

## Van Aken District Connections Plan

### Guiding Vision

Create a vibrant, transit-oriented, mixed-use community for Shaker Heights.

### Project Goals

- 1) Engage the Shaker Heights community and key stakeholders in a process to develop a shared vision for the appearance, feel and sense of place in the Van Aken district.
- 2) Define an aesthetic for the public realm that establishes a unique identity and promotes sense of place.
- 3) Identify strategies, amenities and context-sensitive improvements that:
  - Promote walkability and the creation of a dynamic pedestrian environment
  - Support bicycle travel with appropriate facilities/infrastructure
  - Integrate transit within the district
  - Activate public/civic spaces
  - Seek to beautify district with landscape and special features
  - Engage development to create a vibrant, mixed-use environment
- 4) Identify district gateways and prepare a wayfinding and signage framework to inform visitors and define the district.
- 5) Develop a placemaking action plan and pattern book to guide and inform future development within the district.

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