

Interstate 71 Uptown Access Study

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Progress Update

The project schedule has been delayed due to the need for additional traffic data. This handout provides information on the status of the I-71 Uptown Access Study and the activities you might expect over the next few months.

Background

As a follow-up to the 2006 Uptown Study, TranSystems has been hired by the City of Cincinnati to consider improved access to and from I-71 in the vicinity of Martin Luther King Drive and/or McMillan Street and Taft Road. The goals of the project are to: reduce travel times, simplify wayfinding, and promote economic vitality within the Uptown area as well as the surrounding neighborhoods. The project will coordinate with local plans regarding rail, public transit, community development and environmental restoration. The project study area includes parts of Avondale, Evanston, Mt. Auburn, and Walnut Hills, with representatives from those areas included in project decisions. The adjacent neighborhoods of Clifton, Corryville, East Walnut Hills, CUF, and North Avondale are also encouraged to provide input.

Schedule

Based upon the revised schedule, the project team will be ready to display and discuss alternatives – along with the impacts and benefits of those choices – by late summer/early fall of 2010.

Current and upcoming activities include:

- Development of updated traffic volumes
- Analysis of existing conditions – traffic operations and land use
- Identification of environmental and community resources – mapping of historic properties, religious and community organizations, schools, institutions
- Development of conceptual transit alignment along I-71
- Identification of utilities
- Development of interchange alternatives at Martin Luther King, Taft/McMillan, and a combination of the two
- Evaluation of property impacts, consideration of local access
- Evaluation of potential land use changes and economic impacts
- Summary of noise impacts
- Estimation of probable costs for right-of-way and construction
- Preparation of Alternatives Comparison matrix and exhibits

Questions or Comments?

Your input is important to the project. Comments are accepted at any time, not just during formal public involvement activities. ***Is this project new to you?*** Get more information by visiting the project website or by contacting the study team.

Public Input Schedule (tentative)

Coordination with Implementation Partners on Alternatives and Draft Comparison Matrix (August 2010)

Public Input on Alternatives (August and September 2010)

- ✓ Update to Cincinnati's Major Transportation Projects Sub-Committee
- ✓ Community Council Meetings
- ✓ Advisory Committee Meeting
- ✓ Newsletter
- ✓ Website Update
- ✓ Public Open House

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