Railvolution
November 6, 2006
• A “suite” of tools
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- CNT and its mission (abridged)

CNT: economic development & environmentally sustainable.

In that endeavor, CNT makes complex information actionable by community members.
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• The “TEA” bills and public participation
  – ISTEA, TEA-21 increased the emphasis on the public’s right to know and to be “involved”
• SAFETEA-LU requires “public participation” rather than “involvement,” also requires the use of “visualization techniques”
• 2001: Regional Transopoly
  – Based on S & R
  – Added CNT’s Public Meeting Experience
  – Built in group decision-making
• CNT + Regional and Local Partners
  – 11 Geographic "Summits"
  – 8 Mini-summits with under-represented populations
Local Reports, Regional Report & 300-Person Launch of Plan
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When it was time for the 2030 RTP Update, our regional agency called on us to conduct their official public engagement process.
The results are at

(http://www.sp2030.com/2030Update.htm)
TRAN SOPOLY

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Infrastructure Details:

Trolley / Shuttle Bus
5 miles, medium frequency
$1,000,000
add to map

Remaining: $200,000,000

Purchases:

No Purchases.

You haven’t purchased any infrastructure yet. To make a purchase, select an item or package from the top menu bar and click ADD TO MAP. After adding an item you will have the opportunity to change the quantity and add comments.

For help in making purchasing decisions, you can see what others have purchased in your area. You can turn this layer on or off in the LAYERS menu.
Edgewater is a long-established community on the north side of Chicago, adjacent to Lake Michigan. It is one of the oldest communities in the city, with housing stocks ranging from Victorian single-family to studio apartments in modern high-rises. These are several major commercial streets in Edgewater, which is a distinct identity.

Edgewater is built on a grid of predictable streets, which usually provide satisfaction options for all means of travel. The grid is enhanced by a variety of bus and rail lines. Several high-speed corridors impact the neighborhood’s residential and commercial streets and intersections.

Four economic development groups* from Edgewater agreed to participate in the first test of Neighborhood TRANSOPOLY. Their recommendations are found below. Suggestions they made about fine-tuning some of the game protocols were invaluable and will be incorporated in the final version.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Safety enhancements are essential.** Although Edgewater’s infrastructure brings many problems related to safety and traffic control improvements to the area, particular issues and major roads reveal many hazardous conditions for pedestrians of all ages. Residents would like to see more efforts to slow traffic, and encourage the use of alternatives to private cars.

- **Greening the community** was perceived as another way to encourage people to linger or dine comfortably, rather than speed through the community. Greening and safety improvements were often proposed simultaneously for streets and intersections where speeding traffic was seen as a problem. Greening was also seen as a way to promote more walking and bicycling.

- **Street trees** are seen as a necessary and desirable asset but one that suffers from aging infrastructure, particularly some of the older sections. New street trees, shrubs, and **CAs** were proposed for the course of the game. Although the group expressed some interest in a buffer zone, others felt the high number of bus parking areas in Edgewater increased but service was recommended as a way to reduce heavy side traffic.

**Economic development** is a high priority for these residents and business owners. In seeking transportation improvements to encourage economic development, they were interested in low traffic, improve the overall neighborhood aesthetics and encourage travel choices.

These ways to address problems increased access to local areas by automobile or bike provide additional parking.
Common components: regional and Neighborhood Transopoly

- Inviting table visuals
- Hands-on
- QOL Context
- Highly designed activities
• Common materials: regional and Neighborhood Transopoly
  • Paper strips and dots
  • Glue and tape
  • Colorful handbooks
  • Contingency cards
• Common materials: regional and Neighborhood Transopoly
  • Colorful table materials
  • Color coding
  • Simple graphic clues
• Difference: regional and Neighborhood Transopoly
• NT includes “packages”
Far West Public Involvement Meeting
May 31st 2006

A public meeting was held in Geneva where participants played the game Transopoly™ to prioritize both the themes and projects presented in the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (2005 RTP). The following report summarizes the responses given by the participants during this session. An “X” in a box means that the theme or project was prioritized either that theme or project.

### ETP Themes

1. More & better integrated public transit
   - Table 1: X, X, X, X
2. Better land use and transportation integration
   - Table 2: X, X, X
3. More bicycling and pedestrian options
   - Table 3: X, X
4. Better service for seniors and individuals with disabilities
   - Table 4: X
5. Improved highway management
   - Table 5: X
6. Safety with reference to pedestrians
   - Table 6: X, X
7. Improved traffic connection management
   - Table 7: X, X, X

### Participants' Priority for Infrastructure Projects

Participants selected infrastructure that represented their policy priorities. Infrastructure choices included: Linear, Point, and Multimodal pieces.

- **Linear**: Included several options for road and rail investments (top row in photo to the right) of 3D-like increments, which could be trimmed to match the project size. Points included stations and structures like bridges, interchanges, and grade separations. Points included any system of 25 miles or more to refresh existing needs to serve pedestrians, cyclists, and transit as well as auto and trucks.

- **Multimodal**: Included any system of 25 miles or more to refresh existing needs to serve pedestrians, cyclists, and transit as well as auto and trucks.

### Infrastructure Selection

Infrastructure selected was applied to a map of the entire area.

The list on page 2 shows what projects were selected from the 2005 Regional Transportation Plan recommended projects. In some cases, groups chose to purchase a portion of a project rather than the entire project.

The section on page 3 includes infrastructure choices that were not on the 2005 RPT list and unique ideas offered by the work groups.

The survey results for this group are on pages 4, 5, and 6.
**Current Project – Champaign Urbana Mass Transit District**

**MiPLAN**

Mobility Implementation Plan

When you think about traveling in the future, do you think Jetsons™-style spaceships or Disney’s™’s Futureland?

Whoa. Don’t get ahead of yourself. There are a lot of mobility options now that we as a community need to talk about.

your ideas will be used to create a plan miPLAN is simply a way for you to tell us what transportation choices you want and need. That input will help create a workable mobility plan for Champaign, Urbana & Savoy’s future.

**show us how you want to get from Here to There... play Transopoly!**

**what is it?**
- A map of Champaign, Urbana, & Savoy serves as the “gameboard.”
- Realistic budgets ensure good decision making.
- A trained facilitator guides small group discussions.
- You identify realistic solutions to local transportation problems.

Transopoly is fun, and allows community members to share their own mobility or transit ideas.

**dates & locations for Transopoly**

**Central Champaign**
Oct 10 6:30pm
Illinois Terminal
43 E University, Champaign

**North Champaign**
Oct 16 6:30pm
Spalding Recreation Center
910 N Harris, Champaign

**City Line South**
Oct 17 6:30pm
Illinois Terminal
43 E University, Champaign

**Northeast Urbana**
Oct 18 5:30pm* Urbana Free Library
210 W Gruns, Urbana
* please note different meeting time

**Southeast Urbana**
Oct 19 6:30pm
Urbana Middle School
1201 S Vine, Urbana

**City Line North**
Nov 28 6:30pm
MLK Elementary School
1108 Fairview, Urbana

**West Champaign**
Nov 29 6:30pm
Bresnan Meeting Center
705 Kenwood, Champaign

**South Champaign**
Nov 30 6:30pm
Bresnan Meeting Center
705 Kenwood, Champaign

**RSVP required**

you must RSVP to guarantee a seat (doors included).
if you cannot attend a meeting in your neighborhood, please join another meeting!
RSVP at rsvp@ihavemiPLAN.com or 217.278.9069

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