



Let's Go Evanston: 5 ways to get there

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Earth Day 2021: Citizens' Greener Evanston

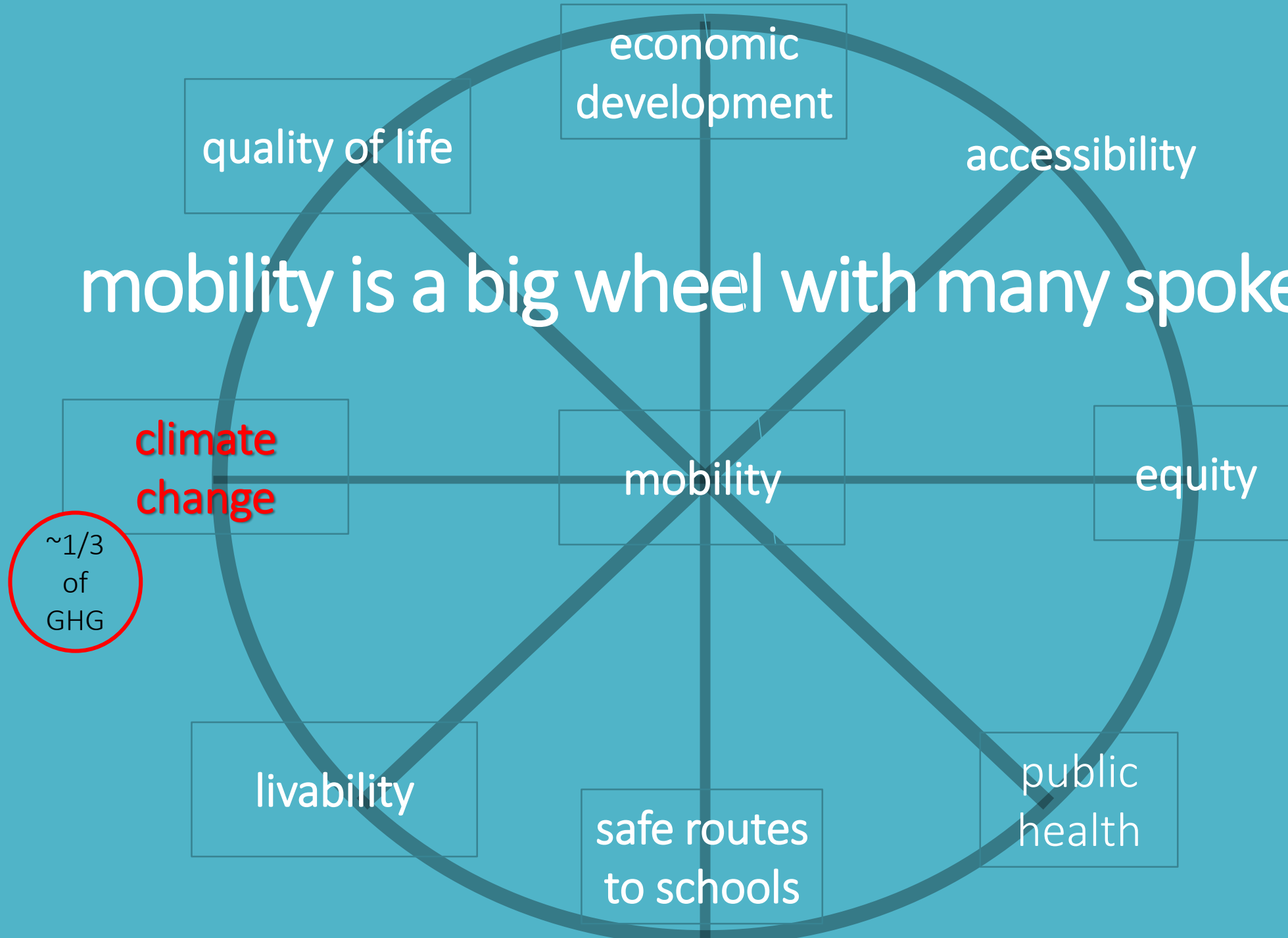
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EVANSTON

Who?

- Founded in 2016
- Mobility – all ‘modes’
- Advocacy
 - Education
 - Engagement
 - Encouragement
- Action & results
- Serious & fun
- Part of the CGE family



mobility is a big wheel with many spokes



How Evanstonians travel (non-pandemic conditions)

MODE OF TRAVEL TO WORK, 2014-2018

	Evanston		National	County	6-County Region*	
	Count	Percent	Comparison	Percent	Count	Percent
Work at Home**	3,422	N/A	2019	N/A	214,903	N/A
Drive Alone	16,758	51.8	76.3%	64.4	2,856,015	72.4
Carpool	2,620	8.1	9.0%	8.4	323,107	8.2
Transit	7,857	24.3	5.0%	20.0	551,089	14.0
Walk or Bike	4,713	14.6	2.7%	5.7	163,932	4.2
Other	394	1.2	1.8%	1.5	51,124	1.3
TOTAL COMMUTERS	32,342	100.0	2,380,835	100.0	3,945,267	100.0
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	30.6		33.3		31.8	

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey five-year estimates.

* Commuter estimates not available for Kendall County.

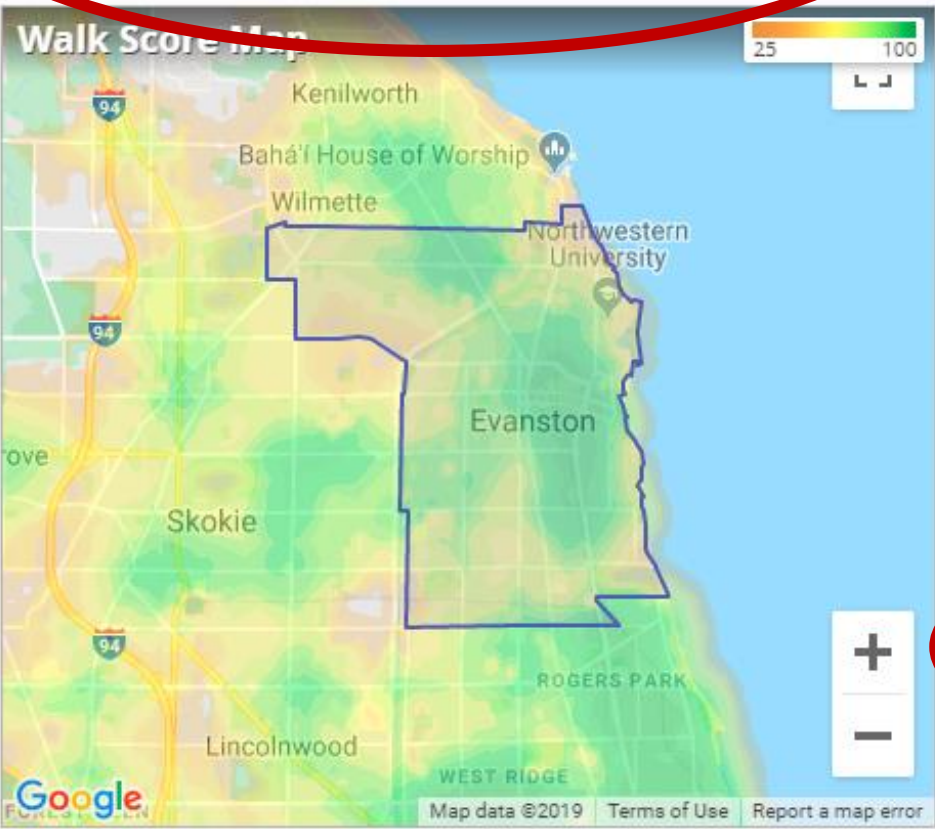
** Not included in "total commuters."

Universe: Workers 16 years and older.

 Type an address, neighborhood or city

Living in Evanston

Walk Score
75
Evanston is Very Walkable
Most errands can be accomplished on foot.



Evanston has an average Walk Score of 75 with 74,486 residents.

Evanston has good public transportation and is very bikeable.

Find apartments in Evanston's most walkable ZIP codes, 60201 and 60202.

Evanston's assets:

- Multiple train lines
- Transit lines
- Neighborhood schools
- Good sidewalk conditions
- Mixed-use & destinations
- Relatively dense
- Interesting visually/Ped-friendly
- Mixed ages



1. Teach OUR children

Protect their right to walk

- Safe, healthy & climate-friendly
- More important than ever after pandemic
- More aware of all traffic
- May 5: National Bike to School Day (May is national bike month)



THINGS KIDS HAVE SACRIFICED FOR DRIVERS

- PLAYING ON THEIR STREET
 - SAFE SCHOOL STREETS
 - WALKING TO SCHOOL
 - BIKING TO SCHOOL
 - WALKING TO THE PARK
 - RANDOM PLAY
 - CROSSING THE STREET
 - PLAYING AT NIGHT
 - INDEPENDENCE
 - QUALITY STREET LIFE
 - AIR QUALITY
 - ETC.....

THINGS DRIVERS HAVE SACRIFICED FOR KIDS

Teach our Children

- Plan ahead
- Connect with neighbors and family
- Teach & model traffic safety skills
- [Bike Safety Quiz](#) (Ride Illinois)
- Follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, wear masks





2. Return to or try transit as soon as you feel safe doing so

Transit Truths

- Mask mandate Jan 2021
- Social distancing is possible – monitor CDC guidance
- APTA study: no demonstrated correlation between increases in ridership & spreading events
- Strict cleaning protocols
- High-air turnover
- Once vaccinated and comfortable with #'s, risk



Transit Tips

- Plan ahead
- Do it for leisure the first time
- Leave time for user error
- Take advantage of not being behind-the-wheel (read, use phone)
- Payment is contactless
- Improved bus stops coming soon
- Look for incentives (transit passes)

Cool Apps to Find Transit

The image shows the logo for the 'ventra' app. It features a stylized 'V' made of two blue lines, followed by the word 'entra' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font.



3. Participate

City of Evanston Bike Map

3 Important Street Projects Happening Now

- Connected & consistent networks
- Complete streets
- Support active transportation modes between schools, jobs, shopping, homes
- Universal accessibility
- Support transit access
- Engage!

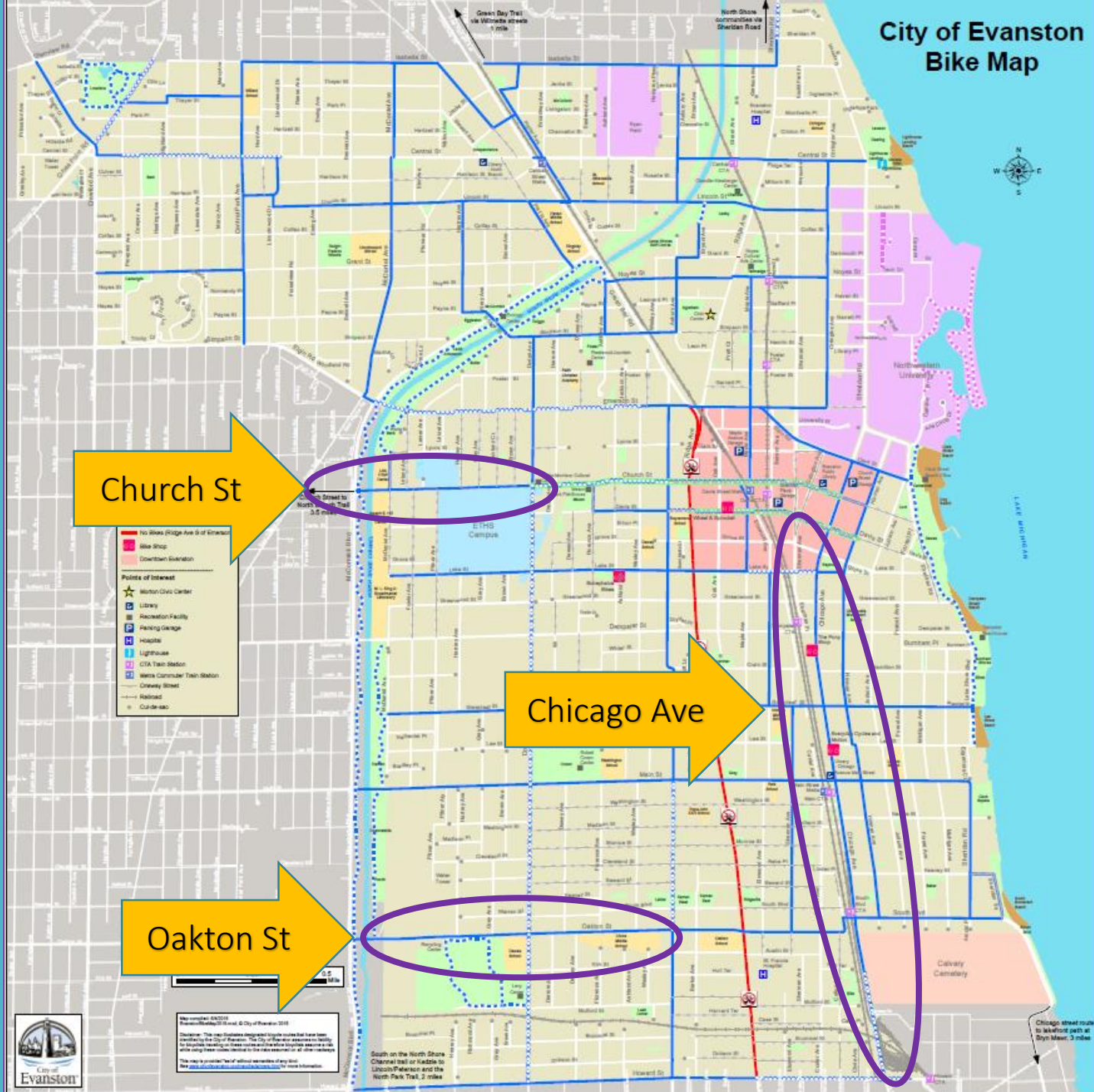




Photo: Doug Gordon

4. Support active transportation...even if you're driving

Be a good driver

- Slow down
- Be predictable (blinkers please)
- Avoid school areas at peak times
- Avoid designated or popular bicycle routes
- Use the Dutch reach
- Disable devices while driving
- Ride Illinois [Bike Safety Quiz for motorists](#)





Go!

Go...

- Get a map
- Get a light, helmet and lock
- Get a tune-up (also for your kids)
- Get a transit app
- Walk or roll a child to school
- Find a destination and a route
- Like Go Evanston, CGE pages
- Try Divvy
- Participate in public meetings
- Safely
- Have fun!





Thank you!

