

# Oak Park



The Village of Oak Park completed an intermodal station area plan in two parts: the [Greater Downtown Master Plan](#) and [Greater Downtown Development Guidelines](#) in 2005. Both examined ways to increase usage of the station by improving multi-modal access, enhancing transfers and integrating development plans into the areas surrounding the Oak Park Metra and CTA stations to encourage transit-oriented development.

## Implementation Highlights

Construction of a 21-story mixed-use building at Lake Street and Forest Avenue began in Fall 2014 and will include 270 rental apartments, 25,000SF of ground-level retail and an integrated garage with 588 parking spaces. This transit-oriented development will be completed in Spring 2016.

Additionally, a mixed-use residential, retail and parking project featuring a 6-story building and an 11-story building has been proposed on the Village-owned Westgate site between Lake Street and North Boulevard just east of Harlem Avenue. This project includes 248 luxury apartments, 26,000SF of retail and a 5-level parking garage. Negotiations are underway to finalize the plan details. Additionally, the southeast corner of South Boulevard and Harlem Avenue is under consideration for a mixed-use structure consisting of approximately 250 residential rental units, 10,000SF of retail and 150 parking spaces. This project would include streetscape improvements along Maple Avenue to connect the project to the north. Construction could begin in Spring 2016 pending village approvals. These new developments will encourage increased ridership on all available transit services in the downtown area.

The Village is also planning to extend the Marion Street streetscape improvements west on South Boulevard to Harlem Avenue to enhance pedestrian and bicycle mobility and access to surrounding transit service. These improvements would include wider sidewalks, shorter intersection crosswalk distances improved lighting and public seating.

This project is partially funded through the Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP), a federal initiative aimed at improving transportation efficiency, reducing environmental impacts of transportation and ensuring efficient access to jobs by encouraging private sector investments in community development.



Proposed Building (left) and current site (above) at Lake St. & Forest Ave

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