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Connect the Blocks

Over Fort Washington Way Design Competition

2012

1998

2000

A Fort Washington Way renovation in 2000 narrowed the gap between downtown and the riverfront. An open space remains over the highway, causing separation between downtown and the riverfront.

When Fort Washington Way was remodeled, pilings were placed in the ground with the intention of one day using them as supports for an elevated surface to be constructed over the highway that would close the remaining gap.

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Fort Washington Way Today

To this point, there has been no clear vision of what this decking area will look like and how it will be used. A specific design and projected cost are needed before we can move the project forward.

FORT WASHINGTON WAY DECKS

CONNECT the blocks

Establishing The Vision

The City of Cincinnati is opening a community conversation to identify what the decks over Fort Washington Way will be; how we will **Connect the Blocks Over Fort Washington Way**.

To facilitate this process, the City is inviting public input and is hosting a national, open competition for architecture, engineering and landscape design professionals to design the decks and structural features that will cover the area over Fort Washington Way.

The Partners

- City of Cincinnati
- Mark McKillip - professional advisor
- John Deatrick - technical advisor
- Design evaluation committee
- Non-profit organizations
- Civic advocates

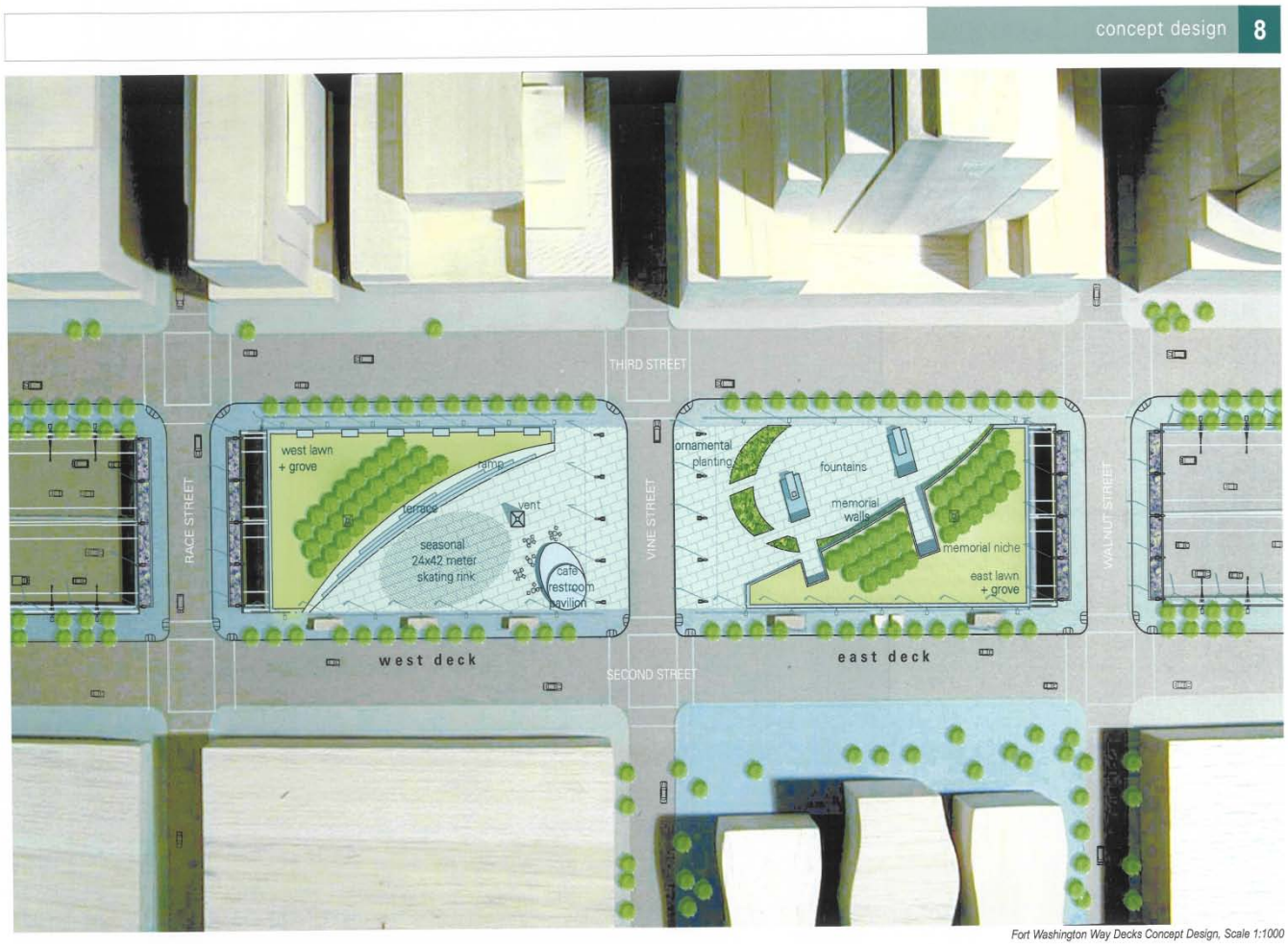
Throughout the process, we are seeking involvement from authorities at federal, state and county levels:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Hamilton County Commissioners

We also seek involvement from the public, local businesses, and from the Mayor and City Council.

Competition Process:

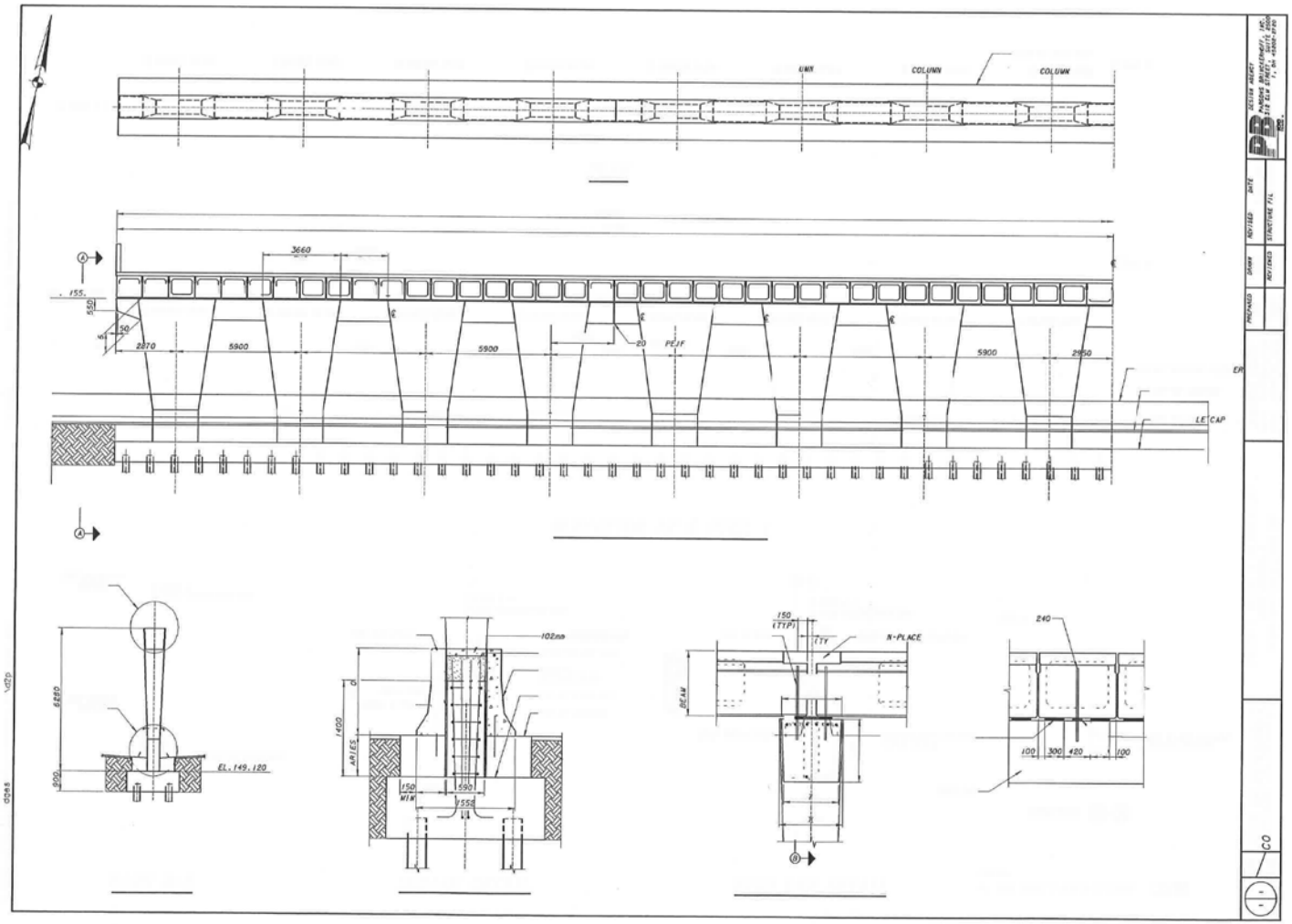
1. Definition of the Program
   - Community input
   - Support and input from local businesses



Fort Washington Way Decks Concept Design, Scale 1:1000

2. Design Competition Call for Entries – open to architecture, engineering and landscape design professionals

3. Initial review of design proposals by the evaluation committee



4. Technical review of 10-15 promising designs
5. Selection of 3 – 5 finalists
6. Further design development by finalists

6. Public review and comment of finalist designs
7. Recommendation of winning design
8. Next step – Award of design contract

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