop-racks) and inefficient manner in which existing bike racks are installed (parallel to sidewalk rather than perpendicular) in the vicinity of the stations. The Study recommends additional protected and unprotected bike parking facilities be installed within the Saint Paul Park area and near the Metra Station entrances.
5. **Project Cost:** \$70,000
6. **Goal of the Project**
The installation of the proposed bike parking facilities will improve access to the Metra and CTA Main Street stations, CTA #205 and Northwestern University Intercampus Shuttle bus routes. The Main St. Station is one of only three stations in Chicagoland area with connection between a Metra stop and a CTA stop. There are also 3,166 households, 5614 residents and approximately 3,000 commuters who travel outside the area for work within a 1/3 mile of the stations. The goal is to make access to rapid transit more convenient for area residents and commuters with additional protected and unprotected bike parking facilities.
7. **Phase I Engineering:** Not Required
8. **Statement of Community Buy-In:**
The City of Evanston's goal is to become the most livable city in America. Use of alternative modes of transportation is probably the biggest part of that. In July of 2014, the City adopted an update to its 2002 Bike Plan and is well underway to install additional bike only lanes (Comfortable Corridors) and additional bike parking facilities throughout the City. The City was recently awarded a grant to expand the Divvy bike-share program to Evanston. The City's Planning and Zoning Division is also in the process of overhauling the parking requirements near Transit Stations. The proposed bike parking facilities near the Main St. Station area will improve the access to the transit stations and business and commercial districts along Chicago Avenue and Main Street in addition to complementing City's other efforts to encourage alternative transportation use and its mission to become the most livable city in America.

EXHIBIT A MAIN STREET STATION PROPOSED PLAN



Stair and Plaza Area

Custer Street narrowing

New Stair

Plaza and access between stations

Auxiliary Stairs

St. Paul Park Improvements

Access through the embankment

Near Side Bus Stop

EXISTING CONDITIONS MAIN STREET STATION AREA

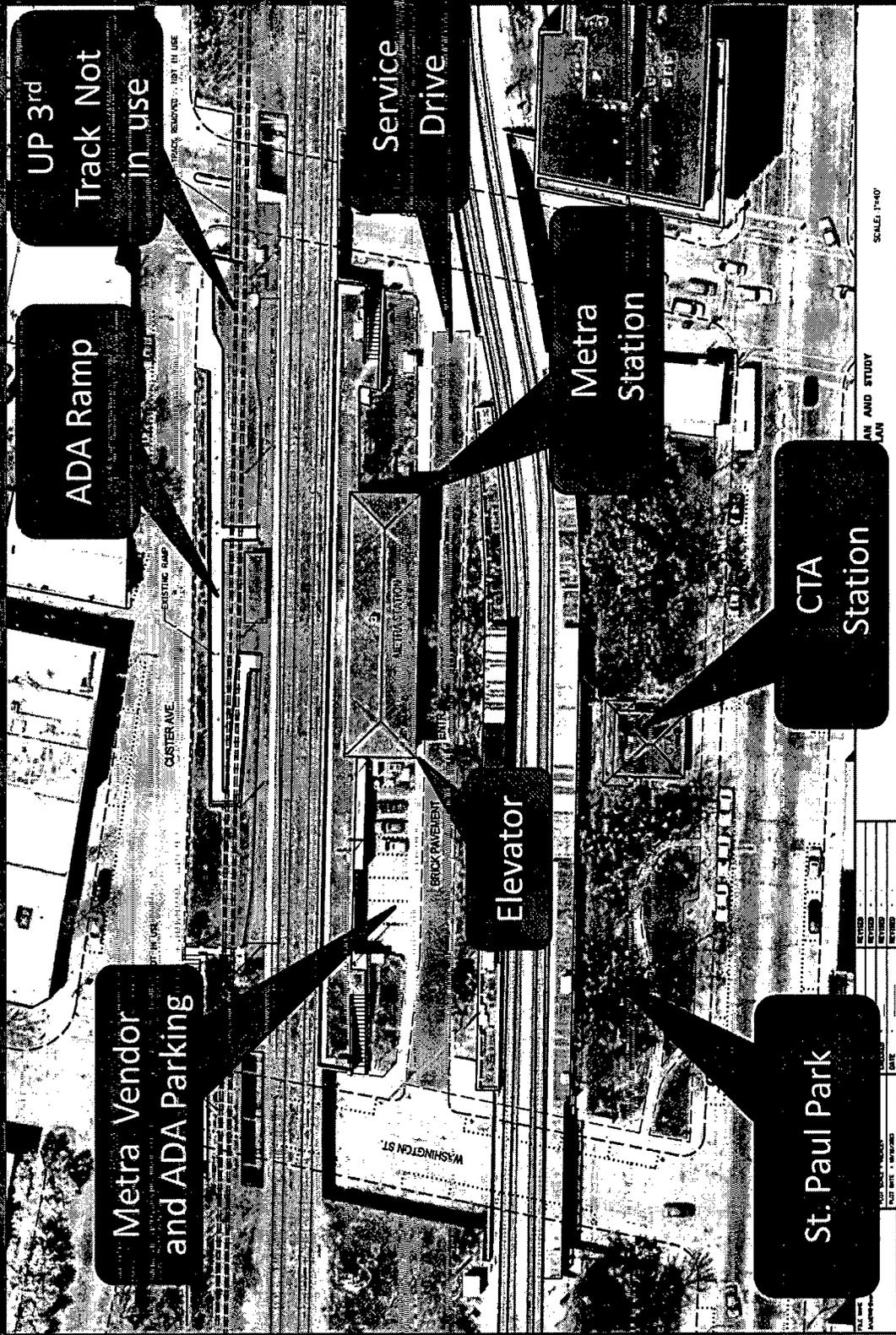


EXHIBIT B CONCEPT MAP

Proposed
Protected Bike
Corral under
overpass

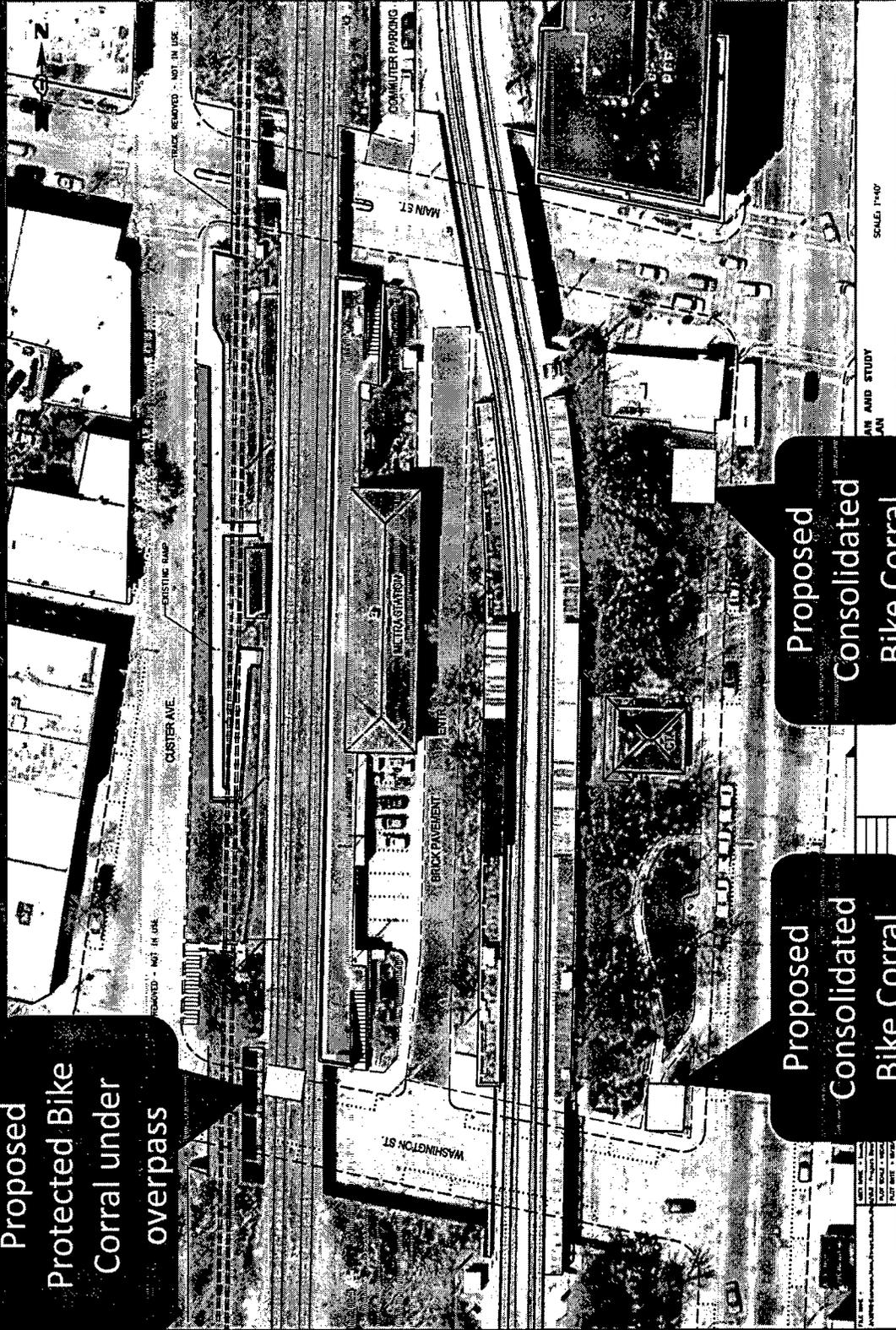


EXHIBIT C EXISTING PHOTOS

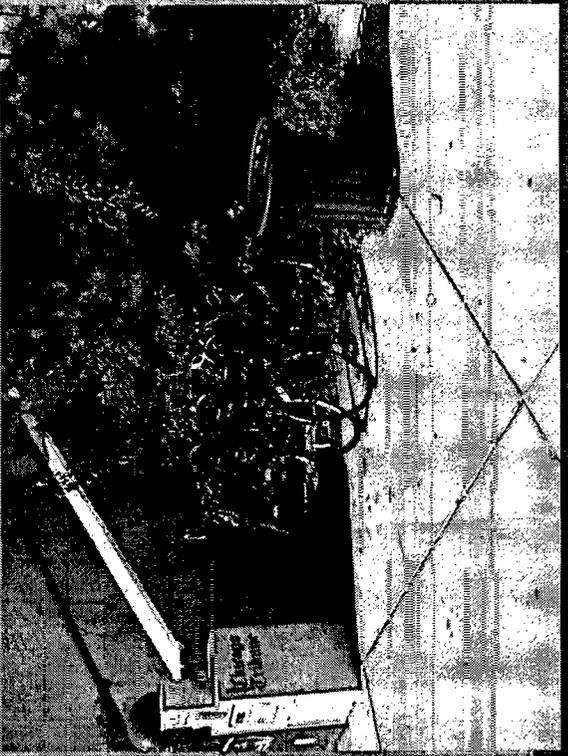
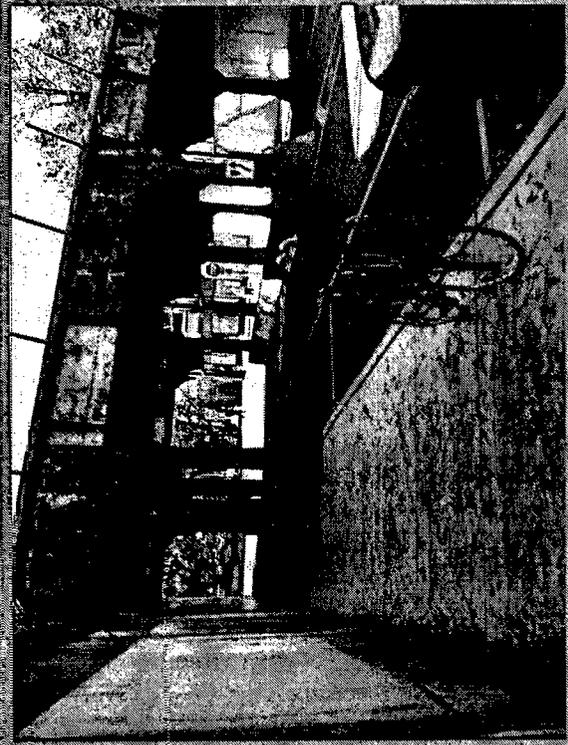


EXHIBIT C EXISTING PHOTOS - PROPOSED CORRALS



Proposed Unprotected Consolidated
Bike Corral Locations

Proposed Protected Corral Location
under the overpass to occupy one
on-street parking space

