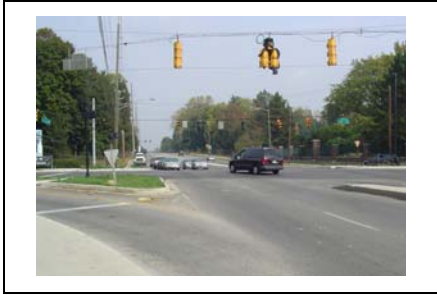


GATEWAY IDENTIFICATION FORM

(Additional Pages May Be Attached If Needed)

Sector: NW
(Please list as two digit abbreviation, e.g. RC = Regional Center)

Proposal Number: _____
(Please use the naming convention –Sector identifier plus an ascending numeral.)



Location Of The Proposed Gateway Project:

The intersection of 38th & Michigan Road

Significance/Rationale For The Gateway (Why Is This A Good Location? What Is Important About This Location?)

This intersection is the “front door” to many of Indianapolis’ cultural, historic, religious, education, recreation and neighborhood landmarks.

The intersection of 38th and Michigan Road is anchored on the northwest corner by the “new” Indianapolis Museum of Art, which is currently undergoing a \$212 million, 164,000 square foot expansion. Historic Crown Hill Cemetery, sprawls across the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection. This site is the final resting place for many of the city’s most famous and infamous residents. Hundreds of visitors who tour Crown Hill annually rate the experience as “the best walking tour in Indianapolis”. Woodstock Golf Club, nestled behind trees on the southwest corner of the intersection is home to a private 9-hole golf course established in 1893.

Past, present and future come together at this important location. The northern boundary of the old Indianapolis city limits is 38th Street. Michigan Road, the city’s oldest north south road, was once used by farmers to drive their cattle to market at the Indianapolis stockyards. Remnants of the road’s past are still visible along Michigan Road. Hessong House at 5599 Michigan Road, was built in 1888 by Charles and Jennie Johnson Hessong, prominent farmers who were active in charitable causes. Charles was a member of Washington Township Advisory board and instrumental in the Michigan Road improvement project of 1923-24. A two-story toll house at 6358 Michigan Road, built in 1840, still has a huge cottonwood tree in back which is said to have been a landmark used by runaway slaves traveling Underground Railroad. The toll house operated until 1853 when James Kennedy bought it. The Aston Inn at 6620 Michigan Road, was built in 1852 with bricks made on premises. It was a stage coach stop for travelers and circus performers who boarded their animals in the livestock pens. Many called it “The Eleven Mile House” because of the distance from the house to the Indianapolis stockyards. Further north, Boardman House at 7716 Michigan Road, was built by David G. Boardman and his sons in 1834. They made bricks from clay they dug and poplar and ash timbers they cut and sawed at a mill on north bank of Crooked Creek. Visitors to the home can still see the bark on timbers. Boardman, along with James Fee, established town of Augusta in 1832.

This gateway is also the front door to a diverse faith community. The Interfaith Center and Christian Theological Seminary just north of the intersection are the first of many religious institutions that include the new Light of the World Christian Church, Crooked Creek Baptist (est. 1837), St. Monica’s Catholic, Witherspoon Presbyterian (est. 1896), First Mennonite (est. 1952) and neighborhoods that include four of the city’s five synagogues.

Educational institutions of every type and level are prominent along the corridor. They include Butler University, the new International School, Crooked Creek Elementary (one of the area’s oldest grade schools), Indianapolis School for the Blind, Park Tudor and Cold Springs Academy (environmental science magnet). Further north, Michigan Road serves as an artery connecting two of the city’s growing and increasingly diverse public school corporations—M.S.D. of Pike Township on the west and M.S.D. of Washington Township to the east.

Major health care institutions in the area provide residents with access to health services. Among these are St. Vincent's flagship hospital at 86th Street and St. Vincent Women's Hospital. The new Pecar Clinic, part IU Medical Group is located just off Michigan road at 69th and provides services to low income residents, especially the growing immigrant population of the area.

Other area amenities include country clubs (Broadmoor, Highland, and Saddlebrook), parks (Juan Solomon, WISH and Holliday further east) and Washington Park North Cemetery.

With the Indianapolis Museum of Art and Crown Hill Cemetery serving as anchors and historic, educational, religious and other landmarks along the way, 38th & Michigan Road is truly a gateway to the greater Crooked Creek area and communities beyond.

Critical Issues (Adverse Or Positive Impacts To Infrastructure, Commercial Businesses, Neighbors, Future Development, Etc.)

This is a busy intersection. Road improvements to 38th street are currently underway. Curb cuts, medians (some grassy) are nearly complete at the intersection. Improvements to Michigan Road in front of IMA, widening of bridge over White River, and roadwork northward past the Art Park, International School, DeHaan Estate are in process. Street, sewer, sidewalks and proposed path and greenways projects further north along or near Michigan Road, are proposed and/or in various stages of implementation. Installation of large structural gateway elements could disrupt north/south and east/west traffic. Construction could also be a factor for visitors to IMA. Design of the gateway must compliment IMA plans and take the historic nature of Crown Hill into account. Woodstock would be less affected but should be consulted.

Concept Or Theme Of The Proposed Gateway Project (Optional):

Come Full Circle--Value the Past, Experience the Present, Invite the Future!

Type or scale of the proposed gateway project (optional):

With plans for footpaths, greenways and trails, this gateway has the potential to be visible and accessible to both motorists and pedestrians. Could use the gateway to "educate" visitors about historical significance of the area, promote existing amenities and introduce them to future possibilities. Gateway might include a place to sit.

Current Site Ownership (Does Site Need To Be Acquired?):

The IMA, Crown Hill and Woodstock own land along their respective property on Michigan Road. The City controls grassy medians now under construction on 38th Street and Michigan Road.

Audience (To Whom Will The Gateway Appeal?):

This gateway will appeal to resident or visitor, pedestrian or commuter. Guests of IMA, visitor to Crown Hill, Butler, or other nearby sites—be they students, art lovers, history buffs, jogger, tourist, nature lover, young or old will appreciate and recognize this gateway as an important landmark.

Please List Interested Groups/Agencies (Public And Private) And Describe Neighborhood Support/Buy-In:*

IMA

Crown Hill Cemetery

Woodstock Country Club

Butler University

The International School

DeHaan Estate

Christian Theological Seminary

Interfaith Center
Indiana Historical Society
Faith Community (Crooked Creek Clergy)
IUPUI – Center for Earth & Environmental Science
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
IndyParks
Crooked Creek Community Council (C4)
Crooked Creek Northwest Community Development Corp. (CCN-CDC)
Friends of the White River
Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations
Center, Washington and Pike Township elected officials
St. Vincent Health

*At the initial stage in the process, contact has been made only with IMA, C4, CCN-CDC, and IUPUI, all of which have agreed to be supportive of the 38th & Michigan Gateway.

Please Describe The Gateway's Relationship To Other Community Plans And Initiatives:

The Michigan Road Corridor Plan, adopted by the City of Indianapolis in 1998 called for implementing strategies to strengthen and promote the "identity" of the area. This gateway would serve as a touchstone for implementing other design elements along the corridor. Currently, there are huge public and private infrastructure improvement projects underway in the area including the IMA expansion, intersection and road work on 38th Street and Michigan Road, a new bridge over White River, the new International School complex, construction of the DeHaan estate, etc. There are also significant "quality-of-life" improvement efforts being undertaken by community collaborators which include St. Vincent Health, Crooked Creek Multi Service Center, Crooked Creek Community Council (C4), Crooked Creek Clergy and Crooked Creek Community Development Corporation. Among these improvement efforts are infrastructure projects further north on Michigan road (roads, sidewalks, bridges, trails, paths, greenways), retail revitalization at 60th Street, preservation/stabilization of neighborhoods, preservation of historic landmarks and land for community use (Masonic Lodge at 5555 Michigan Road), development of affordable recreational programs for families and youth, senior and family support services, housing stabilization, healthcare access for the poor, and citizen engagement. All of these efforts make for a fertile environment in which to undertake a gateway project at 38th & Michigan Road.

Please Outline An Implementation Strategy And Describe The Next Steps (What Needs To Occur In Order To Implement The Project?):

1. Rotary Club and City accept gateway location.
2. Meet with IMA and other stakeholders to define scope of project.
3. Community sponsorship of a gateway design competition
4. Stakeholders define design selection criteria in collaboration with city/quadrant groups
5. Reach consensus on design/funding options
6. Sponsor juried competition
7. Public comment period (publicize and put designs on public/web display for popular vote)
8. Select design/fabricator
9. Raise remaining funds
10. Implement/install gateway
11. Public ceremony to unveil gateway and thank stakeholders

Likely Funding Sources And Other Items Not Covered Elsewhere: Possible financial and in-kind resources *not covered above*:

- Rotary Club of Indianapolis
- City of Indianapolis
- Donations/contributions
- Penrod Society
- Indy Parks (grounds maintenance, sign/marker installation, etc.)
- Herron School of Art
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Central Indiana Bicycle Association
- Area golf/country clubs
- Neighborhood Associations
- School student organizations
- Faith congregations
- Artist
- Fabricators
- Professional associations (architects, engineers, etc.)