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Richton Park Complete Streets Events

Village of Richton Park

RICHTON PARK, IL. July 15, 2016 – Complete Streets infrastructure projects often take years to design and build. Temporary demonstrations of Complete Streets projects are *lighter, cheaper, quicker* street treatments that provide residents with a tangible visualization of how Complete Streets can transform the public right of way in their own community.

Demonstration projects are a powerful way to *involve* community members in Complete Streets projects, and move a dry discussion of a policy to a *fun, engaging, and memorable* event. Demonstration projects are also an opportunity to collect community input on intersection or street treatments before they are made more permanent, and build public support for such projects.

Next month, the Village of Richton Park, in partnership with *Active Transportation Alliance* and *Healthy Hot Spot*, will be hosting Complete Street Events within our community. The very first of these events will be a Pop-Up Demonstration on Wednesday, August 3rd. This will be from 4pm to 7pm located on Richton Square Road, between Lee Ave. and Polk Ave. For this one evening only near Richton Square School, audiences will be able to check out designs that can build safer, more inviting streets, and share their ideas for improvements that they would like to see long-term within Richton Park.

The scope of this juncture between Richton Park and ATA would include events set up, up to a few blocks in each community. Those few blocks will be transformed with temporary materials. All workshops and demonstration events are to be held between April and September of this year.

Also, there is an "Active Transportation Plan Survey" for Richton Park residents. We want to know what will help residents feel safer while walking and biking, and make it easier for them to reach their desired destinations. Your input will help the Village build a strategy for improving biking and walking throughout the community. Please take the quick survey by visiting https://goo.gl/ZD7I6j. Based on this community input, a formal site design will be created that can be adapted for future projects.

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