Preliminary Vision Statements for Continued Area of Analysis

Based upon the input of over 100 participants at workshops of December 14 and 21, 2005, preliminary vision statements have been prepared for the area between Zug Island and the Ambassador Bridge along the Detroit River, known as the Continued Area of Analysis shown on Figure 1. Vision statements that follow are for conditions **WITHOUT** a new river crossing and one **WITH** a new river crossing.

Figure 1
Continued Area of Analysis



Vision Statement WITHOUT a New River Crossing

The participants of the Detroit River International Crossing workshops of December 14th and 21st envision the future WITHOUT a new river crossing as follows:

The area between Zug Island and the foot of the Ambassador Bridge along the Detroit River is clean and safe, with neighbors breathing clean air. New residential development is flourishing with families continuing to return. Historic structures are preserved, particularly the churches and Fort Wayne, which has become an international tourist attraction.

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Developments in and around the area provide jobs with good wages for local residents. The City of Detroit supports this growth and development in a number of ways, including providing significant police and fire protection. Designated and policed truck routes further protect the neighborhoods in the area by directing heavy truck traffic around them.

Vision Statement WITH a New River Crossing

The vision for the community WITH a new river crossing system is seen as follows:

The West Delray neighborhood is intact with no relocations because of the new river crossing, which is publicly owned and operated. Free housing has been provided to those few who were relocated. Improvements to housing and small businesses in the area are financed through a special fund designed to benefit the "host community" of the new river crossing. And, development that occurs in and around the new crossing supports good paying jobs for the local residents. The City of Detroit supports this growth in a number of ways, including providing significant police and fire protection. Further support of the area, including its air quality and the health of its residents, is caused by routing heavy trucks around the area over designated routes that are built to last.

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