





Dear Loop Stakeholders,

Chicago Loop Alliance, and the Loop itself, experienced exciting growth in 2019. The Loop is benefiting from a boom in residential Loop for everyone, including an improving restaurant and nightlife scene and prime shopping. A fascinating trend unveiled by Chicago Loop Alliance's State of the Chicago Loop Economic Profile, released in May 2019, is the geographic growth of the Central Area; the South Loop, West Loop, Fulton Market, River West, and River North submarkets have all experienced a period of growth that is this expanding, thriving Central Area.

Our organization also grew in major ways in 2019 through new initiatives and heightened energy around old favorites. We hired a Public Space Manager, a new full-time staff position; we launched our Loop Employee of the Month initiative, a new marketing campaign targeting the Loop worker; we activated empty storefronts on Wabash Avenue with murals; placed art installations of life-size bears in the Pedway; and we hosted the inaugural Learning Expedition of the Global Business Districts Innovation Club, welcoming more than 20 leaders in downtown management from cities around the globe, including Moscow, New York City, Paris, Tokyo, Toronto, and more.

And we accomplished all this new work without sacrificing the successful programs we've built up over the years, like ACTIVATE, Downtown Futures Series, LoopedIn networking events, committee holiday destination marketing campaigns, and so much more-Partnership on Hospitality Hires Chicago, LUMA8 on the Arts in the

We also hosted the Chicago Loop Alliance Foundation's 15th Annual Illumination Gala, one of our most successful to date, raising \$256,000 for free public art and cultural programming in the Loop. To top it off, Chicago Loop Alliance gained 50 new members from

All of this would not be possible without our members and partners. have shown CLA. We look forward to continuing this work with you to make the Loop an exceptional destination to live, work, and play



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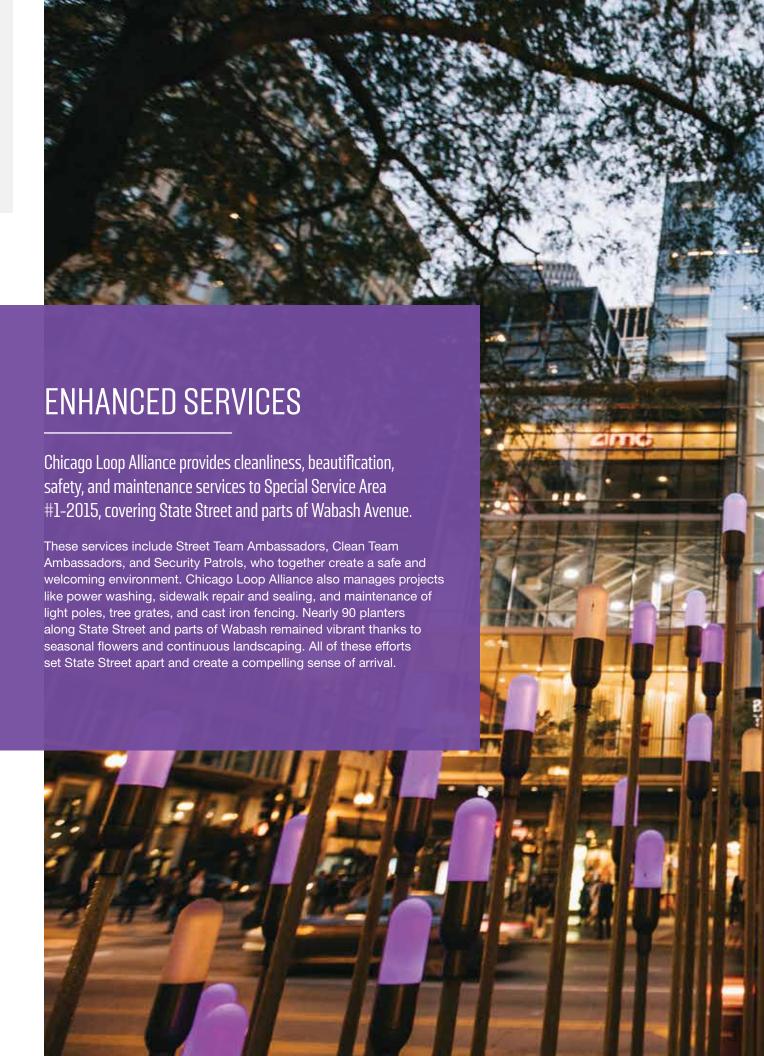


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DESIGN AND ADVOCACY

Chicago Loop Alliance reviews projects and advocates for Loop issues like transportation, public space, and opportunities for business and investment.

The Design and Advocacy Committee reviewed nine design and signage packages and held discussions on everything from small vehicle mobility to downtown sites for a Chicago casino. Other topics covered include the revocation of Aldermanic Privilege, high rise signage, and Chicago Transit Authority bus stop sign replacement. This work ensures the maintenance of the Loop aesthetic and provides opportunities for Loop stakeholders' voices to be heard during important policy conversations. One important new project that kicked off in 2019 is the State Street Corridor Plan, which will include recommendations on the street's design aesthetic, use of public space, transportation and mobility, business mix, and technology. To create the plan, Chicago Loop Alliance contracted site design group, Itd., an urban design and architecture firm. This will be Chicago Loop Alliance's first plan for State Street since 1987, and it will be released in fall 2020. In addition to hyper-local advocacy work, Chicago Loop Alliance also takes its expertise around the country and the world through conferences, speaking on issues of homelessness, safety, placemaking, and the impact of art and culture.



IMPACT

#1 Big City in the U.S. by Conde Nast Traveler for the third year in a row

3 national and international conferences attended

10 Chicago thought leaders engaged to present on urban issues at Downtown Futures Series 22 recommendations

made in Chicago Loop Alliance's Cultural Mile Action Plan, released in March 2019

9 design and signage packages reviewed by the Design and Advocacy Committee

40 properties in State Street's SSA #1-2015





PLACEMAKING

In 2019, Chicago Loop Alliance added a full-time Public Space Manager to work with the Director of Planning on placemaking projects that build a vibrant Loop community.

These projects include favorites like ACTIVATE, a series of free pop-up art events that transform alleys and other urban locations into creative exhibition spaces for thousands to enjoy, as well as projects like the *Massimals in the Loop* exhibit in the Pedway installed in December. Other placemaking projects completed in 2019 include sponsoring the Arts in the Dark parade for the second year to keep it on State Street; updating furniture at The Gateway; activating vacant storefront windows on Wabash Avenue with murals; installing *Theatre in the Loop* banners along State Street in partnership with the Design Museum of Chicago and One for One to celebrate the City of Chicago's Year of Chicago Theatre; bringing carolers to the Pedway during the holidays; and maintaining Lightscape and destination marketing banners and planter signage along State Street.





ACTIVATE

18,389 total RSVPs to four ACTIVATE events

\$444,635 in economic impact from ACTIVATE in 2019

74 unique Chicagoland ZIP codes represented by 2019 ACTIVATE attendees

117 artists whose work appeared at ACTIVATE in 2019

43% increase in ACTIVATE sponsorship dollars compared to 2018

85% ACTIVATE attendees whose opinion of the Loop improved after attending

FROM SPACE TO PLACE

9 State Street banner campaigns curated with partners including Broadway In Chicago, the Joffrey Ballet, Lyric Opera of Chicago, and the City of Chicago's Year of Chicago Theatre

14 people at any given time enjoy The Gateway each summer weekday

4 storefronts were activated with murals for *Wabash Windows*

10 life-size bears ("Massimals") were installed in the Pedway

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chicago Loop Alliance continued to champion economic development in the Loop in 2019 through useful reports and effective partnerships.

In May, Chicago Loop Alliance released the State of the Chicago Loop: 2018 Economic Profile, providing an update to a 2013 version of the report. The profile serves as a snapshot of the Loop economy with topics including employment and the office market; retail, food, and beverage; demographics and the residential market; tourism and hospitality; arts, culture, and education; and transportation, infrastructure, and open space. In September, Chicago Loop Alliance released a revised version of its 2018 Arts in the Loop Economic Impact Study, featuring clarified and visualized data as well as a highlight on the impact of theater in celebration of the City of Chicago's Year of Chicago Theatre. Chicago Loop Alliance continued sharing data with stakeholders from its Springboard pedestrian counters, located along State Street and parts of Michigan Avenue and the Pedway. And for the second year, Chicago Loop Alliance partnered with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership on two Hospitality Hires Chicago events, connecting Loop businesses in the retail and hospitality industries with pre-screened job seekers from Chicago's neighborhoods.





ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

28.4% of all private-sector jobs in Chicago are located in the Loop

863,000 square feet of office space from 19 companies have moved from the suburbs to the Loop since 2013

28.9% growth in the number of residents in the Loop since 2013

19.5% increase in visitors to Chicago since 2013

\$90M spent on tickets annually by Loop theater-goers

26% of pedestrian activity occurred at night according to Springboard counters

84 million State Street pedestrian impressions counted by Chicago Loop Alliance's Springboard pedestrian counters

1,232 job interviews were conducted over two Hospitality Hires Chicago events



LEARNING EXPEDITION CHICAGO

In October, Chicago Loop Alliance hosted an inaugural three-day conference bringing together leaders of global business districts, their managing companies, and urban planning authorities, including representatives from Casablanca, Chicago, Montreal, Moscow, New York City, Paris, San Francisco, Tokyo, and Toronto.

Global Business Districts Innovation Club's Learning Expedition Chicago focused on placemaking issues and cutting-edge trends in downtown management, with topics including arts and culture, residential development, technical innovation, public space, tourism, culinary arts, business recruitment, and transportation. The Global Business Districts Innovation Club was founded in 2018 by Chicago Loop Alliance and others, and its mission is to help world business districts to identify local innovative ideas and transform them into operational projects with global meaning.

LEARNING EXPEDITION CHICAGO

12 global business districts represented

33 Chicago thought leaders who gave presentations during the conference

89% who attended say the experience will improve the execution of their job

10 districts that have joined the Global Business Districts Innovation Club since Chicago Loop Alliance co-founded the organization in 2018

MARKETING

Chicago Loop Alliance markets the Loop as a dynamic destination for workers, tourists, visitors, and residents with various campaigns and initiatives that benefit members, stakeholders, and the Loop as a whole.

New this year was the Loop Employee of the Month initiative, meant to target the Loop worker and spread the impact of Chicago Loop Alliance to a new audience. The program profiled one person per month who works in the Loop and who is great at what they do, contributes to their community, or inspires those around them. Chicago Loop Alliance also continued its established marketing campaigns and projects, including *Summer in the Loop*, *Holidays in the Loop*, ACTIVATE's Linger Longer coupon book, and various digital initiatives like the In the Loop blog, social media, and advertising. This marked the first year that the *Summer in the Loop* campaign included a State Street takeover, with branded banners and planter signs highlighting summer attractions for the month of June.





40% increase in followers across social media platforms

50% increase in engagement across social media platforms

3.4 million social media impressions

408,323 pageviews on loopchicago.com

119 blogs published on In the Loop

570 member mentions in CLA blogs

22% increase of average time spent on website pages





Efforts to position Chicago Loop Alliance as a major voice of the Loop continued in 2019 with ramped-up PR efforts, including sending more press releases, media advisories, and pitches to journalists, as well as acting fast to respond to requests for comment on a variety of Loop issues.

Chicago Loop Alliance used the press to weigh in on the placement of a Chicago casino, how to reimagine Pritzker Park what Mayor Lightfoot should prioritize in transportation and mobility, matters of safety and security, the state of the Loop economy, and more—while also earning coverage on projects like ACTIVATE, Downtown Futures Series, Pedway activations, the 15th Annual Illumination Gala, *Holidays in the Loop*, *Wabash Windows*, and *Massimals in the Loop*.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

31 press releases or media advisories sent

176 clips that mention Chicago Loop Alliance

630 million earned media impressions for Chicago Loop Alliance

42% increase in earned publicity value

APPEARED IN

Chicago Tribune



CHICAGO SUN*TIMES

























MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Chicago Loop Alliance means invaluable networking opportunities, marketing benefits, professional development, and connection to the community—both in the Loop and throughout the city of Chicago.

This year, a different non-profit partner was featured at each LoopedIn Networking Event, including Embarc, the League of Chicago Theatres, Envision Unlimited, ChiGivesBack, the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, the Epilepsy Foundation, and My Block, My Hood, My City. Chicago Loop Alliance also partnered with the LGBT Chamber of Commerce of Illinois on a member mixer and panel called 50 Years Later: A New Way of Business. And the inaugural Chairman's Dinner provided an opportunity for CLA's largest financial contributors to convene for an exclusive first look at the *State of the Chicago Loop: 2018 Economic Profile*. Chicago Loop Alliance has shown continued dedication to finding new ways to facilitate meaningful connections between members.



MEMBER FAST FACTS

297 total Chicago Loop Alliance members in 2019

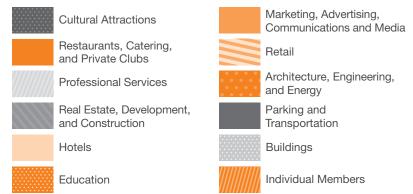
50 new members joined Chicago Loop Alliance in 2019

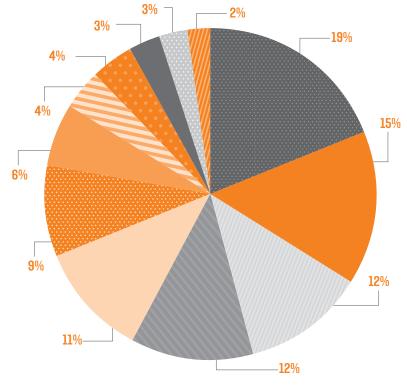
200 member highlights in Member Spotlight, a weekly email distributed to Chicago Loop Alliance members

7 nonprofit partners featured at LoopedIn Networking Events

1,000 members attended complimentary networking opportunities throughout the year

MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS





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ILLUMINATION GALA

Presented by Pressure Washing Systems, Chicago Loop Alliance Foundation's 15th Annual Illumination Gala took place on September 20, 2019, at the Hilton Chicago.

The Illumination Gala gathered 500 supporters for a celebration of the Loop's rich arts and culture scene, raising \$256,000 to support public art projects and events like ACTIVATE, The Gateway, Pedway activations, and more. Dean Lane, Area General Manager of The Palmer House and Hiltons of Chicago, was honored with the Illumination Award for his dedication to Chicago Loop Alliance and his tireless efforts to serve the City of Chicago and its hospitality and tourism community. Gala co-chairs were Colleen Spector, Corporate Sales, Southwest Airlines, and John Wells, General Manager, Hilton Chicago.

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It is with sadness we note the passing of Martin Stern of U.S. Equities and CBRE, who served with distinction on the Greater State Street Council and Chicago Loop Alliance Board of Directors for over 25 years, and Betsy Traczek of The John Buck Company, who also served as an innovative voice on the Board.

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