



River South Revitalization/Franklin County

Project Name: (8181) River South Roadways Phase II

Community : Franklin County/City of Columbus

Project Description: As part of the City of Columbus Capital Improvement plan, the project will convert several one-way downtown streets to accommodate both directions of traffic in an effort to be more user friendlier for residents, employees and potential private investment. In addition to making Front, Rich and Main Streets two-way, the project also includes new sidewalks, street lighting, upgraded traffic signals, resurfacing and repair of aging utilities that will be better for walkers, bicyclists and scooter traffic.

Project Sponsor: City of Columbus

Community Economic Distress Factors: Franklin County jobless rate is 7.2% and the yearly median income is \$48,076.

Economic Development Potential: The city has seen an increase in private investment in this section of downtown Columbus. In order to facilitate that, Front Street from Rich Street to Mound Street, Rich Street from 2nd Avenue to High street and Main Street from Civic Center Drive to High Street need to become two-way streets. Investors who see improvements to downtown streets along with better and safer access are more likely to invest in an area and the vacant lots. The project will encourage higher levels of private investment.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: The project will better serve the people who live and work downtown. Making the sidewalks ADA compliant will also be advantageous for disabled travelers. Workers and residents will be encouraged to walk. Resurfacing and wider sidewalks will improve conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists and scooters.

Work to Begin: 91–180 days

Estimated Completion: 2011

Stimulus Investment: \$5,500,000

Total Project Cost: \$15,045,711