

ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: 38th Key Connection, The Link That Mends The North And South Sides Of The Corridor

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38th Key Connection is a mixed-use corridor that wedges livability, connectivity and economic viability between Keystone Ave and Meadows Drive. Currently 38th Street is an important thoroughfare in Indianapolis, IN traveling east and west with access north and south leading downtown and to surrounding suburbs. The corridor is diverse with social barriers based on income and ethnicity. This paper addresses policy issues, design issues and offers an alternative redevelopment plan with anti-displacement strategies for current residents.

Research has been conducted to answer three research questions and identify research aims regarding corridor redevelopment. Research questions account for current urban design issues including urban sprawl, lack of street connection and disconnect in aesthetic appeal. Research also touches on social reconstruction, the physical infrastructure and community rejuvenation. The outcome of the research is developing guidelines, policies and strategies that will mend the fragmented segments, resulting in cohesion along the 38th Street Corridor.