



# MLK 30th Street Gateway

## Phase One Implementation Elements Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street

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The first phase of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street Vision Plan implementation includes key elements of a long-range plan for revitalization of this important commercial and institutional front door to the UNWA neighborhood of Indianapolis. Traffic calming from four to three travel lanes will create space for formalized on-street parking and landscape medians. Current through-traffic characteristics will become more oriented to corridor businesses and institutions, while enhancing pedestrian safety, comfort and walkability along and across the corridor.

The heritage and identity of the neighborhood will be reinforced by a celebration of the street's namesake, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as well as by honoring the African-American heroes that have contributed to the life of the neighborhood and city. In addition to banners and storyboards telling those stories, an iconic symbol derived from the initials MLK has been developed using traditional patterns. That symbol is used in distinctive crosswalk patterns at key intersections and on a pair of limestone towers that bracket the street at its north gateway at 30th Street.

The long-range MLK Boulevard Vision Plan includes landscaped medians, roundabouts, and a south gateway at Fall Creek Boulevard. This true boulevard will be the framework for economic development initiatives to attract new corridor development to better serve the adjacent neighborhoods, provide employment opportunities, and increase the TIF revenue stream dedicated to the neighborhood. Proposed future district-wide improvements include greenway development of the Canal Tow Path and along the Interstate, and revitalization of other commercial nodes in the district.



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