

## Project 2009: **Lakefront Station**

### **Do you have the topography information for the site available in AutoCAD format?**

*The AutoCAD file provided in the Competition Resources section of the Competition Webpage has general topography data and contour labels on three layers that are turned off: 162-5foot, 163-1foot, 164-contourlabels. While the information in the AutoCAD file is relatively accurate, we have provided more detailed and recent Topography information in Micro and Macro, High-Resolution images to supplement the AutoCAD information.*

### **I am a student and would like to know whether I should register for the competition on my own or if my professor should register me.**

*We encourage students to participate in the Cleveland Design Competition. It is up to each entrant to determine the appropriate method of registration for them; as a Studio or as an Individual/Team. We have established two options for Registration.*

#### *1. Individual/Team Registration*

*This option is designed to allow one person, or a team of people, to submit one entry. Students can submit as individuals or a team under this registration option, but can only be submit one entry.*

#### *2. Studio Registration*

*This option is designed to allow an entire class of University Students to register under one payment. Oftentimes the University will cover the cost of registration and the competition will be part of a studio. This price is also, on a student by student basis, less expensive if 7 or more students are registered under this option. Under this option, each student - up to 15 students - can submit their own submission.*

### **We cannot utilize the 2004 AutoCAD file, can you provide the AutoCAD map in a previous format?**

*An AutoCAD 2000 Version of the Competition Map has been provided in the Competition Resources section of the Competition Webpage.*

### **Is there a larger AutoCAD map of the downtown Cleveland area available?**

*A larger AutoCAD map of the downtown Cleveland area has been provided in the Competition Resources section of the Competition Webpage.*

**Do you encourage conceptual approaches based on the analysis of the site or just limited to a practical program?**

*We welcome conceptual approaches as this is an ideas-based competition and we wish to inspire. We would, however, like to see entries that could influence a built project if the Lakefront Station project moved beyond the ideas phase.*

**Is it possible for you to provide any Site Sections of the Project Site?**

*The Resources page of the Competition Website has been updated to include a few additional resources, including a very basic Site Section. This Conceptual Section will help loosely define the site topography as well as a few addition height clearance requirements for the Industrial Train Tracks. Entrants should produce more developed Project Sections by utilizing the extensive topography information provided in the Topography Maps on the Resources page in conjunction with the photographs and AutoCAD Map.*

**Can you inform us about the values of the Use Districts, Area Districts and Height Districts, according the City Planning Commission?**

*The Zoning Map for downtown, which has now been added to our Resources page, has a variety of information about the different District limitations. We encourage entrants to be aware of the Use, Area, and Height Districts and their associated limitations, though we see no problem with pushing those boundaries if the design solution justifies doing so.*

**In accordance with the Competition Brief, pg 4 (1.4 Site), the Project Site is approximately 10 acres, however when we measure the dwg file according the boundary of the jpg image file "Site Boundaries Aerial", the Project Site presents 24 acres. Can you explain the gap between both values?**

*The 10 acres we are referring to is the approximate size of the plot of land that is bound by Route 2, Mall C, and East 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The boundary shown on the Site Boundaries Aerial does represent approximately 24 acres. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.*

**Which are the spot elevations of the new rail lines and rail platforms (RTA Waterfront Line, Regional Commuter Rail, and Intercity High Speed Rail)?**

*Because entrants may suggest the rail lines be located at a variety of elevations depending on the solution, any spot elevations for the new rail tracks and platforms have been left out. The GCRTA Design Parameters, now available on the Competition Website, suggest all light rail train platforms to be located at 12 ½" above the top-of-rail. High Speed Trains often have different requirements and for the purposes of this competition, 24" above the top-of rail can be used. Please keep in mind, the rail lines can be sited in a variety of ways to keep all platforms at the same height*

**Can we obtain more detailed description of the functional program of Mall 'C', next to the South boundary of the Project site (seen in the picture DSCN7915)?**

*Mall 'C' is a predominately un-programmed public park. Trees, park benches and tables are on the surface of Mall 'C', and the Convention Center exhibition hall is located beneath the surface. There is currently an overlook with balustrade along the north edge of Mall 'C' and a memorial that includes a commemorative cannon.*

**Is there any set budget for the construction?**

*For the purposes of this competition, there is no set budget for construction.*

**In accordance with Competition Brief, pg.9 (3.2 Anonymity), the Material Submission only must be marked by the Unique Identification Number, however all International Shipping Companies (DHL, UPS, EMS...) needs, by law, a "Pro-Forma Invoice" document which contains necessarily the address and identification of the sender. Do you consider that his document violates the anonymity?**

*All entrants, domestic and international, must comply with domestic and international shipping law and procedures required of International Shipping Companies. The inclusion of the Pro-Forma Invoice document does not violate the anonymity of the submission.*

**In order to ship the material required for the submission to the Cleveland Design Competition, the shipping company will require your telephone number. Which number should we use?**

*The phone number, for shipping purposes only, is 216-357-3434.*

**Must all 1,050 parking spaces be dealt with within the project area? Are designers allowed to designate some of this parking as out of the project area?**

*The 1,050 spaces defined in the Competition Brief does not need to be provided on site. Designers are allowed to designate some or all of this parking out of the project area. Designs must show how their Multi-Modal Transit Facility relates and links to any spaces defined as supporting program outside of the project area.*

**Could you please provide more detailed information about the Program (Item 1.5 of Project 2009-LakefrontStation-Competition Brief.pdf)?**

*The Competition Program provided in item 1.5 of the Project 2009-Lakefront Station - Competition Brief is intended to be used as a starting point and not a set of requirements. Entrants should plan for the program spaces defined in the Competition Brief, and are encouraged to develop additional program opportunities that work for their solution where appropriate.*

**Could you please provide .DWG section(s) of the site?**

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**How much should we be paying attention to the Medical Mart and proposed convention center? We had planned to take into account the Medical Mart and Convention Center, but plans on where the center is to be located changes by the week. Which proposal should we take into account? If the plan changes after we develop our scheme, will our submission be judged poorly?**

*Since the launch of the Cleveland Design Competition, much development and speculation has arisen around the final location for the planned Medical Mart and Convention Center. Because there has been no approved final plan to date, we are recommending that entrants focus on the condition that was proposed at the Launch of the Competition Brief which assumed the Medical Mart be located immediately west of Mall B at St. Clair Avenue. Additionally, we should clarify that because this is an ideas competition, entrants are not prohibited from choosing how to incorporate the Medical Mart and Convention Center. Ultimately, entrants will be judged on how well their Multi-Modal Transportation Facility fits within the context defined in their submission.*

**Could you specify the program of the visitors' center?**

*Entrants should plan specific program elements for the visitor center that compliment their solution. While we are currently not planning on issuing any additional information regarding specific programming, visitor centers often include: information desk, vending, retail, etc. We encourage entrants to develop this program further to fit within their solution.*

**Mall B will be raised by approximately 10ft to accommodate the extension of the convention center. Will Mall A and C be raised as well to match the leveling of mall B?**

*Currently, to our knowledge, there are no plans of raising Mall A and Mall C to match the level of Mall B.*

**Could you specify the expected number of daily visitors /passengers?**

*The most recent information available regarding the expected number of daily visitors/passengers is based on a study done in 1998. This study is now available on the competition webpage. Information regarding the daily visitors/passengers can be found in Section 2 of that study. Please keep in mind, this study did not take into account the addition of a High Speed Rail network as being proposed by the Federal Government at this time.*

**The program lists 12 Greyhound bus and 1 Megabus bays to be included. Are "bays" referring to simple bus parking spots, or are bays referring to a platform area where buses are loaded and unloaded with passengers?**

*The bays referred to in the Competition Brief program are intended to be bays where the buses can load and unload passengers.*

**The competition brief states that the 24"x36" presentation boards must be in portrait format. Will they be viewed side-by-side so that a single image may bleed across both boards?**

*The boards will be view by the jury and also exhibited side-by-side so that images can bleed across both boards.*