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**Hamilton County Commission President, Todd Portune Joins Area Architects in Inviting the Public to Create Fort Washington Way Decking Plan**

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**[August 3, 2007], Hamilton County, Ohio – Commissioner Todd Portune and Mayor Mark Mallory** will be kicking off a public vision workshop being hosted by AIA Cincinnati (a chapter of the American Institute of Architects) on Saturday, August 4, 2007. The workshop is entitled “Greening the Gap – A Community Vision for the Fort Washington Way Decks”. This event is part of a nationwide celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the American Institute of Architects.

AIA architects across the nation are marking the anniversary with a series of projects which engage the public on important civic design issues. In Cincinnati, the connection to the riverfront was selected due to its regional significance.

“The deck covers for Fort Washington Way are an ideal subject for our AIA 150 Celebration”. said Paul Muller, AIA, Chair of the Cincinnati AIA 150. “They will play a vital role in connecting the downtown to the new riverfront developments and will benefit from the public’s involvement on August 4<sup>th</sup>”.

The day begins at 8 AM and will include sessions on the opportunities for “green design” at an urban scale, public input on elements to include and work on designs in small groups. The final product will hopefully represent a community vision to serve as a guide and aid to the creation of the decks.

**The day long planning workshop is open to the public thru registration at the AIA Cincinnati web site at: <http://www.aiacincinnati.org/> or by calling 241-4661. Participation is limited to 150 people.**

**Location: Paul Brown Stadium, West Club Lounge, Cincinnati, OH**

**Date: Saturday, August 4, 2007**

**Time: 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM**

**7:00 – 8:00 AM Sign-in and breakfast**

**Lunch Provided**

**\*\*This Event is Free of Charge\*\***