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# DRIVING COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

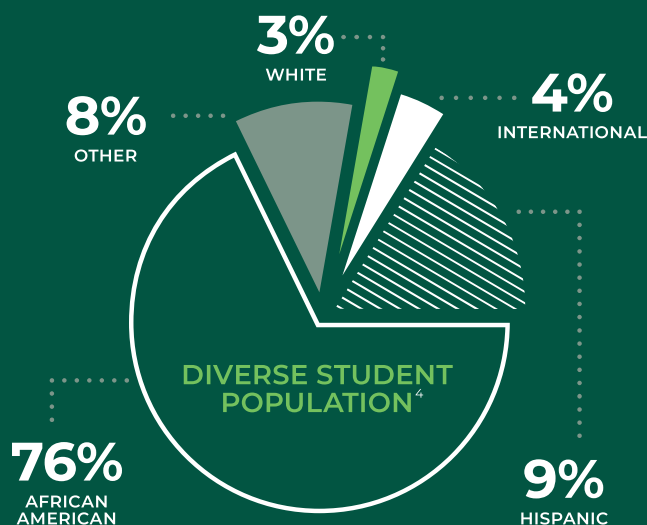
About  
CSU

**Top 4%**  
in the nation  
FOR GRADUATES' ECONOMIC MOBILITY<sup>1</sup>

**\$1.6 billion**  
generated income estimated  
FOR ILLINOIS ECONOMY ANNUALLY<sup>2</sup>



**89%**  
Pell Grant  
Recipients<sup>3</sup>



Source: World Business Chicago's analysis of CSU's Economic Development Plan. Figures are the upper end of the estimate.

## RE-ENVISIONING 95TH STREET



### Community & Student-Centered Development

CSU has a MOU with the City of Chicago for revitalization of a key corridor for far southside neighborhoods. A strategic economic development plan for the 95th Street Corridor was created based on engagement from hundreds of community and campus stakeholders. Findings include:

- **Retail, Hospitality, and Recreation:** There is a clear need for more retail, hospitality (particularly for conferences), and recreation services.
- **Campus Housing:** CSU has one residence hall that is at capacity and unable to accommodate graduates or families. By increasing student housing density, CSU will support sustained investment back into the neighborhood.



### Building a Public Transit Gateway

CSU has a MOU with Metra, the commuter rail system in the Chicago area, for a \$45 million renovation of the train station located on campus. Construction of the modernized stop began spring 2025.

## GET INVOLVED

Contact External Affairs to learn more: [externalaffairs@csu.edu](mailto:externalaffairs@csu.edu)



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1 - CSU Analysis of Study Published in New York Times:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/projects/college-mobility/>

2 - Study by EMSI (Labor Market Analytics Firm) on CSU's 2018 - 2019 Academic Year

3 - 2023-2024 Academic Year

4 - Undergraduate Students, Fall 2023

## DEVELOPMENT PLAN FIGURES

### Annual House Spending

Consumer spending is the amount spent on a variety of goods and services by households within the 1-mile radius of the Chicago State University Campus

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL SPENDING



SELECTED CATEGORIES



FOOD SPENDING



APPAREL SPENDING



ENTERTAINMENT SPENDING

Source: ESRI Business

## IMPACT OF CSU'S 'RE-IMAGINED' 95TH STREET PLAN

479 new jobs

480 new residents

\$25.8M in earnings for workers

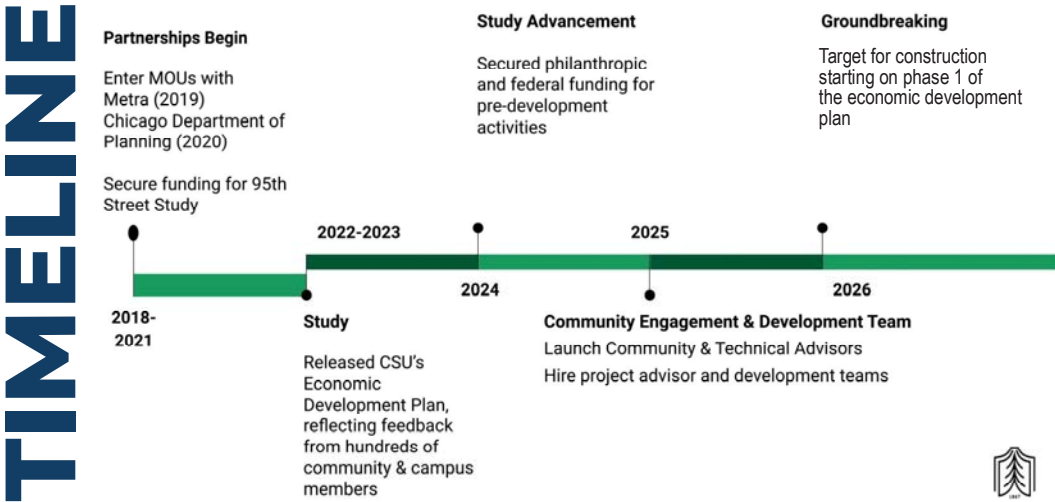
\$14.2M in new consumer spending power

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## DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

**Timeline for Building Designs & Site Uses:** CSU will make decisions on site uses and building designs after additional engagement with community and real estate development firms.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Survey on Community Needs



## OTHER CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**Community Welcoming Center:** CSU is opening a community welcome center in the former Walgreens store, located at 95th and King Drive. We anticipate the space opening in 2025/2026.

**Pool:** CSU anticipates re-opening our pool in late 2025/early 2026. The project required completing rebuilding the exterior walls, roof, pool, and locker room.

**Quantum Careers:** Through two federal grants, CSU is preparing communities underrepresented in STEM for careers in quantum. CSU will embed this initiative in our economic development plan.