

October 23, 2020

Dear Councilman Landsman –

With the passage of Issue 7 earlier this year, Cincinnati has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reinvent its public transit system and reinvest in the infrastructure that supports our community. Those investments should spur additional economic development opportunities in neighborhoods across Cincinnati. Thank you for convening the first of what we hope will be many conversations between the City, SORTA, and interested partners in the community and economic development space to ensure that we maximize that opportunity to reshape our City as a place that is more vibrant, equitable, accessible, safe and diverse.

As a first step in preparing for these investments, we believe the City should conduct an analysis of the zoning along the corridors that will carry the most frequent bus service. The attached maps explore those corridors in more detail.

As you know, the Reinventing Metro plan calls for an increase in the frequency that buses will run in our community, the expansion of hours the bus runs (including 24-hour service), and the addition of new, cross-town routes to better serve east-west travelers. Additionally, the plan calls for the construction of two Bus Rapid Transit corridors. Issue 7 funds will also support infrastructure improvements across the City.

By studying the zoning in these corridors, Cincinnati will be prepared to partner with neighborhoods to update and improve the zoning with a more transit-oriented development pattern that acknowledges the increased ridership and pedestrian activity that comes with the high-quality transit system that Cincinnati Metro is building.

Thank you for taking on this important work. We stand ready to work with you and your colleagues at the City to ensure that we take full advantage of the transformation that will be happening in our community in the coming years.

Thank you,

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky African American Chamber-Commerce

Homebase, representing:

Avondale Comprehensive Development Corporation

Bond Hill Roselawn Collaborative

Brewery District CURC

Camp Washington Community Board

Clifton Heights CURC

College Hill CURC

Cornerstone Renter's Equity

Kennedy Heights Development Corporation

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Mt. Auburn CDC
Mt. Washington CDC
Northsiders Engaged in Sustainable Transformation (NEST)
Over the Rhine Community Housing
Price Hill Will
Seven Hills Neighborhood Houses
Village Development Corporation
Walnut Hills Redevelopment Corporation (WHRF)
Westwood CURC
Working in Neighborhoods

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The Port

Urban Land Institute Cincinnati

Urban League of Greater Southwest Ohio