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| Projects, Transportation |

Lake Shore Drive, Museum Campus Chicago Park District

Design | Lead:

- Park District's representative on the community Advisory Committee and for the design team review
- Decision-maker for project design as it effected the parks
- Oversaw construction management of the landscape

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Client: City of Chicago

Project Date: 2000 - 2004

Budget: NA

Prime Consultant: Edwards and Kelsey
Engineers

Landscape Architect: TGA, HBL



With a history of community opposition and suspicion around street projects in the area, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) hesitantly programmed preliminary engineering studies for this project while concerned about developing a plan that would garner community support. In the end, IDOT and the consultant team, together with Chicago Dept. of Transportation (CDOT), and the Chicago Park District, successfully created a context-sensitive plan to use the roadway reconstruction project as a springboard to enhance the area.

The project involved the complete reconstruction of 6.4 miles of SLSD (US 41) from 23rd Street to 67th Street on Chicago's South Side. The work included replacement of the storm sewer system and roadway lighting, the addition of five new pedestrian underpasses, reconstruction of two existing highway bridges and one pedestrian underpass, and extensive median, gateway and pedestrian plaza landscaping. The Project was completed in 2004.