



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CITY OF CHICAGO

February 11, 2014

The Honorable Michele Smith
Alderman, 43rd Ward
2523 N. Halsted Street
Chicago, IL 60614

**RE: Children's Memorial Hospital Development
Fullerton Loading Dock**

Dear Alderman Smith:

During a meeting with the Chicago Department of Transportation on January 27, 2014, you requested a letter from CDOT detailing the advantages of locating the Children's Memorial Hospital redevelopment site's loading dock driveway on Fullerton rather than on Lincoln. The three points below discuss these benefits:

1. It is our understanding that the majority of the development's truck traffic will be heading to and from the west on Fullerton. As such, trucks will be able to travel directly to the site without making turns at any intersection, including the six-legged intersection of Lincoln/Halsted/Fullerton. Fewer truck turning movements will promote safer and more efficient intersection operation.
2. Trucks accessing the Fullerton loading dock will be making right turns into the site whereas a potential Lincoln loading dock would require trucks to complete an inbound left turn. The left turn movement would require trucks to sit in traffic to wait for a gap in opposing traffic to complete that maneuver. This would delay through traffic. Vehicles heading into the Fullerton dock will make right turns and will be able to complete this maneuver with minimal delay.
3. The loading dock on Fullerton will be farther from the traffic signals than a dock on Lincoln. This spacing reduces the chance that queues extending back from the signal will block trucks exiting the loading dock.

Additionally, you asked whether it would be advantageous to shift the loading dock driveway to the west. Based on our engineering assessment, the current proposed location is appropriate since it would minimize the possibility of interfering with westbound queues extending from the Lincoln/Halsted/Fullerton intersection. Therefore, CDOT concurs with the developer's decision to locate the dock's driveway about 50 feet east of Burling.

Please contact me at 312-744-1987 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner
Division of Project Development

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