

GATEWAY IDENTIFICATION FORM

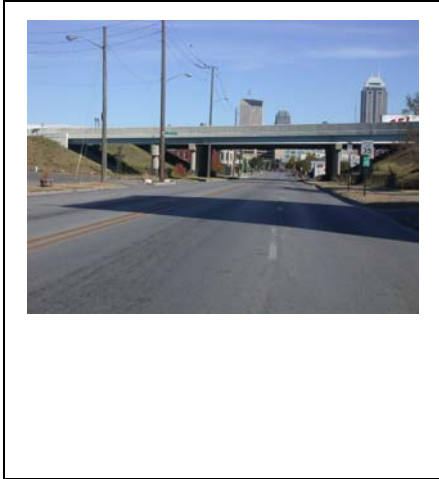
(Additional Pages May Be Attached If Needed)

Sector: _____

(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: West
South Meridian Street – Linear Gateway between
McCarty and South Street including Russell Street.

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

The gateway has the potential to create an identity to an under recognized area. The near Southside was the entry point to Indianapolis for scores of immigrants coming to the city. Once a bustling neighborhood with many businesses associated with German, Jewish, Italian residents this area remains connected to its roots. As a major traffic link to the downtown this area has very high traffic counts who probably know little about the history of the area.

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

Creation of an identity for a Historic neighborhood could be an integral part of this project. Recognition of the role this area played in the development of Indianapolis should be foremost. As a melting pot for immigrants into the city this area was home to early populations of German, Italians, Jewish and Protestants, who became important members of the city. Signage that reflects that heritage could create an identity. A unified signage system that is coordinated with gateway signage would help tie the area to the downtown. Lighting needs to be integrated into the design. Creation of a Landmark to identify a Gateway would be a plus. A unified theme for the entire corridor would be beneficial. The potential for connection to the Cultural Trails and districts should be a primary focus of the Pedestrian interface.

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

Immigrant epicenter; Early commerce center, business shipping center

Type Or Scale Of The Proposed Gateway Project (Optional):

TBD: Signage, marker, INDOT overpass, Pylon, Landmark sculpture.

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

Should be all within existing ROW

Audience (To Whom Will The Gateway Appeal?):

Creating an identity for the neighborhood, visitors to the city, commuters passing by.

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

Shapiro's, Greek Islands Restaurants, Babe Denny neighborhood, Pogues Run neighborhood association, Concord, Lilly Faris Campus, ICVA, IHPC, USPS, IDI

Please Describe the Gateway's Relationship to Other Community Plans and Initiatives:

Need to integrate into Cultural Trail, Greenways.

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

Inventory of Assets, Identification and meeting of Stakeholders and Partners, Create an outline of Potentials.

Likely Funding Sources And Other Items Not Covered Elsewhere:

City: Cultural Tourism, ICVA, CIB, IDI; Dept of Commerce.

Project should be coordinated with overall Regional Center concept with coordinated signage, direction markers and identifiers.



I-70 Overpass



Restaurant Icon



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