

August 3, 2022

Mayor Justin M. Bibb
Cleveland City Hall
601 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Re: Cleveland Land Bridge/West Shoreway Concept Alternatives

Dear Mayor Bibb:

Attached, please find a final draft of the Cleveland Land Bridge/West Shoreway Concept Alternatives study for your review. Big Creek Connects and the Green Ribbon Coalition have developed this study to assist the City of Cleveland, the Greater Cleveland Partnership, and the Lakefront Task Force with its downtown lakefront planning process, by updating the initial Green Ribbon Coalition land bridge proposal and suggesting additional concept alternatives to be considered for further study.

These include several Shoreway realignment concepts that extend westward, across the east and west banks of the Flats into the Ohio City and Detroit Shoreway neighborhoods. This increase in scope is recommended due to the need for the eventual replacement of the 83-year old Main Avenue Bridge, that has a life expectancy estimated to be between 10 to 30 years.

The concepts we are presenting include the conversion of an abandoned Main Avenue Bridge and its approaches into a pedestrian friendly, elevated greenway. Another is to improve the quality of life of Lakeview Terrace and other Ohio City residents impacted by Whiskey Island truck traffic, by diverting the bulk of the traffic away from the residences and onto a realigned Shoreway across Whiskey Island.

We developed these concepts and recommendations to help improve the health and quality of life of residents; provide better access to and between lakefront destinations; and spur economic development within the downtown lakefront, the east and west banks of the Flats, and the near-west lakefront neighborhoods.

Both organizations are looking forward to participating in the City's lakefront planning process and encouraging its participants to develop a comprehensive plan with these recommendations in mind. We also look forward to meeting with you and other city representatives directly to help answer any questions about this study and its recommendations.

Sincerely,



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