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To: Residents and Business owners on Chicago Ave.

Dear Resident:

The Village of Oak Park and IDOT have awarded a project to install bike lanes and shared lane markings on Chicago Avenue. Oak Park applied for, and received, a federal grant to install these bike facilities. The contractor, J.A. Johnson Paving, expects to begin construction the week of May 16th.

The project involves patching sections of the asphalt street to allow for safe bicycle lanes, grinding off existing pavement markings, and striping & signing the bike lanes. The entire project should last approximately 4-5 weeks, as the contractor is also installing bike lanes on Division Street with the same project.

Bike lanes will be installed where sufficient roadway space allows and shared lane markings will be installed in those areas where there is not adequate space for full bike lanes, near most signalized intersections. Shared lane markings are used as an indication to drivers that they are sharing the road with bicyclists and the bicyclists are intended users of the road.

Parking will be temporarily affected during construction. The contractor will be installing "No Parking" signs along Chicago Avenue in advance of the work. If you have a parking pass for Z3 a parking pass allowing you to park on adjacent north-south streets will be provided in a separate mailing. If you have any additional parking questions or concerns, please call the parking advocate at 358-5750.

We apologize for the inconvenience the construction may cause and ask for your patience during the upcoming weeks. We encourage you to use the new bike facilities and if you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me at the information below.

Sincerely,

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