existing

barriers

various transportation and architectural barriers surrounding the site on three sides

street grid

N/S throughways / little/no connection to neighborhood / E/W local streets / broken and unconnective

METRA stops

last stop for 3 miles, dedicated to [now demolished] hospital

park connections

entire neighborhood disconnected from commuter line

lake connections

only one connection bridge at 2 mile span / one bridge per mile for the next 5 miles, bridges mostly dedicated to vehicular traffic

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creates transportation singularities

entire neighborhood disconnected from commuter line

local parks in isolation

lake and parks inaccessible to local pedestrians

superblock housing complexes

dearborn homes

sunken multi-lane highway

lake shore drive

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multi-use railroad tracks

metra commuter train

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128 acre convention center / McCormick place

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N/S linear parks bypassing site with only cursory connections