Purpose and Need

Existing Deficiencies:

• Close ¼ mile spacing causes traffic conflicts and capacity constraints
• Very active part of Lincoln Park particularly on weekends
• Traffic spikes during frequent events
• High traffic volume with Montrose Harbor
• Ped/bike traffic must cross the junction ramps at grade which are stop sign controlled
• Mode conflicts present safety concerns and congestion
• Transit access to the park and along Marine Drive needs improvement

Key Considerations:

• Safety
  – Reduce conflicts between vehicles and ped/bike traffic
  – Grade separate the Lakefront Trail from arterials streets
• Park Access for Ped/Bike
  – Consider removing Wilson Avenue junction with NLSD but keep overpass to create park access gateway
• Traffic Operations
  – Modernize signals and add turn lanes where required at junction intersections and along Marine Drive intersections
  – Improve arterial street capacity to absorb traffic spikes due to weekend and special event park use
• Transit Advantages
  – Access to/from NLSD
  – Access to beach
  – Complement reconstruction of Wilson Red Line stop