



Intermodal Center Garage/Hamilton County

Project Name (ID Number): Intermodal Center Garage (7119)

Community (County/City): Hamilton County, city of Cincinnati

Project Description: Central Riverfront Intermodal Center Garage Phase

Project Sponsor: Hamilton County

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income) 7.7 percent, \$41,000.

Economic Development Potential: Project will help construct the permanent infrastructure necessary to support the transportation system, development and parks that are key measure to achieve the planned rebirth of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's Central Riverfront. The location is perfect to turn the riverfront into both an economic driver and a suitable gateway from the south for Cincinnati and for Ohio. The specific project area has suffered from a lack of private development due to its lack of infrastructure and its tendency to flood with high water on the Ohio River. Those conditions have restrained this prime location from being a new source of both construction and permanent jobs that the region needs and could be created with an elevated street grid and a comprehensive, mixed use development residential, hotel, retail, and office.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: This project provides a direct tie to the Riverfront Transit Center and its planned intermodal connections to rail and bus and the surface street bus and planned street car network.

The Central Riverfront Intermodal Center includes a Transitway for buses that can accommodate steel-wheeled vehicles; and accessible vertical and horizontal pedestrian connections to Central Riverfront Park, both the baseball and football stadiums, and the Central Riverfront Banks Development Project, and the Central Business District; accommodation for street level transit systems, and 5000 parking spaces including full provisions for van-pools and accessible vehicles. This phase builds out 700 parking spaces to the west of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and supporting structure for the overbuild buildings. This project has been developed from an urban design master plan (Hamilton County/Cincinnati Central Riverfront Urban Design Master Plan) that identified enhanced connectivity and access for pedestrian, transit, bicycle, rubber tired vehicles, and steel-wheeled transportation as well as an over high quality of the urban environment.

Work to Begin: 30 to 91 days

Estimated Completion November 2009

Stimulus Investment: \$8,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$31,446,923



Banks Transit Center/Hamilton County



Project Name :Banks Transit Center (7933)

Community : Cincinnati, Hamilton County

Project Description: This project would be part of a contract that will relocate Mehring Way (US-27) to a more favorable alignment and construct the missing block in Freedom Way, Race Street to Rosa Parks (Vine Street). This action would open the site to continuation of the construction of the Intermodal Center, the Central Riverfront Street Grid, and the ultimate mixed-use development project supported by these improvements.

The requested funding will allow for the site preparation to complete the intermodal transit center for Phase II of the project. The transit center will support future rail as well as bus and car transportation modes in the central business district of the City of Cincinnati.

Project Sponsor: Hamilton County

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income) 7.7; \$41,000

Economic Development Potential: The Banks Project will serve as the focal point of the Greater Cincinnati region, providing a variety of attractions that promote public enjoyment and an appreciation of Cincinnati's waterfront. The mixed uses will consist of residential housing, specialty retail, restaurants, entertainment, office, parking, and hotel space. The Banks Project aims to transform the urban riverfront of downtown Cincinnati into a vibrant and sustainable gateway to southern Ohio. Jointly conceived by Hamilton County and the City of Cincinnati, in partnership with the State of Ohio, the Banks Project will leverage public dollars to achieve a \$2.5 billion total investment in transforming the riverfront into a new urban center where people will live, work and play.

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: The transit center will support future rail as well as bus and car transportation modes in the central business district of the City of Cincinnati. This project provides a direct tie to the Riverfront Transit Center, which will support future rail as well as bus and car transportation modes in Cincinnati's central business district. Project will contribute to improved access and traffic control to the Roebling Suspension Bridge over the Ohio River, the Central Riverfront Street Grid and the Fort Washington Way Collector/Distributor access to Cincinnati's interstate system.

Work to Begin: 31 to 90 days

Estimated Completion April 2011

Stimulus Investment: \$5,000,000

Total Project Cost: \$7,000,000