

Indiana Avenue (31st – 55th)

Street Resurfacing and Traffic Safety Improvements

Thursday, May 8, 2025



Indiana Avenue (31st-55th)

- ▶ Long-standing traffic safety issues
- ▶ Deadly speeds & dangerous behaviors by motorists
- ▶ Indiana Ave is planned for resurfacing
- ▶ Upcoming project provides opportunity to slow vehicle speeds and improve safety for neighbors



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- ▶ Traffic safety concerns from the neighborhood date back years
- ▶ People are driving at deadly speeds every day
- ▶ Wider than necessary street creates challenges for people crossing
- ▶ Drivers do not stop for people to walk across the street
- ▶ The worst crashes are caused by people from outside the neighborhood



People are Driving at Deadly Speeds along Indiana Avenue Every Day

Between 7am & 8am

95% of over 30 MPH

38% of over 40 MPH

Top speed over 70 MPH

These are
**FATAL
SPEEDS**

Indiana is very wide,
making it challenging to cross the street

82%

of cars did not stop for people trying to
walk across the street

17x

Throughout Chicago, wider streets see 17x
more fatal crashes than narrower ones



The worst crashes are being caused by people from outside the neighborhood

70%

of drivers who have caused an injury-producing traffic crash live outside the neighborhood

Indiana Ave Over the Last Five Years (2019-2023)

704 total crashes

333 people injured

1 person killed



**More travel lanes than necessary
for a neighborhood street**

**95% of cars driving
over the speed limit**

**82% of cars did not stop for
people crossing the street**

**Wider streets see 17x
more fatal crashes
than narrow ones**

**People must walk 50
feet to cross the street**

**70% of injury crashes
caused by drivers from
outside the neighborhood**

Proposed Changes

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- ▶ **Remove one of the 3 car lanes** – Narrowing the street for **safer speeds** and make it **easier to walk** across Indiana
- ▶ **Install concrete curb extensions** – Improving the **visibility for people walking** across Indiana and slowing cars turning onto and off Indiana
- ▶ **Add bus bulbs** – Providing **more space for people** to wait at bus stops on Indiana
- ▶ **Reuse excess space** – Provide space for people to **safely bike** on Indiana

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Remove one of the 3 car lanes

- ▶ Narrowing the street to slow cars and make it easier to walk across Indiana
- ▶ Encourage slower vehicle speeds
- ▶ Shorted distance people must walk to cross the street



East side of street

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Install concrete curb extensions

- ▶ Reduce the crossing distance for people walking intersections by up to 55%
- ▶ Cut the exposure to moving traffic
- ▶ Improve the visibility for people walking across Indiana
- ▶ Slow cars turning onto and off Indiana



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Add bus bulbs (North of 35th)

- ▶ Providing more space for people to wait at bus stops on Indiana
- ▶ Will keep the sidewalk clear for people walking
- ▶ Improves bus travel times
- ▶ Also act as curb extensions



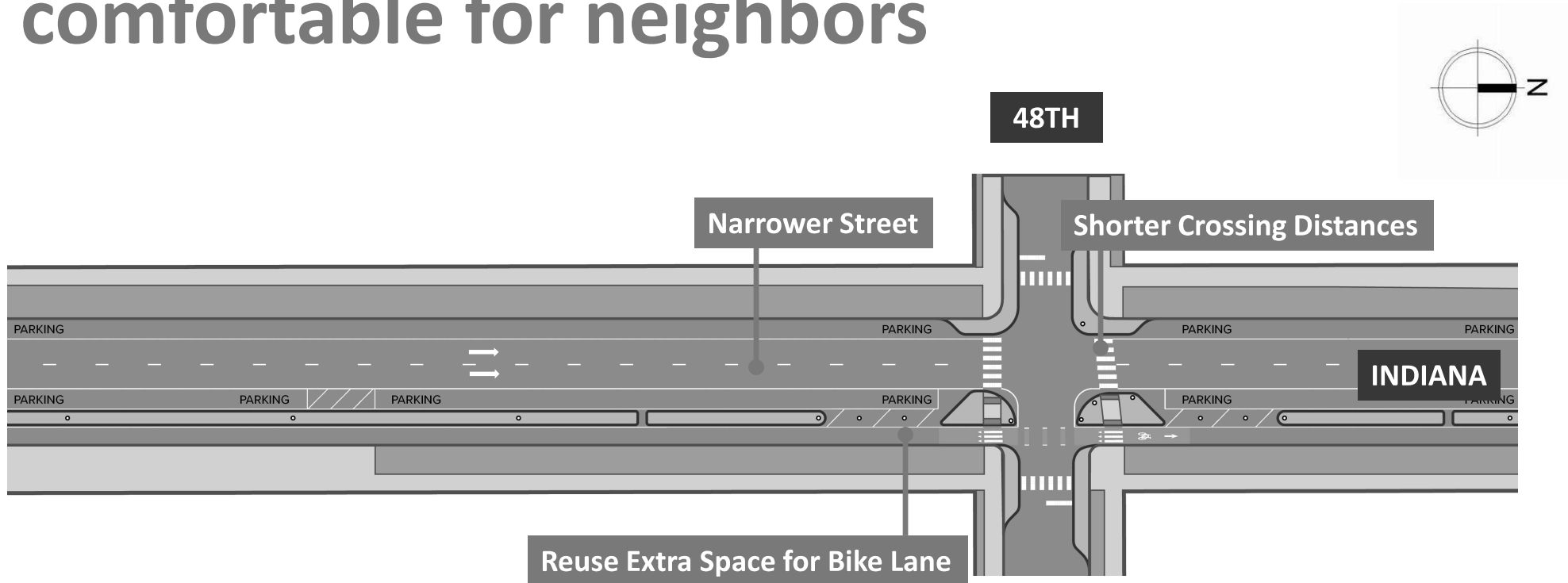
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Reuse excess space

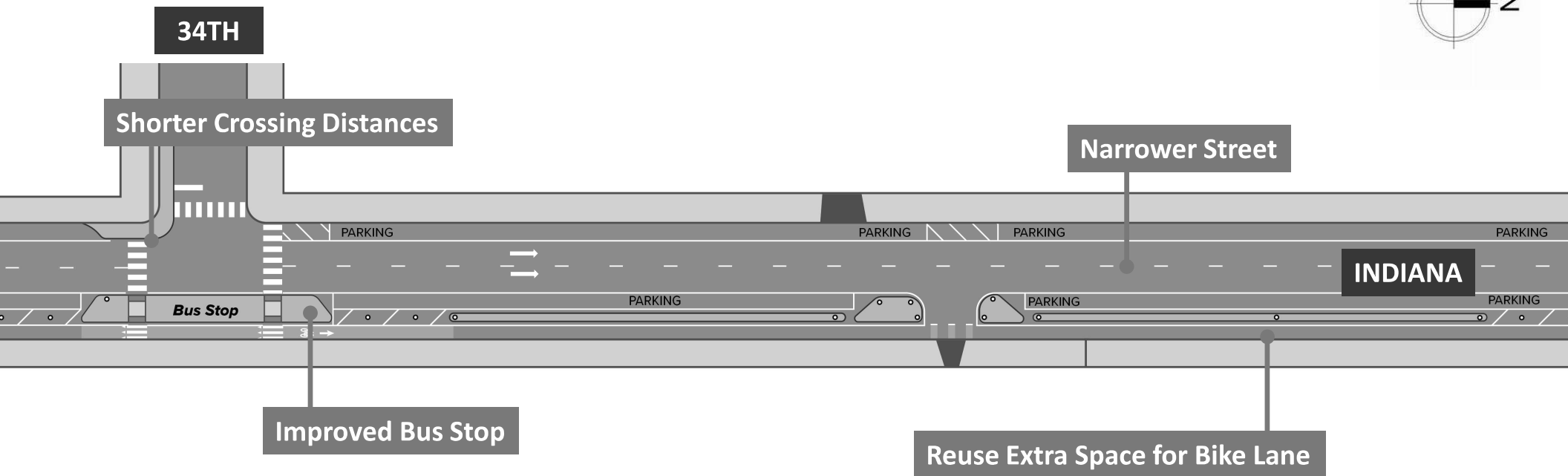
- ▶ Provide space for people to bike safely on Indiana
- ▶ Discourage people from biking on the sidewalk



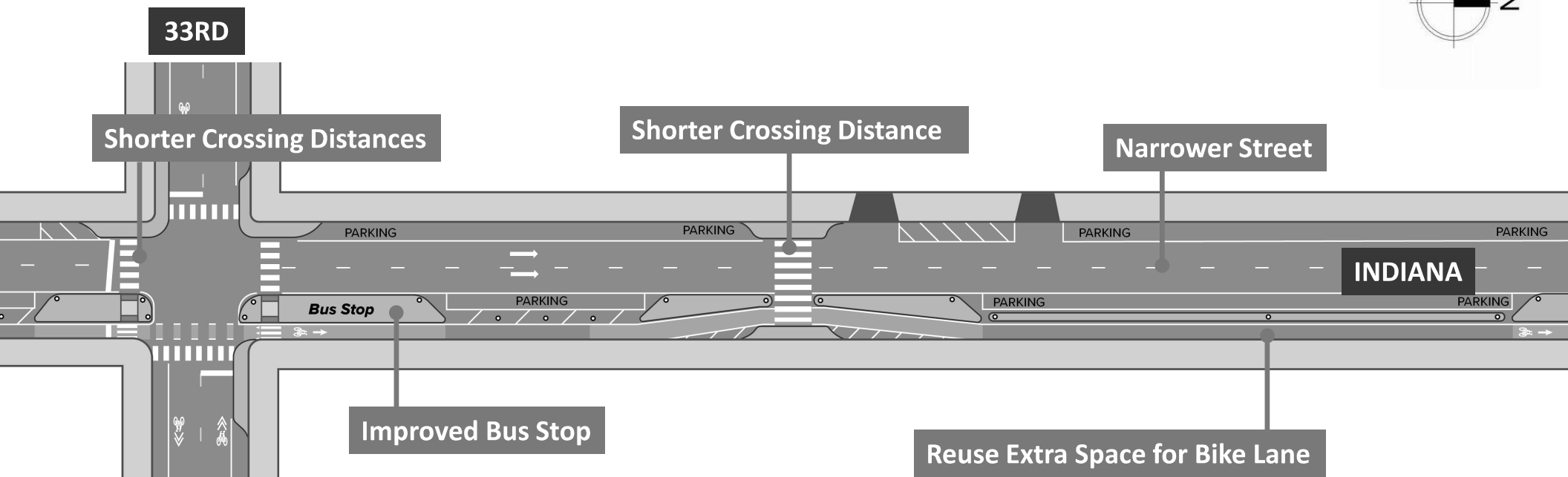
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