

# Project Introduction

## Background

In 2006, the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI), in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Cincinnati, and numerous community organizations, completed the Uptown Study, a comprehensive look at transportation needs throughout Uptown. As part of an overall transportation strategy, this study included a recommendation for consideration of improved access to and from I-71 in the vicinity of Martin Luther King Drive and/or McMillan Street and Taft Road. The current Uptown Access Study seeks to build upon the previous study by considering the I-71 access issue in detail.

## Project Purpose and Goals

The major goals of the project, as identified in the previous study, are:

- reduce travel times;
- simplify wayfinding; and
- promote economic vitality within the Uptown area and neighboring communities.

In addition, the project will improve safety as a result of updating the design to modern standards, reducing conflicting traffic on I-71, and reducing congestion on the adjacent surface streets. The project will coordinate with local plans regarding rail, public transit, community development and environmental restoration.

## Public Input Process

### Round One: Input on Issues - Through February 2010

Visit with community representatives and attend

Community Council Meetings

Advisory Committee Meeting

Public Open House

Survey Handout/Website

### Round Two: Input on Alternatives - Summer 2010

Community Council Meetings

Advisory Committee Meeting

Newsletter

Website Update

