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Is the stadium privately funded or using public money?

- The stadium will be entirely privately financed by Chicago Fire FC Club Owner and Chairman, Joe Mansueto. There will be no public funds used to build the stadium.

What will the capacity of the new stadium be?

- The planned seating capacity for the stadium will be approximately 22,000 for Fire matches, with an increased capacity for concerts and other events.

Will the stadium be soccer-specific or multipurpose?

- While the stadium is being built as a soccer-specific stadium, with the primary purpose of serving as a permanent home to Chicago Fire FC, the facility will be designed with the idea of being a mixed-use facility to host year-round events.

In addition to Fire matches, the Club is excited for this stadium to be a true community asset. It will host a variety of other sports and entertainment events, including international soccer matches, rugby matches, concerts, festivals and other live shows, fundraisers and charity events, trade shows, corporate events, conferences, and community events.

When will construction officially begin on the new stadium? When will it open?

- Construction at The 78 is anticipated to begin by the end of 2025 and the new stadium is expected to open in 2028.

Will the new stadium be easy to access by public transportation?

- The location of this stadium will significantly increase access to public transportation for Fire fans, with access to nearby CTA Red, Orange, and Green 'L' trains within two blocks of the site, several CTA bus lines including 12, 18, 24, 29, 62, and 146 stops, and Metra stops within walking distance including LaSalle Street and Museum Campus/11th Street. Additionally, the site will be accessible via water taxi.

Will there be dedicated parking or garages?

- As part of the larger development at The 78, onsite parking for approximately 2,000 cars will be constructed and timed to open in line with the stadium.

Will jobs be created by the stadium?

- The stadium will create thousands of jobs, both during and after construction, and will also generate millions of dollars in tax revenue for the city of Chicago.

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Will there be any construction of a new “L” station?

- No this plan does not have any new stops included.

Will the Metra tracks have to be relocated?

- No the Metra tracks on the site will remain in their current location.

What are the plans for community input?

- Alderman Dowell is committed to ensuring the community has ample opportunities to voice their thoughts. She will be hosting community meetings throughout the process. She will also coordinate with organizations in the surrounding area to allow for direct points of contact. As always residents may email ward03@cityofchicago.org to express any comments, concerns, or questions.

Have there been discussions with Wards 11, 34, 4 and 28?

- Preliminary conversations have been had with the Alders of these wards.

What does public access to the green space and the river walk look like?

- All open spaces including the riverwalk will function like any other Chicago public park, with public access available during the same standard operating hours.

What disruptions can we anticipate during construction? Any known road closures?

- The Wells-Wentworth Connector is a CDOT-owned road. All construction will be coordinated with CDOT and the Alderman's office as details become available. All surrounding roads will be considered in construction management plans and coordinated with CDOT to ensure traffic impacts in the area are mitigated.

What does the safety plan look like for Roosevelt with the increased pedestrian traffic?

- Related Midwest and the Chicago Fire will work with OEMC and CPD during match and event days to ensure safe and efficient traffic measures are in place. In addition, Related Midwest is working with the City and Alderman's office to evaluate possible ways to make permanent improvements to increase safety and security for residents in the area.

How will the stadium impact residential street parking?

- Related Midwest is currently preparing a comprehensive traffic study with input from CDOT that will be made publicly available, currently estimated to be in late

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June. Recommendations for any modifications to existing residential parking will be outlined within the traffic study.

How much would the TIF be reduced as a result of this project from the current authorization?

- Related Midwest is in preliminary discussions with DPD regarding modifications to the existing TIF, but Related Midwest is proposing a reduction in the total budget of at least \$50 million based on the reallocated uses to support the new development plan. These uses include public roadways, a community plaza supported by a public parking garage, seawall rehabilitation, riverwalk construction, MWRD tunnel rehab, Metra improvements, and improvements along Clark Street and Roosevelt Road.

Are the Chicago Stars considering becoming a permanent tenant at new Fire stadium?

- There are currently no plans to host Stars games in the Fire stadium.

How many events will be held per year?

- Approximately 30-35 total larger scale events are planned (inclusive of the Fire games), with small-scale community and corporate events expected throughout the year.

What is the plan for noise mitigation?

- All events in the stadium will comply with all Chicago rules and regulations regarding operations. Noise is being considered in the design of the stadium and the partial roof structure will help to mitigate noise levels. Additionally, the stadium will be separated from surrounding residential areas by Clark Street and the Metra tracks.

Can you provide a traffic plan for mitigation of congestion?

- Related Midwest and the Chicago Fire are working closely with the City of Chicago on a comprehensive traffic plan that will address the possible congestion that might occur from matches and events. Further details of this plan will be provided as part of the zoning amendment process in the coming weeks.

What does the timeline look like for each step in the approval process?

- Related Midwest is filing an application to amend their existing Planned Development this month, which will be followed by a series of follow-up meetings with the City and community groups over the next two months. Thereafter, Related Midwest is hoping to be placed on the September Plan Commission

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agenda with final approval of the PD this fall. To be clear, this covers just the stadium and infrastructure improvements in terms of initial development approvals, and any future proposed vertical development will be subject to the City's site plan approval process. Related Midwest is also still in preliminary discussions with the City on amendments to the TIF but expect that process to follow a similar timeline.