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Dear Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Erin Aleman,

I urge you to not advance the "Redefine the Drive" project in CMAP's upcoming Regional Transportation Plan. This deeply flawed project has faced overwhelming opposition from community members as well as elected officials and needs to be sent back to the drawing board.

The premise of the project from the beginning has fundamentally rejected public input which has shown an overwhelming majority of residents want investments in transit and a reduction in the impact of the drive on the lakefront. This desire was represented in HR 438 which passed unanimously in the Illinois General Assembly calling for the drive to be made a true boulevard and for investments in transit. The majority of Chicago's alderpeople who represent the North lakefront have make calls for the same.

Despite this, the Illinois and Chicago Departments of transportation have flouted these calls for better and presented plans with no improvements in transit and locking in a superhighway for the next 100 years of Chicagoans.

It would be profoundly irresponsible for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to do the same. Given the historic investment in transit the Illinois General Assembly just made, paired with dramatic changes to our regional planning for transit, it's time that CMAP help hit 'reset' on this project.

Sincerely,

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