

**URBAN DESIGN INDIANAPOLIS**  
**Critical Connectors Sub-Committee**

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**Regional Center Plan Context for the Sub Committee:**

The Regional Center Plan was adopted as a part of the Comprehensive Plan by the Metropolitan Development Commission on March 3, 2004. The Plan contains goals, objectives, and projects and programs to guide Downtown development for the next 20 years. One of the Key Priorities of the Regional Center Plan was to "Promote a strategic system of mass transportation and pedestrian/bicycle walkways, including the proposed Cultural Trail, to assure universal accessibility." The plan calls for a healthy public transportation system to form the backbone of an integrated multimodal transportation network. Future transit, greenway, riverfront, Cultural Trail, parking and IUPUI campus enhancements will connect neighborhoods, employment, education and entertainment centers, and cultural districts. This integrated system will provide alternate means of transportation, promote healthy lifestyles, and provide increased accessibility for all.

**Purpose of Committee:**

- Provide input to the development of urban design guidelines and policies for public rights-of-way in the Regional Center.
- Work with the other committees to ensure that district related context is considered.

**Critical Connectors:**

The Regional Center Critical Connectors include:

- public streets and sidewalks,
- Interstate 65 and 70,
- the White River,
- railroads,
- possible transit corridors, and
- greenways/trails/rights-of-way.

Key resources for this effort include:

- Regional Center Plan, Division of Planning, 2004.
- Indianapolis Regional Pedestrian Plan, Storrow and Kinsella, 2005.
- UDOC Charrette products, 2005.