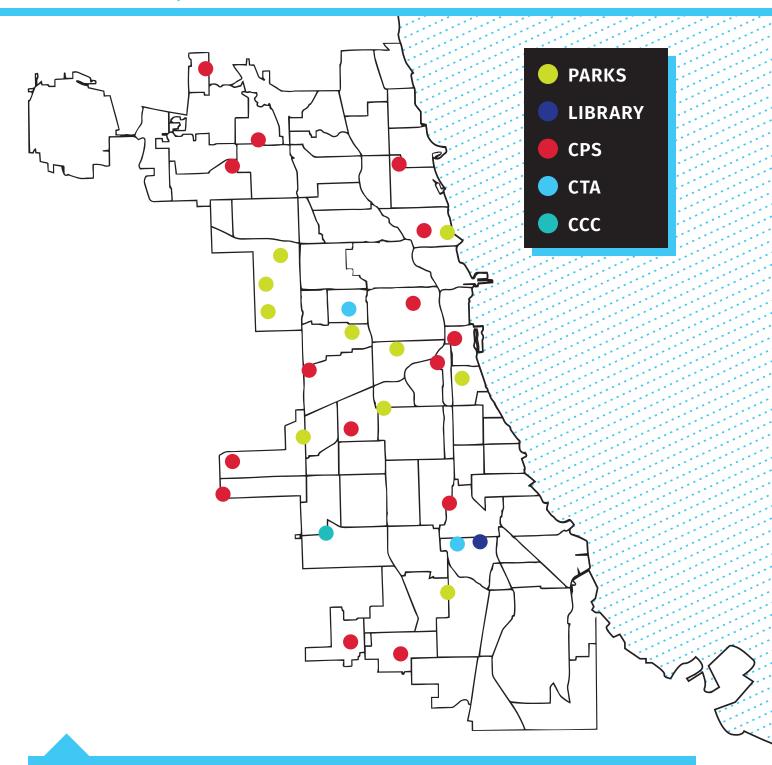






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## **CURRENT PROJECT MAP**



For most construction projects, the PBC establishes city residency and community area hiring requirements. This means 50% of the total hours worked on a project must come from City of Chicago residents. Furthermore, at the outset of a project, the PBC defines the community area, usually the neighborhood and immediate surrounding areas. 7.5% of the total hours worked on these projects must be worked by residents of that community area.

## A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The PBC is halfway through another successful year of delivering high quality public facilities with exemplary schedule and cost performance for Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Public Library, City Colleges of Chicago, the Chicago Transit Authority and the Chicago Park District. Most importantly, these projects promote environmental and economic sustainability while positively impacting communities.

To ensure PBC projects positively affect the local economy, the PBC establishes city residency and community area hiring requirements for many of our construction projects. In recognition of these extraordinary people who are "The Faces Behind the Build," this report features vignettes on some of the Chicago and community area residents working on our projects.

These are the individuals who are responsible for our 15 Chicago Public School renovations, annexes or new construction projects currently underway. These beautiful facilities afford communities across the city the opportunity for a first-rate educational experience in schools that are respectful of the environment and our natural resources. We look forward to delivering six of these projects before the start of the 2018/2019 academic year.

As we move into the second half of the year, Chicago and community-area residents are continuing our work on the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Branch Library Addition and Renovation project, a perfect opportunity to develop a architecturally striking, community-specific hub for the vibrant Chatham neighborhood.

In addition, these dedicated tradespeople have begun the construction process on 11 projects under the Chicago Park District's 'Save Chicago's Treasures' initiative. While the scope of each project varies, the initiative aims to enhance the quality of life of Chicago residents by providing safe and inviting park facilities that prioritizes the needs of children and families.

City Colleges of Chicago's Daley College Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing Center is tracking on schedule. The project has begun vertical construction and is scheduled to open for students by 2019.

We understand that the PBC holds a unique role in shaping the life of the City of Chicago, and our work reaches into every corner of this city. Our work touches the lives of Chicagoans for generations to come and, as such, our commitment to the City will remain our top priority. The facilities we construct hand-in-hand with Chicago residents act as anchors for this city's diverse neighborhoods, and our work presents tremendous opportunities to transform the spaces where residents of all ages play, learn and grow.

By continuing to positively influence the local economy, the Public Building Commission works not only to ensure the longevity of the structures we build but also the ability of Chicagoans to enjoy these facilities and the services they provide. It is with pride that we present our efforts and the people behind them in this Mid Year Report, to share with you our work in building a better tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Carina E. Sánchez

Executive Director of the Public Building Commission

# DALEY COLLEGE ENGINEERING & ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER

7500 South Pulaski Road | Ward 18 | West Lawn

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 37% COMPLETE** 

Daley College's new facility will house classrooms, labs and high-bay instructional space. The scope of the PBC's work includes the development of the EAMC, the replacement of the pedestrian bridge, and related site improvements.



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"My aunt passed along a flyer for a Daley College hiring event because she knew I was looking for a job. I'm glad she encouraged me to apply because I have learned so much in my new position: how to process RFIs and submittals, quality control field observation, and more. This has been a great learning experience for me in the field of construction management.

"I was born and raised five minutes from the project site, and my sister attended Daley College. I'm glad the college is committing the resources to the school for future students."

- Justice Parker, Project Engineer for 10 Months

Justice, a 23-year-old Marine veteran who served in Bahrain, Jordan, Germany, Afghanistan and Iraq, joined OVC as a Project Engineer after applying at a community hiring session.



"I grew up on the South Side of Chicago, and I found out about this internship opportunity when I saw a flyer posted at my gym. The internship has been great. I love the culture of the company and the whole team's willingness to help me gain a broader understanding of this line of work.

"My sister attended Daley College so it's great that I am able to learn about this business at an institution that touched my family directly."

- Redic Richardson, Project Engineering Intern "I live five minutes from project site so I can take my kids to school and still get to work on time. I love being part of a project that is directly affecting my community.

"Seven years ago I received my GED from Daley College, and I'm currently enrolled in English as a Second Language night school there. The improvements we're making to the school will encourage other people to attend Daley College and get the necessary education they need in order to move forward in their lives."

- Norma Angulo, Document Control Assistant for 4 months "I attended Daley College in the eighties to study accounting. I was going to be a CPA, but I got into carpentry and absolutely loved it, so here I am!

"As a woman carpenter, I value opportunities like this project to showcase my skills and versatility. It also helps that I live 12 minutes from the project site and don't have to spend hours on the expressway getting to work.

"Overall I think that this is a great project because it enables students, especially women, to get the job skills they need right in their own community."

> - Katie McGowan, Carpenter for 13 Years

Redic is a 23-year-old double major in Building Construction Management and Building Construction Safety Management studying at the University of Wisconsin Platteville.

# **BYRNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX**

5329 South Oak Park Avenue | Ward 23 | Garfield Ridge

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 58% COMPLETE** 





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"My nieces graduated from Byrne in 2017. When I told my family that I was working on this project, they were very happy that the school is getting rid of the modular classrooms. The design of the annex fits how the community is trending towards younger families. It's good to see that the neighborhood school is advancing with the times."

- Chris Garza, Electrical Foreman for 13 years

"We are basically wiring the school to give the kids a *Star Trek* experience—the lights, the smart boards and the internet connections are top of the line. Our work will definitely enhance the learning experience for each and every Byrne student."

- Agustin Rosado, Electrician for 29 years





- "I live five minutes away from Byrne, and I heard that kids had to sit in the hallway for class and cover their ears when the bell rang. I'm glad we are building an annex that will give these students an environment more conducive to learning. Once we finish, I might transfer my daughter to this school."
  - Ramon Ayala, Carpenter for 15 years

# **DORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - NEW SCHOOL**

7134 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street | Ward 23 | Clearing

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 60% COMPLETE** 

The new Dore Elementary School will be a three-story building with classrooms, kitchen and dining facilities, gymnatorium, library, administrative center and a student services suite. The scope of the PBC project also includes associated site improvements.





"This is the eighth school I've worked on in the past few years. All of my neighbors with kids have said that this new school is sorely needed. It's good to know that I'm working on something for the kids in my community.

"I live just five minutes away, and the only thing I have to worry about on my commute is getting caught by a train, because that doubles my travel time. Still, ten minutes from home to work isn't bad."

- Anthony Rodriguez, Electrician for 11 years "In the 18 years that I've worked construction, I have never worked on a project so close to my house. I ride my bike when the weather is nice. There are so many kids in the neighborhood—we definitely need this school. I'm glad to be part of a project that is benefitting the children in my community."

- Eduardo Flores, Plasterer for 18 years "I live a single block from the site, but when I started this project, I drove to work since all of my tools are in my truck. Then my boss told me that if I need to walk one block to grab a tool it would be fine. Needless to say I haven't driven to work since. I'm saving at least \$400 a month on travel and wear and tear on my vehicle.

The great thing about this new building is that the neighborhood kids won't have to cross the dangerous traffic on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street to get to school any more."

- Richard Velazquez, Laborer for 19 years

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# **EBINGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX**

7350 West Pratt Avenue | Ward 41 | Edison Park

**VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE 25% COMPLETE** 



"It's good to do something for the kids, and I'm happy to be a part of a project that's improving a local school. We aren't just building a building, we're building something for future generations."

> - Jorge Espino, Laborer for 5 years

"My uncle got me off the couch and started in construction. I'm working on the forms for the foundation pour, and it's very interesting because I've never done this type of form structure before. This is a new experience, and the best part is that I get to take this knowledge to my next construction job."

- Jesus Sanchez, Carpenter for 6 years "These days I don't take a job that's over an hour away in travel time which makes this a nice job. Not only is it close to home but also it's always nice to do something for school kids. So if I don't win the lottery tonight, I will be back out here tomorrow constructing this building for the community."

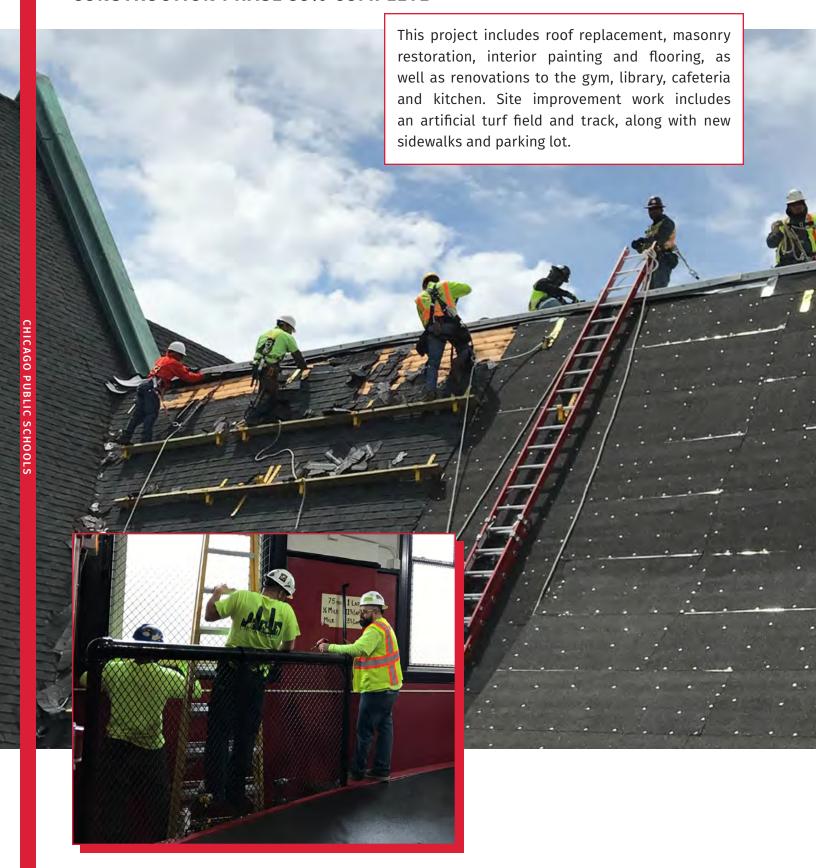
- Gerald Meyers, Carpenter for 35 years



# **LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION**

4015 North Ashland Avenue | Ward 47 | Lake View

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 35% COMPLETE** 





"When I found out that I was going to be a part of this project, my wife and I drove past the site because I wanted to show her that I would be working on one of the oldest schools in Illinois. As a carpenter, I've always loved to take something old and make it new again. Participating in a historic rehab like this one makes my easy commute to work even easier."

- Gary Wright, Carpenter for 14 years "A few of the guys on the project are jealous because I live just two miles from the site, so I get to sleep later and still make it to work on time.

"A few of our vendors have told me that they attended this school 30 or 40 years ago. They're happy we're renovating the original building.

"It's a challenge to work on such an old building preserving its history while modernizing it for students today. It feels good to know that now I'm a part of this great school's history."

> - Jaime Sutton, Brick mason for 6 years

"I'm a lifelong Chicago resident but this is the first time I've been in Lake View. It's a really nice neighborhood. I think that the work that we are doing, to make this old school new again, is great for the neighborhood and for the kids—giving them a fresh start."

- Jose Covarrubias, Tuckpointer for 13 years

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# LINCOLN PARK HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION

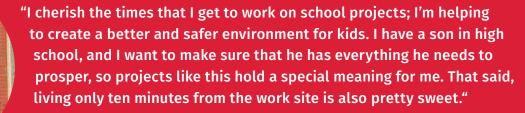
2001 North Orchard Street | Ward 43 | Lincoln Park

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 77% COMPLETE** 





#### THE FACES BEHIND THE BUILD



- Raul Hernandez, Tuckpointer for 18 years

"Living in the city is not cheap, so I like working on school projects because everyone is going to get paid. Overall, I've enjoyed this job—it's been really smooth. Combine that with my easy commute and I'm already looking forward to my next PBC project."

- Raul Acosta, Roofer for 10 years





"In the roofing business, I'm not used to working on an project so close to home. I live fifteen minutes away, so I've saved money on gas and I don't have to waste time in traffic. This project is definitely something the community needed. By updating the school, we are helping to update the neighborhood."

- Corey Gribben, Roofer for 11 years

# MOUNT GREENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX II

10841 South Homan Avenue | Ward 19 | Mount Greenwood VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE 20% COMPLETE







"I have always wanted to work in construction, but, as a Black woman, it was hard for me to get into the unions. CONSTRUCT The program helped me find a union, and it has been a great opportunity. I feel like I'm helping the people of the city by working on a building for future students. It's good to see that CPS is putting money back into the schools. It's something that all our communities need.

> - Ashley Young, Apprentice Laborer

"I love working on jobs in my community, and schools are always good for the community. I've been bricklaying for a while and I think it's the best job in the world, but when I get to work on a school project, it seems extra special because we are doing something for the kids."

-Adam Nosaik, Brick mason for 15 years "I live five minutes from this school, and I love that it's so close to my home. I have four children and I might send them to this school when the annex is complete. If my kids go to Mt. Greenwood, this just might be the best job I'll have during my bricklaying career."

- Feidor Grzegorzk, Brick mason for 2 years

Ashley is a recent graduate of ComEd's CONSTRUCT program, a nine-week job training program aimed at increasing the pool of qualified minority candidates for local construction work.

## PRUSSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX

4650 North Menard Avenue | Ward 45 | Portage Park

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 34% COMPLETE** 







"I grew up in this neighborhood: I went to Pre-K not too far from the project site and I attended Prussing for elementary school. One day I was out for a run when I saw a flyer announcing a community hiring event. I've always been interested in plumbing, and when I stopped by to apply for a position I found out there was a plumbing apprenticeship.

"I keep telling myself it was luck that I ran past Prussing that day, otherwise I would have never had this opportunity. I'm getting job experience and I'm able to give back to my community. Chicago is the best city in the world."

- Michael Lindberg, Apprentice Plumber

"I live not too far from Prussing, and this project is something that the students needed. The old building could use some upgrades and the annex design concentrates on efficiency and usage, not just for today but for years to come. It's a good usage of their space."

- William Reidy, Structural Iron Worker

## **COLUMBIA EXPLORERS ACADEMY MODULAR**

4520 South Kedzie Avenue | Ward 14 | Brighton Park



## **READ DUNNING SCHOOL - NEW SCHOOL**

4071 North Oak Park Avenue | Ward 38 | Dunning

**VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION PHASE 4% COMPLETE** 



## **ZAPATA ACADEMY ANNEX**

2728 South Kostner Avenue | Ward 22 | South Lawndale

#### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 28% COMPLETE**



existing building, demolition of a modular building, and installation of a new playground.

The new Read Dunning school will be a 135,000-squarefoot facility with three-story academic wing and single-story athletic wing. The academic wing will house classrooms, science and specialty classrooms, computer labs, music suite, administrative space, and kitchen and dining area. This project also includes a new multi-use athletic field with track.

# **SHERIDAN MATH & SCIENCE ACADEMY ANNEX**

533 West 27th Street | Ward 11 | Bridgeport

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 70% COMPLETE** 





"I was an electrician on the Southeast Area Elementary School project in 2016, so I was happy to find another PBC project. I've seen Sheridan's current gym, and this new annex is definitely something that the students need. Kids need recreational outlets and what we're building here will fulfill the needs of the school and the community."

- Robert Rodriguez, Electrician for 18 years

"This project is great because not only is it well organized but there's a lot of room for the bricklayers to complete our jobs. Some sites are so tight that people are working on top of each other, but that's not the case here. I have four daughters to support; two of them are in college, which is expensive! I can't wait until

- I have another opportunity to work on a PBC project."
- Santiago Cortes, Brick mason for 20 years

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# **SKINNER WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX**

1260 West Adams Street | Ward 27 | Near West Side

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 35% COMPLETE** 





# **SOUTH LOOP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

1601 South Dearborn Street | Ward 3 | Near South Side

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 42% COMPLETE** 



area.



"Besides reminding my niece and nephew that we all need to work because bills come in the mail every day, I always tell them that education should be first in their lives. Working on the construction of a new school that will be here long after I'm gone is a great opportunity. I can't wait to show them the new school that their aunt has helped to build."

- Zahrah Hill, Apprentice plumber for 5 years

"I live across the street from the site, and I've seen how the South Loop's population has been growing. This new school is sorely needed. My wife and I are starting a family, so it feels good to work on a project that not only benefits the community but also may be my kids' school one day.

- "I have always believed in helping your neighbor, and with this project I'm able to
- help our community and make some money to support my family at the same time."
  - Roman Smolarczyk, Iron Worker for 20 years

#### THE FACES BEHIND THE BUILD



# **SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

6835 South Normal Avenue | Ward 6 | Englewood

**DESIGN PHASE 95% COMPLETE** 

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 18% COMPLETE** 





"I have two kids who attend Parker Elementary, and once they graduate from there they'll go to this new high school. I always tell them that you never stop learning or advancing. I have earned over 14 certificates because I want to be the best at what I do and show my kids that learning never stops. I enjoy working on my kids' future school that's only 10 minutes from our house."

- Clarence Britten, Labor Foreman for 16 years "Since this school was announced, I've been rallying for minorities to be employed on its construction. I think it's great for people outside the site fencing to see Black folks building a new school for our own community. It's good to see when the system works and people get the resources to provide for themselves. I have a 12 year old son and I want to send him to this high school."

- Duane Kidd, Laborer for 12 years "I never thought that I would be working on such a significant project in such a familiar neighborhood. A lot of careful planning has gone into this school, and it's great to see the project team and the community working together: hiring local workers, seeking input in the design process, and more. We're not just building a building, we're also showing consideration to the community and its history.

"I have a 10 year old son, and he's already told his friends that he wants to go to the high school that his dad built."

- Oscar Beach, Project Engineer for 2 years

#### THE FACES BEHIND THE BUILD

## **ESMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNEX**

1865 West Montvale Avenue | Ward 19 | Morgan Park

#### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 20% COMPLETE**



The scope of work at Esmond includes the construction of a two-story annex housing a lunch/multipurpose room, classrooms, computer lab, and library, as well as repairs to the existing building's exterior, roof replacement, and the installation of a playground and an artificial turf play area.

"I live just five minutes away from Esmond, and I think that this project is great. It serves a dual purpose: it provides the community with a new and renovated school space and the students are able to see this project being built for them by people who look like them.

It's important for kids to know that people care about their community and their education, that way they can take that good feeling into the classroom and be the best that they can be."

- Kelcey Ash, Laborer for 25 years

THE FACES BEHIND THE BUILD

# WHITNEY YOUNG BRANCH LIBRARY ADDITION & RENOVATION

7901 South Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive | Ward 6 | Chatham



## 'SAVE CHICAGO'S TREASURES' GROUP A



### **Austin Town Hall Renovation**

5610 West Lake Street Ward 29 | Austin

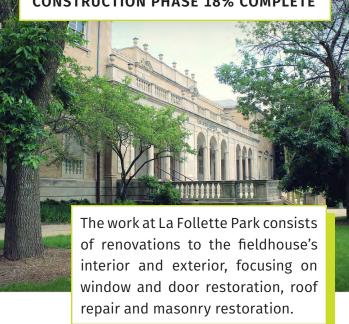
#### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 6% COMPLETE**

The scope of work at Austin Town Hall Park consists of ADA upgrades: renovations to the restrooms and locker rooms, installation of entrance ramp, automatic doors and chair lifts as well as moisture mitigation in the facility's basement.

## La Follette Park Renovation

1333 North Laramie Avenue Ward 37 | Austin

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 18% COMPLETE** 



### Columbus Park Renovation

500 South Central Avenue Ward 29 | Austin **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 25% COMPLETE** 





## **Lincoln Park Cultural Center** Renovation

2045 North Lincoln Park West Ward 43 | Lincoln Park

#### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 9% COMPLETE**

The Lincoln Park Cultural Center restoration project features replacement, masonry improvements, and various interior repairs.

## **'SAVE CHICAGO'S TREASURES' GROUP B**



### **Archer Park Renovation**

4901 South Kilbourn Avenue Ward 14 | Archer Heights

#### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 40% COMPLETE**

The scope of work at Archer Park covers repairs to the fieldhouse, including roof replacement, new gutters and soffits and various exterior repairs.

## **Harrison Park Renovation**

1824 South Wood Street Ward 25 | Near West Side

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 6% COMPLETE** 



## **McKinley Park Renovation**

2210 West Pershing Road Ward 12 | McKinley Park

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 35% COMPLETE** 



painting.



## **Robichaux Park Renovation**

9247 South Eggleston Avenue Ward 21 | Washington Heights

restroom upgrades.

#### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 4% COMPLETE**

Robichaux Park's scope includes renovations to the interior and exterior doorways, roof upgrades, and parking lot restriping.

## **DOUGLAS PARK RENOVATION**

1401 South Sacramento Avenue | Ward 24 | North Lawndale

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 1% COMPLETE** 



## **WILLIAMS PARK FIELDHOUSE**

2820 South State Street | Ward 3 | Douglas

**CONSTRUCTION PHASE 15% COMPLETE** 



## 77TH STREET BUS GARAGE

210 West 79th Street | Ward 17 | Greater Grand Crossing

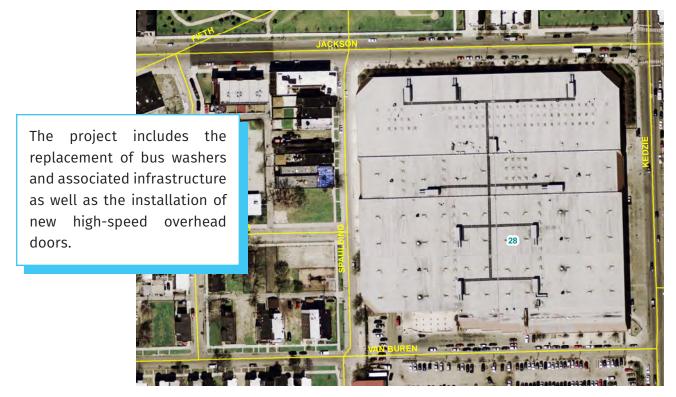
## **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 55% COMPLETE**



## **KEDZIE AVENUE BUS GARAGE**

358 South Kedzie Avenue | Ward 28 | East Garfield Park

## **CONSTRUCTION PHASE 40% COMPLETE**



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