City of Chicago Zoning Reform–P Streets

Chicago, Illinois

City of Chicago Zoning Reform Commission

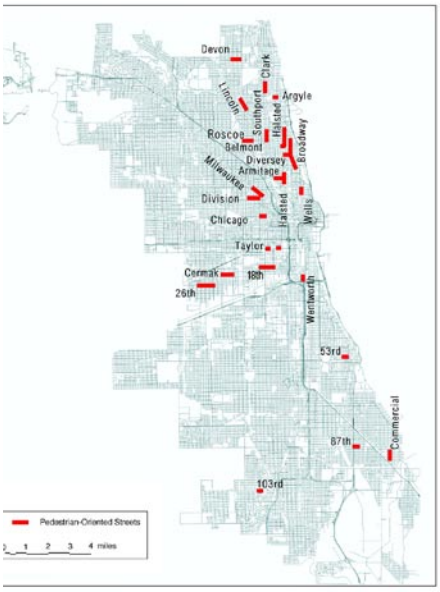
Profile:

Farr Associates was part of a consultant team selected to overhaul the 1957 Chicago Zoning Ordinance. Based on Farr Associates' recommendations, commercial zoning code will be revised to enhance key pedestrian-oriented retail corridors and classic Chicago corners at distinctive six-way intersections. Zoning code for these pedestrian-oriented "P Streets" will encourage continuous streetwalls, high levels of window transparency, and entrances to shops at sidewalks. Any associated parking is to be located behind buildings, and auto-oriented uses, such as drive-throughs, will be prohibited on designated "P Streets."

A 1/4 mile stretch of Belmont Ave. was identified as a pedestrian–oriented retail street worthy of protection.

Pedestrian-oriented street qualities were incorporated into zoning reform

Code will include provisions for window transparency and store entrances to the sidewalks.



Twenty-six new segments of commercial streets were identified as Pedestrian Streets.