

Meeting Notes
Regional Center Urban Design Oversight Committee
Critical Connectors Subcommittee Meeting
CAP/IC
December 1, 2005
11:30 AM

Subcommittee Attendance: Gus Miller, Lori Miser, Meg Storrow

Staff Attendance: Brad Beaubien, Jenelle Collins, Dave DiMarzio, Amy Inman, Harold Rominger, Rachel Uthe, and Bob Wilch

Principles

Brad Beaubien reviewed the principle statements and discussed the changes that had been made to them. The group discussed the need to accommodate the “human scale” in developing the final guidelines.

Finalize Typologies

Meg Storrow reviewed the corridor typologies and led a discussion to identify possible Regional Center examples of each typology. The subcommittee was comfortable with the principle statements and typologies. When a typology is subsequently assigned to a particular street, the character of that street will be addressed through use of the design guidelines specific to that particular typology. This does not imply or suggest changing the transportation capacity of that street. The following streets were identified as good examples of corridor typologies:

1. Gateway – West Washington Street
2. Commuter – Michigan and New York streets (one-way pair)
3. Service Zone – Wabash, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets
4. Connector – St. Clair Street
5. Parkway – White River Parkway
6. Boulevard – West Street
7. Urban Pedestrian – Meridian Street, between Washington and South streets
8. Social Street – Monument Circle and four legs
9. Quiet Street – not identified
10. Bicycle Boulevard – not identified
11. Non-Vehicular – Canal
12. City Beautiful – Meridian Street, between St. Clair and Ohio streets

Finalize Guideline Outline

The subcommittee considered alternate methods of organizing the (to be developed) design guidelines based on a model used in the United Kingdom and the Austin, Texas model. Both methods had desirable features and it was decided to “merge” them where possible. The outline is to be further considered in the Executive Committee since it has bearing on the overall product.

Next Steps

Storrow Kinsella Associates will begin preparing draft guidelines related to corridors. Additional work to precede development of guidelines related to districts will be undertaken in the upcoming workshop. Staff of the Department of Metropolitan Development and the Metropolitan Planning Organization will continue to work with Storrow Kinsella Associates and the Ball State College of Architecture and Planning – Indianapolis Center (CAP/IC) as needed to complete the draft guidelines. The next meeting of the Critical Connectors Subcommittee is planned for Thursday, March 2, 2006, 11:30 AM @ CAP/IC.