

GATEWAY IDENTIFICATION FORM

(Additional Pages May Be Attached If Needed)

Sector: RC
(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:

General vicinity of Intersection of West Street, 10th Street, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, at the Interstate 65 interchange.

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

- One of the busiest Interstate connections Downtown (nearly 32,000 vehicles per day according to most recent traffic counts in 1990).
- Major entrance corridor to IUPUI, Medical Complex, White River State Park, Indiana Convention Center/RCA Dome, and the Indiana Government Center. Institutions serve residents as well as visitors.
- Intersection with major east-west street (10th St) leading to western neighborhoods and Speedway.
- Intersection with major northwest street (Dr. MLK) leading to Indianapolis Museum of Art, Crown Hill Cemetery, and neighborhoods/destinations northwest of Downtown.
- North “terminus” of the Rotary Greenway.
- Close proximity to Crispus Attucks Middle School, Downtown Canalwalk, new Clarian Building, Clarian People Mover, and growing BioCrossroads/Life Sciences development.

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

Intersection is currently very complex, and any "structure" gateway should help simplify the intersection and not add to its complexity. Three major streets converge (West, Dr. MLK, 10th) with Interstate 65 in this area. In addition the Clarian People Mover runs overhead on the north side of 10th Street. This gateway project might include a master plan for this critical intersection.

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

Gateway to Indiana....Gateway to past (museums), present (government, conventions, tourism), and future (education, BioCrossroads).

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

Given location, high traffic speeds on interstate, and high visibility, it is recommended gateway be a landmark structure with integrated signage and landscaping.

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

Depending on specific location, much of area is current public right-of-way

Audience (To Whom Will The Gateway Appeal?):

The gateway would appeal to the many visitors entering the west side of Downtown from the north (Interstate 65 and also Interstate 70) to visit IUPUI, White River State Park, and the medical complexes. Depending on design, the gateway would also appeal to passers by on Interstate 65. It would also be highly visible to residents entering or leaving Downtown from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and 10th Streets.

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

Groups that should be involved include:

- INDOT
- DPW
- BOS Community Development Corporation
- Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.
- Canalwalk and Indiana Avenue Cultural Districts
- BioCrossroads
- Clarian Health
- Rotary

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

The Regional Center Plan 2020 calls for the beautification and landscaping of the interstate corridors through Downtown. It also identifies the area as a critical area with a focus on BioCrossroads mixed-use development. The gateway could potentially be related to the Cultural District Plans for the Canalwalk and Indiana Avenue, both of which call for the development of gateways.

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

Meetings and coordination with potential partners and stakeholders; Identification of specific site; Design of gateway structure and master plan of intersection.

Likely Funding Sources And Other Items Not Covered Elsewhere:

Possible funders might include partnerships with Clarian Health, BioCrossroads, INDOT/DPW (through TEA funds).