

# Implementing Transportation Elements of the Chicago Region Climate Action Plan

Advancing Bicycle, Pedestrian  
and Transit-Oriented  
Development

Planning and Implementation



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE CHICAGO REGION

2021

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# Project Goals

- Encourage communities to prioritize bike/walk planning and transit-oriented development as climate action
- Provide information on how to fund projects to accelerate implementation
- Influence how transportation funding is spent
  - Federal Infrastructure bill funds
  - Other flexible transportation funds, i.e., Surface Transportation Block Group Funds

# Strategies

- Highlight wide range of benefits of bike/ped/ETOD
  - Climate
  - Safety
  - Affordability
  - Accessibility
  - Economic competitiveness
- Provide forum for peer-to peer sharing
- Inspire leaders with benefits achieved in other communities
- Conduct research on trends and barriers to inform future efforts

# Regional Research on Bike/Pedestrian Planning by Municipalities

- Existence of bike/ped plans
- Extent of bike/ped content in comprehensive plans
- Extent of Federal/state funding received for bike/ped projects
- Transportation mode share by community
- How complete is the sidewalk network?
- Input from COG/COM discussions



# Event Series - 2022

Event	Format	Date
How to Develop a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	Webinar	April 28
How to advance Equitable Transit Oriented Development	Webinar	June 22
How to access and maximize Federal, state and local transportation funds	Webinar	July 14
Walking tour of Brookfield to showcase bike/pedestrian/transit-oriented projects that have been developed	In-person Tour	August 12
ADA transition plans and value to age friendly and climate resilient communities	Webinar	October/ November

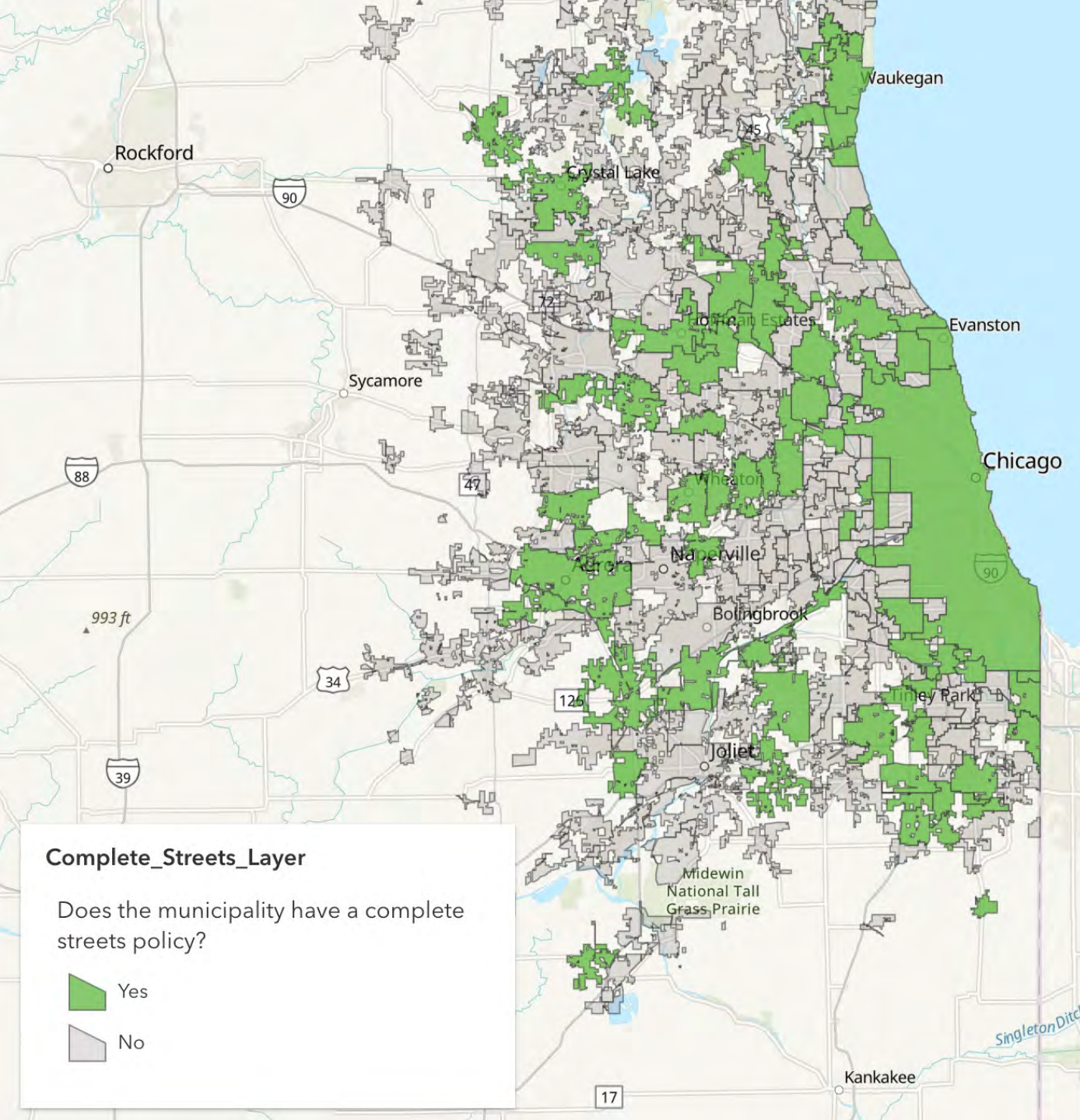
# Ways You Can Lead

- Adopt a **Complete Streets Policy**
- Develop/update and implement a **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**



# Municipalities with a Complete Streets Policy

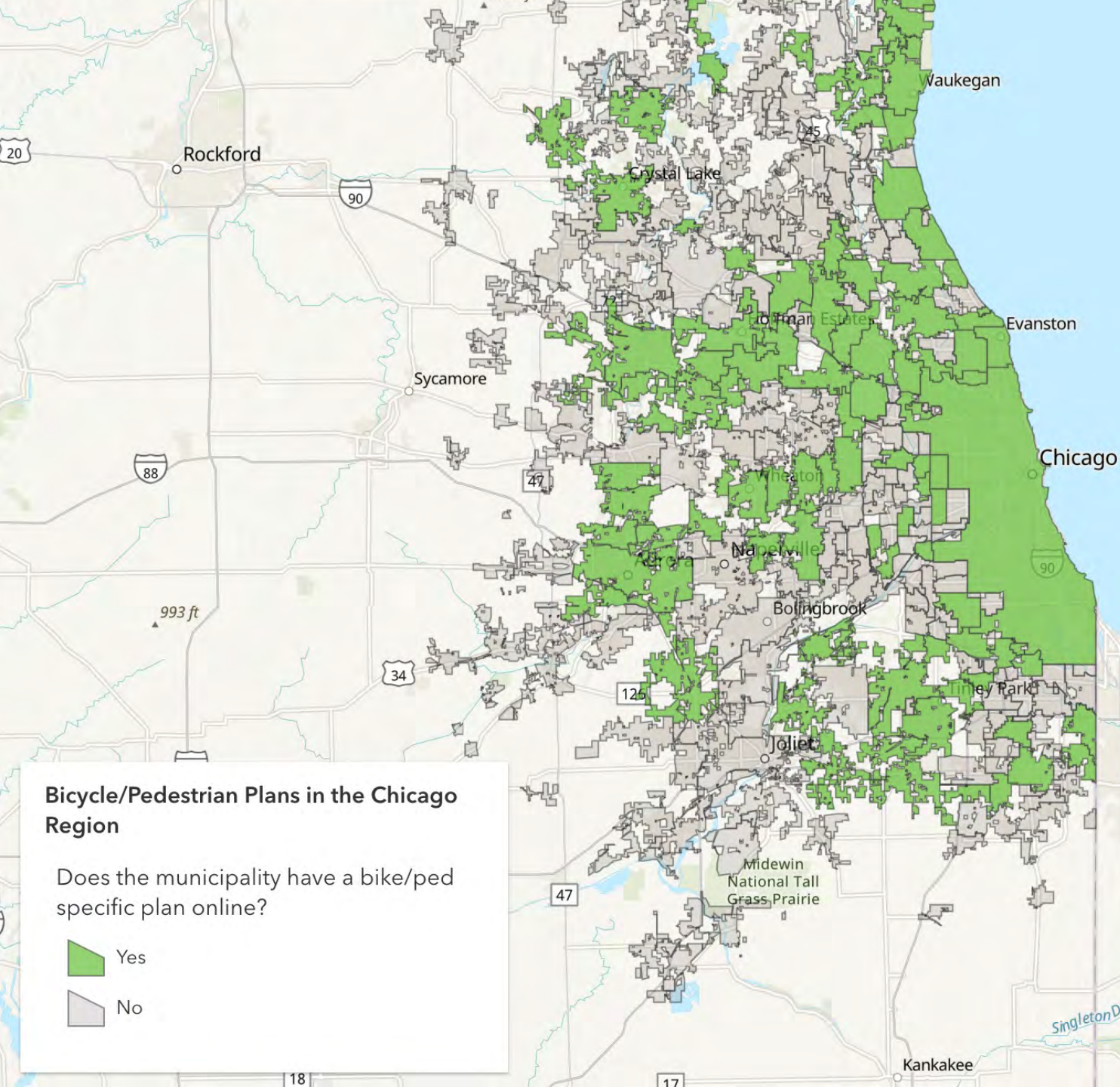
- More than 1,500 nationally
- At least 76 in Chicago region
- Resolutions, ordinances, plans, executive orders





# Municipalities with Active Transportation Plans

- At least 89 plans in Chicago region
- Recommend updating every 10 years

















# Ways You Can Lead

- What **actionable steps** are in your Complete Streets Policy?
- Which **projects in existing plans** can help advance complete streets?
- Spend a bigger share of **transportation dollars** on sustainable modes of biking, walking and transit supportive development – add it to your budget!
- Start a **bicycle/pedestrian or complete streets commission**
- Cultivate **community leadership** and **political will** for accelerating investment in sustainable transportation – share messaging and information
- Update **developer design guidelines**
- **Identify barriers** and reach out for help on overcoming them
- **Oppose road widening projects**

# Ways You Can Lead

- Attend the **Regional Climate Action Plan 2022 Event Series**
- Join Active Trans' **Chicagoland Complete Streets Coalition**
- Participate in **Bike Month & Move with the Mayor Challenge** annually
- Be aware and go after **upcoming funding opportunities** e.g. ITEP!
- **Stay in touch** – we are here to support you and have resources to share

# Discussion

- How are you and other leaders in your community doing on advancing Complete Streets/biking and walking and transit-oriented development?



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- What are some of the recent victories / accomplishments your community has had for biking and walking?

# Discussion

- What are the major barriers to improving biking and walking and transit-oriented development in your communities?

# Discussion

- What do you need to help your community prioritize biking and walking and TOD accelerate implementation?