

Downtown Akron Connectivity Study (DCS)

Akron METRO Regional Transit Authority (Sponsor)

City of Akron, Ohio (Co-Sponsor)

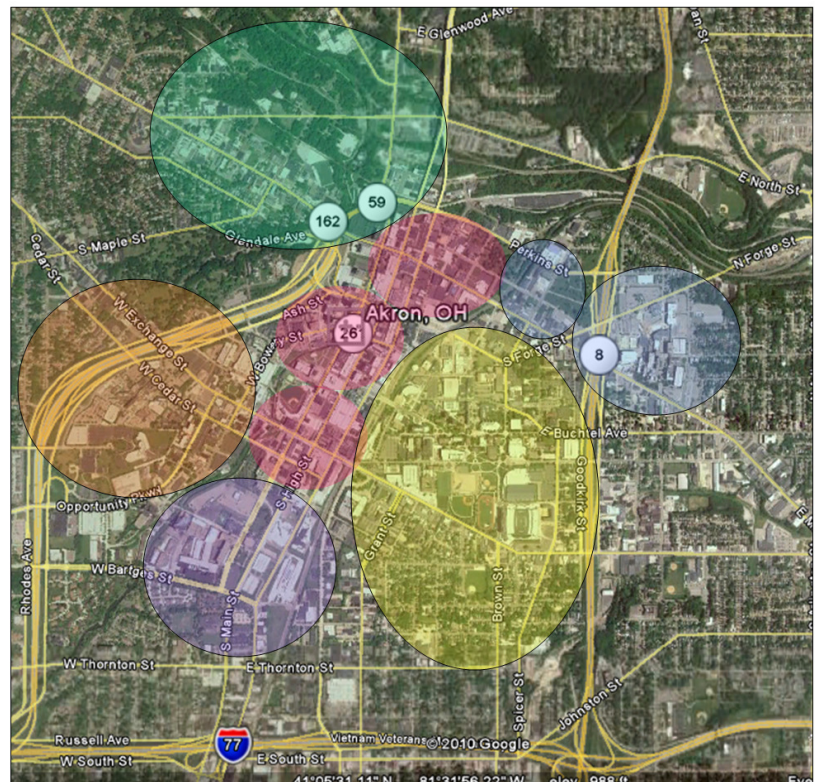
To increase connectivity, accessibility and mobility between the six neighborhoods and districts located in the Downtown Connectivity Study.

Purpose

- Study interrelatedness of the districts
- Analyze current conditions (specifically land use pattern relating to transportation network)
- Develop alternatives to vehicular transportation
- Clearly define the districts and attractions
- Create a more effective and efficient transportation network
- Look at all modes of transportation and interactions with people
- Allow students to access the Central Business District

Expected Products

- Assess and document all aspects of the existing transportation system
- Data collection designed to document vehicular and pedestrian movements
- Detail which transportation options are working
- Detail the current transportation deficiencies
- Begin to evaluate various alternatives
- Provide an analysis, with recommendations, to resolve the deficiencies
- Search for potential funding sources



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| ● West Medical | ● Transit Center/Canal Place |
| ● University Area | ● Central Business District |
| ● East Medical | ● Northside/Hickory St Homes |

Expected Outcomes

- Recommendations to improve safety, access, mobility, and connectivity
- Identify opportunities to connect neighborhood residents, downtown workers, and visiting populations to retail, cultural and work opportunities

Richfield's Crossroad of Commerce & Community

Village of Richfield (Sponsor)

Creation of a comprehensive land use and thoroughfare plan for the southwest quadrant of I-77 and I-271 intersection. The plan would be to create a 'gateway' to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the traditional village center.

Purpose

- Examine vehicular, bike and pedestrian traffic
- Maximize traffic management and alternate modes of transportation
- Develop a master plan to link the diverse components of the area
- Improve traffic flow and develop access to public transportation
- Connect residential and business areas
- Improve aesthetic street design to improve gateway to Richfield and Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Reduce neighborhood isolation

Expected Products

- Land use and thoroughfare plan for undeveloped land
- Bike and pedestrian plan for target area
- Trail and street improvements to village center and schools
- Streetscape beautification plan
- Prioritized improvements and develop a funding strategy

Expected Outcomes

- Land use scenarios for vacant land with complete streets principles
- Comprehensive plan for multi-modal transportation solutions
- Encourage the design of more complete streets and pedestrian walks and trails
- Beautify with trees and plants and improve water quality

