



Casino Community Advisory Council (CAC)

August 4, 2025



Agenda

1. **Introduction** (5 min)
2. **Chicago Casino Snapshot** (5 min)
3. **Bally's Construction Updates** (20 min)
4. **CDOT Construction Updates** (10 min)
5. **Discussion** (30 min)
6. **Closing** (5 min)





Introductions

Casino Advisory Council



Neighborhood Representatives



Issue Experts



Aldermanic Offices



City Staff



Bally's and Development Partners



Chicago Casino Snapshot



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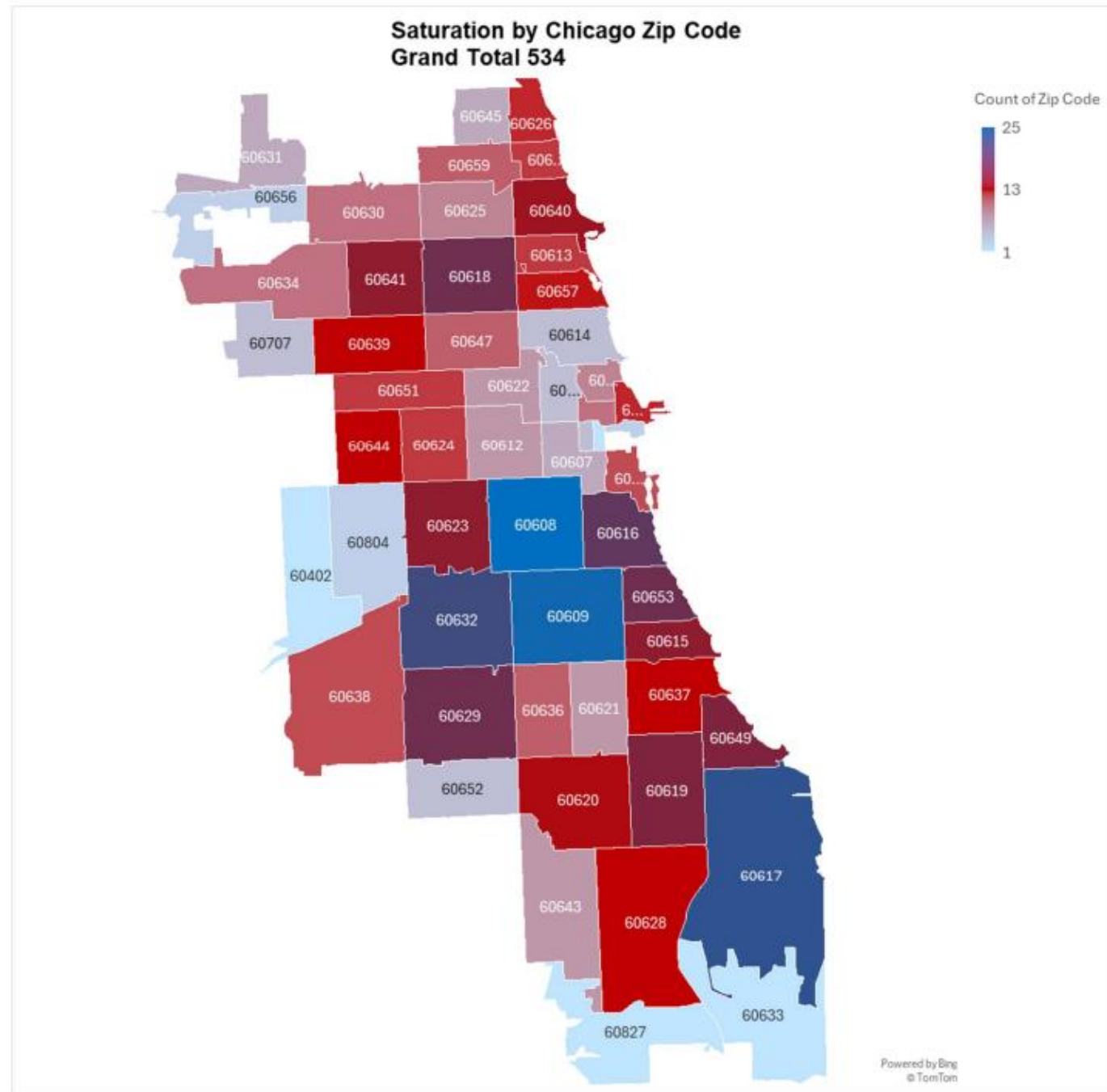
Key temporary casino metrics since opening Sept. 9th, 2023

- **2.3 million+ visitors** served to-date
 - Critical driver of foot traffic post-pandemic
- **\$73 million+ in new revenue** generated for the City of Chicago
 - \$25 million in gaming tax revenue
 - \$40M initial payment and \$8M in annual payments (\$4M per year)
- **720+ new permanent jobs** created
 - 74% Chicago residents (25% SEDA)
 - Project also generated 500+ construction jobs
 - June 25, 2025 – Hosted Second Annual Vendor Fair (Over 300 attendees)

Casino Workforce

Temporary Casino Workforce
534 Chicago Residents

Temporary Casino Workforce – 74% Chicagoans





Community Engagement Highlights

Partnerships & Events

- Collaborated with **50+ organizations** to date - Major events: *Taste of Randolph, Wicker Park Fest*

Notable Sponsorships

- Chicago Urban League, Illinois Council on Problem Gambling, United Negro College Fund

Community Investment

- Launched *Charity of the Month* giving initiative
- Focus areas: Workforce Development, Culture, Education & Community Enrichment

Cultural Support

- DCASE, Equality Illinois, Chicago Black & Hispanic Aldermanic Caucuses, Chinatown & Uptown Chambers of Commerce

Bally's

Community Rewards Program



Vendor Fair - Organizations

PARTICIPATING TABLE PRESENTERS



Vendor Fair - Suppliers

CERTIFIED & MINORITY PROVIDERS UTILIZED



KOVAL

Sugar Bliss[®]
BLISSFULLY SWEET[®]

BRONZEVILLE
WINERY



TEQUILA
1349
20° 42' 7" N
102° 18' 26" W



UNCLE
NEAREST
PREMIUM WHISKEY



Bally's



Bally's Construction Update



Chicago Casino Snapshot

Permanent casino currently under construction

- **\$1.7 billion investment** into our City's downtown
 - \$1.34B minimum capital investment
 - Strong multiplier effect across jobs and spend
- **Significant revenue generator** for pensions
 - Expected to generate hundreds of millions of dollars for the City
 - Gaming revenues go to support police and fire pensions
- **3,000 permanent jobs** to be created (union jobs)
 - Expected to also generate 3,000 construction jobs

★ Bally's Construction Status and Updates

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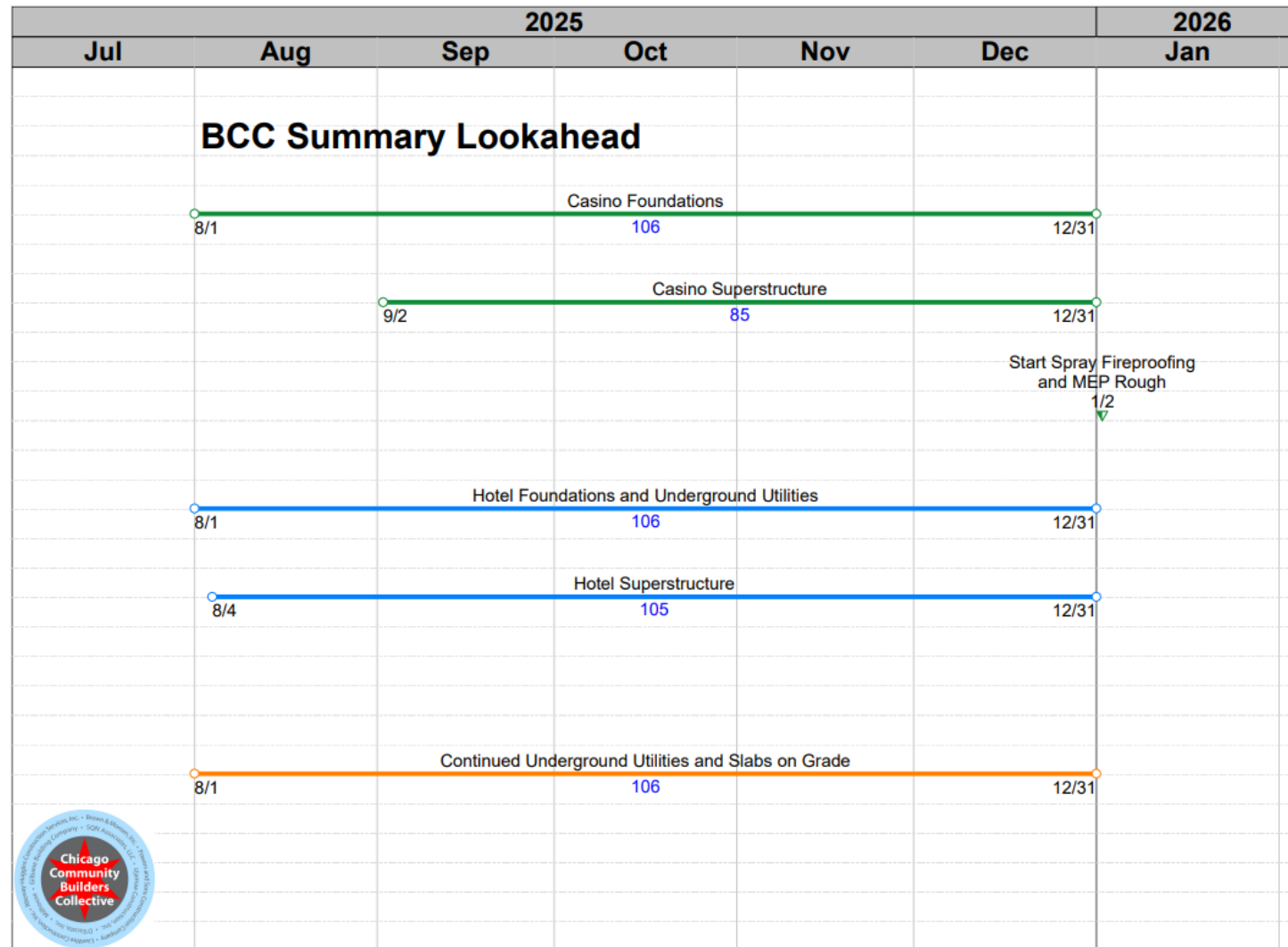
- ✓ Site Control
- ✓ Demolition
- ✓ Caisson Pouring
- ☐ Foundations
- ☐ Steel for Podium
- ☐ Core and Shell
- ☐ Vertical Build



DRONE SHOT



Bally's Construction Look Ahead



ANIMATION





COMING SOON



Bally's CASINO & RESORT CHICAGO, IL

CHICAGO, ILL. AVE. JEFFERSON ST. INTERSECTION
EXTERIOR DESIGN PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 24, 2024

Bally's CASINO & RESORT CHICAGO, IL

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EXTERIOR

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★ Construction Outreach - Highlight

Chatham Business Association (CBA) membership meeting event

Impact:

“Brandenburg was honored to be selected by the CCBC Team to start off the Bally’s Chicago Casino by completing the demolition phase of the project. CCBC is working in conjunction with Brandenburg in preparing talented Chicagoans for the rigorous demands and complexities of the construction industry as they build long-term careers in the local trades and unions. Brandenburg has already continued the employment of two local hires, transferring their services to another jobsite after seeing their skills and growth on the Bally’s project. By creating pathways to long-term employment, Brandenburg and the CCBC are committed to helping to shape the future of newly skilled trades workers and connecting them to contractors looking to invest in talented residents across the state.” **said Anthony Guarnero, Illinois Division Commercial Manager at Brandenburg.**





Construction Outreach - Highlight

Hire 360 Illinois Works Graduation

Impact:

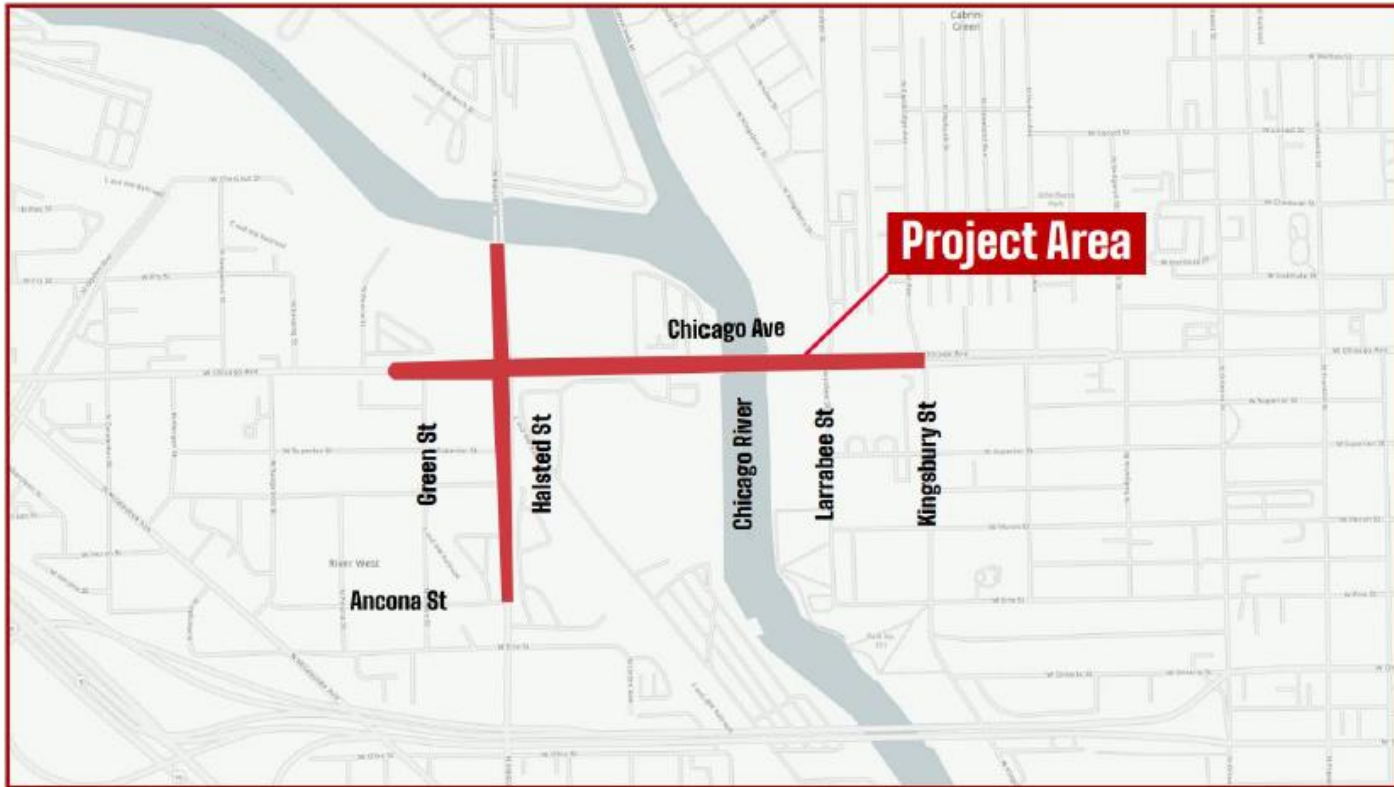
“The HIRE360 Illinois Works program gave me the chance to get out on real job sites and see the work in progress — from operating heavy equipment to learning directly from the crews. That hands-on experience helped me realize what I’m capable of. If you have a vision and you’re ready to work with your hands, programs like this can set you on a path toward real opportunities in the trades. This experience showed me that a real future in the trades is within reach.” **said Nathaniel Smith, HIRE360 Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program Graduate from Cabrini-Green.**



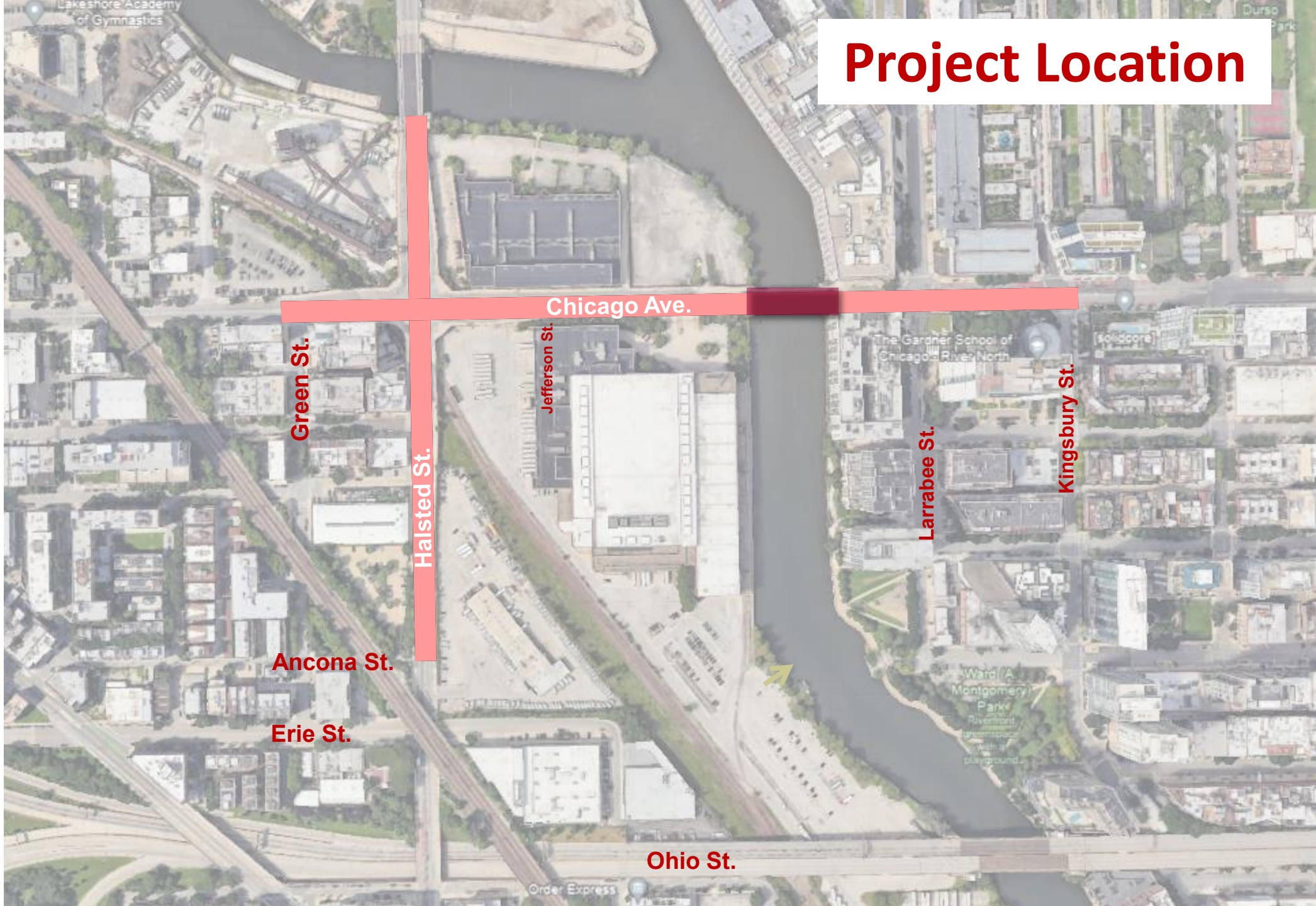


CDOT Chicago + Halsted

Chicago Avenue River Bridge & Chicago-Halsted Viaduct Project



Project Location





Chicago Avenue River Bridge & Chicago Avenue Halsted Street Viaduct



Project Scope

- Remove the existing temporary Chicago Ave. bridge over the River, and replace with a tied-arch bridge
- Riverwalk connection beneath new bridge
- Remove the existing Chicago-Halsted viaduct and replace with a new viaduct
- Chicago Ave. at Jefferson St. – new signals (by others)
- Street lighting removal and replacement
- Traffic signal modernization (at 3 intersections)
- Protected Bike lanes on Halsted St.
- CTA dedicated bus lanes
- Landscaping

★ Chicago Ave. Bascule Bridge (removed)



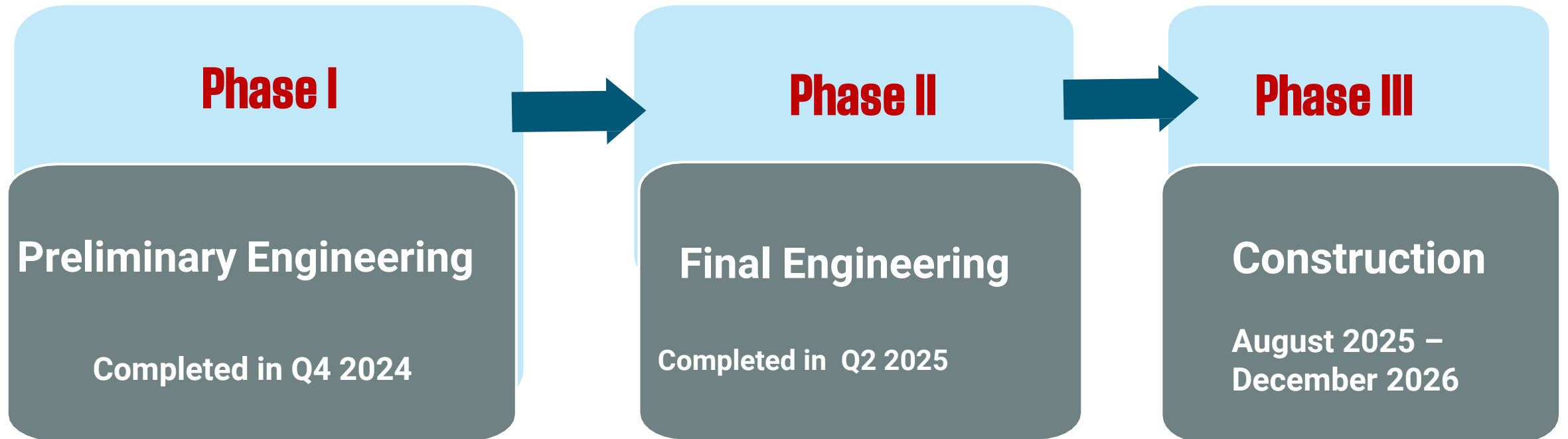
★ Temporary Bridge over the River (in place)



★ Chicago Ave. Bridge over the North Branch of the Chicago River



Project Phases and Schedule



Construction – Stage 1



Detour Routes – Starting August 4, 2025

- **Halsted Street** will be fully closed in both directions.
 - Northbound Detour: Grand - Orleans – Division - Halsted
 - Southbound Detour: Division – LaSalle – Grand – Halsted
- **Chicago Avenue** will be one lane of traffic in each direction. This traffic pattern will remain in place through October 2025, after which a full closure of Chicago Avenue will be implemented.



Discussion

Closing

Resources

- Chicago Casino Website – [Chicago.gov/chicagocasino](https://chicago.gov/chicagocasino)
- Chicago Casino Team Inbox – chicagocasino@cityofchicago.org

