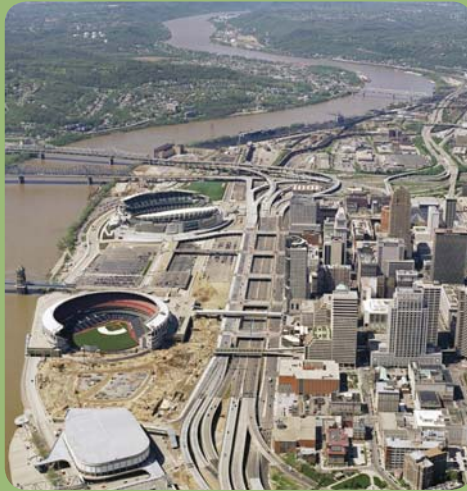


# Depress the highway

## FORT WASHINGTON WAY: I-71 CINCINNATI, OH



### SIMILARITIES TO I-81

- Designated as an interstate highway
- Carried through and local traffic
- Carried comparable traffic volume
- Perceived as a barrier between neighborhoods

### DIFFERENCES FROM I-81

- Existed as a depressed rather than elevated highway
- Separated downtown from the riverfront

### SO WHAT HAPPENED?

- The project included highway widening and the elimination of several exits and entrances to simplify and improve traffic flow
- The total right-of-way width was substantially reduced
- Reclaimed space was developed as a waterfront park and professional sports venues
- Streets crossing the highway were redesigned to include broad sidewalks and landscaping

### Lessons learned

- Project benefited from effective stakeholder involvement
- Project benefited from extensive planning - 25 alternatives were explored
- Integration of economic development and improved riverfront access contributed to broad support