An urban edge and urban center are both important elements to the big cities across the world. Culture, commerce, government, and businesses are concentrated in the center, but the edges are always the location of historic industry. In the case of Chicago, for example, the city government is considering new development options. With the onset of urban renewal and the redefining of edges.

According to an analysis of the whole city, there are three factors isolating the edge areas. The first is the absence of function, so that few people use the space. Second, excessive transportation in the north-south direction has interconnected the connection in the west-east direction. Third, the scale of the city grid is too large for pedestrian mobility.

Comparing with the north area, the south is less active and abandoned. My strategy focuses on the development and activation of the south Chicago.

Therefore the challenge is to connect South Chicago to the rest of the city. Firstly, it is to push the edge back to the center.

**STAGE1: ACTION**

- Extend the UIC
- Build new residential areas along Chicago River
- Realign the circulation of McCormick Center
- Realign Michigan Ave.
- Separate Northerly Island from the mainland

**STAGE2: REACTION**

Every action point is in the radius of 400 m of transportation terminal.

Every action concludes above 3 kinds of program.

Every action is combined with the existing situation.

**STAGE3: CONNECTION**

Build new roads in the east-west direction

Build new bridges over Chicago River
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