

# Interstate 71 Uptown Access Study

## September 2010



### Progress Update

This handout provides information on the status of the I-71 Uptown Access Study as of September 2010. In our last update in April, we indicated that the project team would be prepared to display and discuss alternatives – along with the impacts and benefits of those choices – by late summer/early fall of 2010. However, it has become necessary to spend extra time reviewing traffic projections and changes in travel patterns.

Right now, we are working with City staff and ODOT reviewers to make sure that the alternatives we are developing are feasible – that they would be approvable by state and federal agencies. We will be ready to finalize these alternatives when we are satisfied with the accuracy of the traffic projections upon which all the designs must be based.

Then, we will prepare a comparison matrix showing the positives and negatives of each alternative. The comparison will take into consideration the project's goals, which include reducing travel times, simplifying wayfinding, and promoting economic vitality within the Uptown area and the surrounding neighborhoods, including Avondale, Evanston, Mt. Auburn, and Walnut Hills. Representatives from those areas will be consulted during project decisions.

### Public Input Schedule

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

Public Input on Alternatives (Early 2011)

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

### Public Input

Your input is important to the project. The current schedule calls for a meeting among the project team and Implementation Partners late in 2010. Once their comments have been addressed, the team will schedule a series of public outreach events for early in 2011. This outreach will include presentations to community councils, a newsletter, an update of the website to show the alternatives, and a public open house.

If you have received notifications earlier this year for this project, you are on our mailing list for notifications of these events. If you want to be added to our e-mail list or mailing list, please contact us.

### Questions or Comments?

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.

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