Three pedestrian and bike bridges are dramatically improving access to the lakefront for communities on Chicago’s South Side. A key component of Building on Burnham, the City’s plan to invest in natural areas and recreational infrastructure along waterways, newly completed crossings spanning road and rail are located at 35th and 41st streets, with a 43rd Street bridge underway. They replace non-ADA compliant bridges that were well worn and foreboding.

The single-truss suspension structures were designed by EXP, AECOM and Cordogan, Clark & Associates. They feature large, graceful S-curves that complement the landscape and mimic the bend of the walkways in Burnham Park, itself the recipient of millions of dollars in upgrades and physical expansion over the last 20 years.

Major upgrades to bridge crossings and recreational access for adjacent neighborhoods of Bronzeville and Douglas comes through joint funding from all three levels of government. Reconstruction of vehicular bridges are also part of this long-range investment.

Further reading:

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