

Sheridan Road Community Meeting
Monday, October 26
7 – 8:30 p.m.
Loyola Park Field House

Community Input

Likes

Group 1

Good for pedestrians
Multicultural
Low-rise

Group 2

Walkable
Trees
Coffee Shops

Group 4

Plazas (like the one in front of Chipotle)
The beach
The parkway/Green space
Low-rise buildings (some people would like 8 or 9 stories)
Historic building stock

Group 5

Trees
The New 400 Theater
Frank Lloyd House
Loyola Beach
Armadillos Pillow
Timed lights
View of the lake at Loyola Park
The Morgan parking lot by the El
Aesthetic of W. Sheridan Road

Dislikes

Group 2

Lack of kid friendly places to convene
Lack of perceived safety – want friends to come visit and feel safe

Group 3

Cuts off access to the lake

Group 4

Traffic
Four plus ones

Group 5

Four plus ones
Congestion
Speed of traffic
Left turns impacting flow of traffic
No bike path
Pockets are unsafe for pedestrians
Lack of retail destinations for beach goers
Barrier to the lake

Recommendations

Group 1

Make safe and secure pedestrian/bike/vehicular interactions
Put Sheridan Road underground
Slow traffic depending on the time of day (rush hour faster, day time slower)
Pedestrian lights that work
No high density development except Loyola triangle behind the Loyola El (currently a gravel lot)
No protruding signs over the public way
Better branding – keep multicultural theme
Want a bookstore, deli, take-out, ice cream shop (neighborhood retail)

Group 2

Indoor place to take kids
Bike friendly
No chains

Group 3

- One lane in each direction
- Add left turn lanes
- Detour traffic to Ridge – widen Ridge
- Add a bike path
- Make into a boulevard
- Add signage pointing to beaches
- Time traffic lights to make traffic slower
- Add berm to Loyola Park
- Trash compacting garbage cans
- Traffic signs yield to pedestrians
- Add gateway signage to Loyola University and the Cemetery
- Eliminate right turn on red at Pratt, Touhy, and Devon
- Make a lower Sheridan Road for through traffic

Group 4

- Make a bus only lane
- Keep pedestrian friendly

Group 5

- Make more pedestrian friendly – especially for east/west traffic
- Slow traffic
- Better lighting
- Address left turn channelization
- Eliminate blind crosswalk at Loyola El station
- Add kiosks displaying real time transit data
- Encourage better use when considering future land use

Overall comment: Be sensitive to Lakefront Protection Ordinance when considering future plans on Sheridan Road.



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