

From: [Joseph Gambino](#)
To: ward36@cityofchicago.org
Cc: [Info](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Please do not advance NDLSLSD as a Priority Project on the Constrained List
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 6:43:30 AM

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Sincerely,

Joseph Gambino

[REDACTED] Chicago, IL [REDACTED]

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Cc: [Info](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Please do not advance NDLSL as a Priority Project on the Constrained List
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:24:27 AM

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Meaghan Burnell

[REDACTED] Chicago, IL [REDACTED]

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Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:39:12 AM

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Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:38:44 AM

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Subject: Re: Please do not advance NDLSO as a Priority Project on the Constrained List
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 10:36:38 AM

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Hello David,

Thank you for reaching out. I will pass your feedback regarding Redefine the Drive and its place in CMAP's Regional Transportation Plan along to Alderman Hopkins for his consideration.

Regards,

Brian Pelrine

Director of Zoning and Infrastructure

Alderman Brian Hopkins - 2nd Ward

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From: [Eddie Lehwald](#)
To: [Info](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Redefine The Drive
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 10:46:53 AM

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Hello,

I am vehemently against any project that preserves Lake Shore Drive in its current form, or expands its footprint.

If you ask almost anyone, they would agree that DLSD is not doing a great job. Whether they're bikers or pedestrians trying to enjoy a quiet day at the lake, or drivers sitting in traffic, The Drive as it is today just plain does not work, and the current Redefine The Drive plan won't work either.

The solution is not to double down on what we currently have—an urban highway that separates the people of Chicago from our single greatest and most unique asset—but to *actually* redefine what the drive is and who it is for.

Today's Drive is a legacy of poor decisions made in the past, and today we can choose to let those decisions continue to define us, or we can choose to move forward on a better path.

DLSD today is a cancer on our city, and we have an opportunity to remove that cancer. Sticking with the current Redefine The Drive plan is like going to the oncologist and saying "you know what, the cancer was here before, so let's just leave it...in fact, I think I'd like the tumor to be a little bigger".

A massive, loud, polluting, and dangerous waterfront freeway is not an inevitability, so let's not treat it like one. Lake Shore Drive could be a [beautiful and functional multi-use corridor](#) that connects to the lake instead of separating us from it.

Please do not advance this plan without the significant changes that will build a new DLSD for tomorrow, not one for 50 years ago.

-Eddie Lehwald

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From: [Maggie Bowman](#)
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Subject: Please do not advance NDLSL as a Priority Project on the Constrained List
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 11:03:23 AM

Dear Erin Aleman and Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth,

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Maggie Bowman

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Cc: [Info](#) [REDACTED]
Subject: Please do not advance NDLSL as a Priority Project on the Constrained List
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 12:29:53 PM

Dear Erin Aleman and Felix Cardona,

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Subject: Please do not advance NDLSL as a Priority Project on the Constrained List
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 1:50:54 PM

Dear Erin Aleman and Scott Waguespack,

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Subject: Please do not advance NDLSL as a Priority Project on the Constrained List
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2026 2:56:46 PM

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Joshua Cordell

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