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## **CITY OF HOUSTON URBAN CORRIDOR PLANNING STUDY**

Asakura Robinson Company joined The Planning Partnership team of Toronto, Canada, to address pedestrian connectivity and sensitive transit-oriented-development between METRO's proposed Light Rail Transit lines and the surrounding neighborhoods. The project agenda included critical issues of design, funding, policy and coordination/facilitation.

Close collaboration with METRO, City of Houston Planning Department, City of Houston Department of Public Works, Municipal Management Districts (MMDs), Tax Increment Redevelopment Zones (TIRZs), and area developers enabled the success of the study.

The Urban Corridor Planning Study initiative examined existing and proposed conditions within five major corridors: Main Street, Uptown, East End, North, Southeast and University.

The study recommended changes to the manner in which the City regulates development and designs its streets and other infrastructure elements within these corridors in order to create a high quality urban environment. Public input was gathered during intensive 2-day workshops held for each corridor.



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Asakura Robinson's specific influence on the Urban Corridor Planning Study was to create vital streetscapes in the Uptown, Downtown, Museum District, and Medical Center areas along Richmond, Fulton, Harrisburg, and Scott streets.

Known as "sustainable place making", this design initiative encouraged financially-viable, environmentally-sustainable, and pedestrian-friendly design solutions to protect and enhance the unique characteristics of each district.

Asakura Robinson presented these ideas to neighbors, developers, and investors at a series of public meetings to build consensus and generate creative energy in a new way of looking at our urban communities.