

Cleveland's new Opportunity Corridor – its how, its why and its implementation

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

5:30—registration & reception 6:30—dinner followed by discussion

Location

Dunham Tavern — 6709 Euclid Avenue Parking is available onsite



Matthew Wahl, Project Manager for Opportunity Corridor, HNTB Corporation

Matt has a BS in Civil Engineering and is a registered Professional Engineer. He focuses on the planning and design of transportation improvements along heavily developed urban corridors. Matt is well versed in preliminary engineering, environmental, final design, and design-build processes.



Julie Meyer, Opportunity Corridor Project Manager, Ohio Department of Transportation

Julie Meyer has a BS in Civil Engineering and is a Professional Engineer. Currently she is overseeing 39 active construction projects in Lake, Geauga and Cuyahoga counties amounting to over \$263M. Julie serves as the ODOT Construction Project Manager for the Opportunity Corridor Projects in the City of Cleveland.



Chris Urban, Director, Civic Engagement and Projects, Greater Cleveland Partnership

Chris has a BA in Education and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning. He supports neighborhood planning efforts, transportation and infrastructure investments, public space enhancement and conservation, and other civic efforts that impact quality of life and economic vitality.

The Opportunity Corridor, the park-like boulevard connecting Interstate 490 with University Circle, is Cleveland's new three-mile, \$257 million addition to its transportation infrastructure. Our panel of speakers will address how the Opportunity Corridor was envisioned, how political and community interests shaped its layout through the "Forgotten Triangle," how it was financed, how it was constructed and the effect it will have on University Circle and the neighborhoods through which it passes. Clevelanders debated this project for over 40 years; our panelists are some of the key people who got it done. They will share their experiences and perspectives, interact with each other, and take questions. This will be an interactive discussion of this important and controversial reshaping of a part of Cleveland.

You will not want to miss this!