Shaping Our City

Whether we step aboard the historic streetcar or imagine ourselves driving a 1930s Ford Model T, our view of Cincinnati is shaped by how we get around. Rivers, rails and roads have created our modern city: how will autonomous vehicles, scooters, bike shares and other choices shape the city of tomorrow? As you explore this gallery, we invite you to let your imagination run wild. The prompts below will help you experience all that this gallery has to offer. To learn more about Shaping Our City, please visit www.cincymuseum.org/historymuseum/shaping-our-city/.

Act
• When we travel, we use different things to help us navigate. With someone in your group, try giving directions to a location of your choosing. The person receiving the directions should move accordingly (i.e. go four paces and turn right).
• Pre-K: Rowing a canoe is hard work. What motions would you use to row and steer a canoe?

Investigate
• Look for the Shape the City interactive underneath the car at the end of the ramp. How have the city’s streets have changed over the years?
• How have automobiles changed over the past few decades?
• Pre-K: Look for the objects in this gallery that have wheels. How many wheels does each object have?

Discover
• What do the different types of artifacts in this exhibit tell us about transportation?
• The streetcar is an important mode of transportation for residents in the city. Watch the “streetcar stories” animation: where are the passengers going?
• Pre-K: How many things can you name that have wheels?

Share
• Scooters and bicycles are becoming popular modes of transportation around Cincinnati. What safety measures should you observe while riding each?
• Pre-K: If you could travel using any mode of transportation, which would you choose? Why?