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10th Ward

The 10th Ward is the city’s most expansive and far-flung district. The area encompasses a half-dozen neighborhoods, and its commercial zones and consumers are disconnected. The Calumet Caravan is a retrofitted trolley that links the ward’s vibrant but scattered businesses, makers and vendors to the wide-spread populace.

Each day, the trolley departs its dock and distribution center at the South Chicago Maker Space, a future community center that provides local residents with the space and tools to produce goods for sale. From there, the trolley makes scheduled stops at churches, libraries, and underutilized lots. Like a mothership, the trolley carries and deploys a collection of benches, tables, and vendor booths to transform these common locations into activated public spaces of gathering and exchange. Ward residents know that when they see the Calumet Caravan approaching, their street corners are linked to a greater network of convenience, commerce and community.
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