

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

North Coast Connector / ARPA Waterfront Activation Fund

Ordinance Number:	527-2023
Description:	Appropriating funds and authorizing the Director of Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to allocate \$3M for detailed design of the North Coast Connector project.
Waterfront Activation Fund:	The ARPA Waterfront Activation Fund focuses on activating the east side lakefront from the Collinwood neighborhood to the downtown neighborhood by funding transformative projects that have strong resident and community support. These projects will advance the city's values of equity, economic opportunity through redevelopment, and sustainability.
Project:	<p>The City of Cleveland wishes to advance its vision to enhance access to the Lake Erie Lakefront and support economic development, as a continuation of decades of planning and efforts to achieve this goal. Over the years, infrastructure and development have both hindered access to the Lakefront but also highlighted possibilities once revitalization occurs. This project seeks to identify means to achieve this goal.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to increase the connectivity between Cleveland's downtown and the Lakefront for multiple modes of transportation, improve safe access to the Lakefront and promote and enable economic redevelopment and revitalization along the Lakefront.</p> <p>The primary needs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energize and activate the connection between downtown and the Lakefront with improved connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Promote and enable economic redevelopment and revitalization along the Lakefront.

The secondary needs include:

- Improve transit and rail connectivity
- Improve freight connectivity to and from the Port
- Create more efficient movements of all modes of travel
- Maintain safe movements of various travel modes and
- Foster equity of Lakefront access

After engineering analysis and public engagement in 2022, two options are currently still being considered. One option is to construct a land bridge and keep the Shoreway intact as is. The second option is to construct a land bridge and to reconfigure the Shoreway into a boulevard configuration. The feasibility study will be completed and a preferred alternative identified in late 2023.

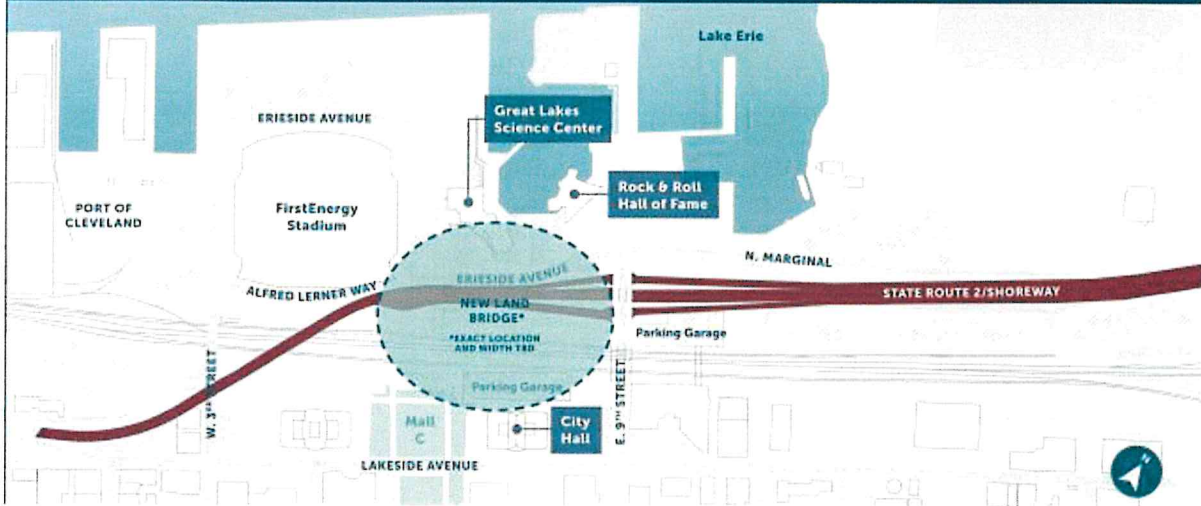
Funding would go towards the City's estimated \$8-10M cost for detail design. Separate legislation would be needed to authorize City to move forward with the design contract.

Schedule:	2023: Feasibility Study and Preferred Alternative 2024/2025: Detailed Design & Engineering
Project Partners:	ODOT, NOACA, Greater Cleveland Partnership, James Corner Field Operations
Cost:	\$3M
Ward:	3, Councilman McCormack
Attachments:	Map

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Bucket B - Build Land Bridge, Keep Shoreway As Is

Traffic stays the same, more land available for more uses.



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Bucket C - Build Land Bridge, Shoreway Becomes a Boulevard

Traffic is different, even more land available for more uses.

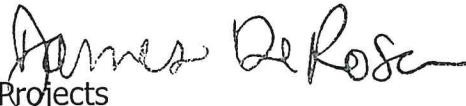




City of Cleveland **Memorandum**
Justin M. Bibb, Mayor

Date: April 6, 2023

To: Mark Griffin, Director
Department of Law

From: James DeRosa, Director 
Mayor's Office of Capital Projects

Subject: North Coast Connector / ARPA Waterfront Activation Fund

Please prepare legislation authorizing the Director of Mayor's Office of Capital Projects to allocate \$3M for detailed design of the North Coast Connector project.

Thank you.

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