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I-71/MLK Interchange Has Huge Predicted Economic Impact

By Jeff Hirsh

It's been a long time coming and it's finally rolling along, an interchange at I-71 and Martin Luther King Drive.

The \$100 million project is seen as unlocking huge economic potential in uptown, which is already the second biggest job-generator in Cincinnati.

Right now there is no direct connection between I-71 and Martin Luther King Drive. The closest spot is a place where old mattresses come to die.

But soon, the area will get a makeover special enough to wake the financial dead from one of the mattresses. Jerry Wray, the Ohio Transportation Department director, said, "This is the most exciting project. We have 1000 in Ohio right now. This is probably the most exciting one we have in terms of impact on the community."

Read More at: <http://www.local12.com/news/features/top-stories/stories/i71mlk-interchange-has-huge-predicted-economic-impact-15756.shtml>



Wednesday, August 6, 2014

Opinion: MLK interchange will unlock potential

By Beth Robinson

Beth Robinson is president and CEO of the Uptown Consortium.

Thursday the region welcomes Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor as the Ohio Department of Transportation officially breaks ground on the new interchange at Interstate 71 and Martin Luther King Drive.

The event occurs at the 10-year mark since Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, the University of Cincinnati, UC Health and TriHealth made the strategic decision to collaborate for the greater good of our region. That collaboration is formally known as Uptown Consortium, and the power of the partnership has been the stuff that economic development dreams are made of.

Read more at: <http://www.cincinnati.com/story/opinion/contributors/2014/08/06/opinion-mlk-interchange-will-unlock-potential/13697863/?from=global&sessionKey=&autologin=>