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SR 32 Eastgate Area Improvements – Public Open House July 17, 2014

Eastern Corridor, Segment IV(a) – CLE-32-2.25, PID 82370

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of this open house is to update you on the State Route 32 Eastgate Area Improvements Study, review the issues in the study area and seek your feedback on two feasible alternatives that have been developed.

Project Purpose and Goals

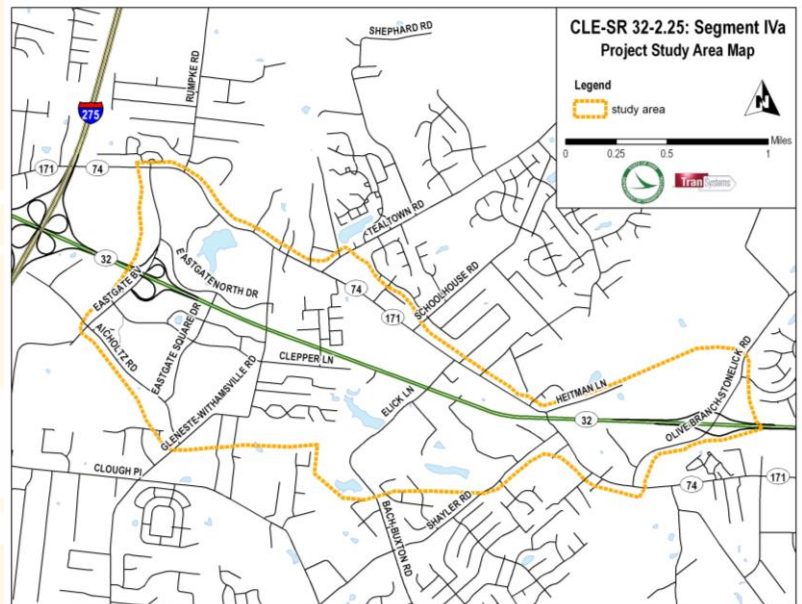
The goals of the SR 32 Eastgate Area Improvements are to serve current and projected travel demand, reduce congestion and delay, and improve roadway safety, in a manner consistent with local transportation and economic development goals.

Study Area

The current study is focused on SR 32 from the Eastgate Boulevard interchange to the Olive Branch-Stonelick Road interchange. Improvements to local roads or the construction of new local connectors may be included as part of the project. Therefore, the study area also includes areas north and south of SR 32 as shown.

Background

In November 2004, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) published *Access Ohio 2004-2030, Statewide Transportation Plan*. The statewide plan recognized SR 32 as an important trade and travel corridor. In 2006, ODOT completed the Eastern Corridor Study, in cooperation with Clermont County, Hamilton County, and the City of Cincinnati. The Eastern Corridor Study was a comprehensive look at the transportation needs between Cincinnati and western Clermont County. As part of a multi-modal transportation strategy, this study included a recommendation to consolidate and manage access points to establish SR 32 as a limited access arterial roadway, including elimination of access at SR 32/Glen Este-Withamsville Road, with planned local road improvements implemented separately in support of this improvement. The current SR 32 Eastgate Area Improvement Study seeks to build upon the previous study by evaluating solutions for this area in detail.



Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners

Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District • Clermont County Transportation Improvement District • City of Cincinnati
 Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments • Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority • Ohio Department of Transportation

The Eastern Corridor Program is administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Eastern Corridor Implementation Partners.

Alternatives

Four conceptual alternatives and the No-Build alternative were presented at the previous public meeting held September 28, 2011. Based on technical studies and public comment, two alternatives were dropped from further consideration and two alternatives were carried forward into preliminary engineering. In addition to the No-Build alternative, the two feasible alternatives still under consideration are:

- **Alternative 2** – Includes an interchange on SR 32 east of Fayard between Glen Este-Withamsville Road and the existing Elick Lane/Bach Buxton Road. This alternative closes all access on SR32 and does not provide direct access to Glen Este-Withamsville. In addition, the project may include the Aicholtz Connector.
- **Alternative 4** – Includes an interchange on SR 32 east of Elick Lane/Bach Buxton Road. This alternative closes all access on SR 32 but does provide a westbound exit to Glen Este-Withamsville, and eastbound exit via Clepper Road. In addition, Clepper Road is extended eastward to Bach Buxton.

Both alternatives include an overpass on Old SR 74 at SR 32, as well as local improvements along Old SR 74 (intersections, turn lanes). While a diamond interchange is proposed in Alternative 2, the exact type of interchange for Alternative 4 is still being studied, but will be a full-access interchange from the east and west.

Next Steps

The project team will collect public comments, finalize the alternatives evaluation study and select a preferred alternative. Additional design detail will then be completed as well as refined environmental fieldwork and resource agency coordination.

Your Opinions are Needed!

Feel free to view the exhibits and discuss the project with the team members. Please complete a short comment form and drop it in the comment box before you go. What are your thoughts on the two alternatives presented at the public meeting? Do you prefer one alternative over the other? Do you have other suggestions for this project?

Written comments may be submitted at the meeting, e-mailed, faxed or mailed to the study team.

Please submit your comments by **August 14, 2014** to:

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Previous studies are available at www.easterncorridor.org.

Materials from this open house are available on ODOT's website at

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/districts/D08/Pages/PublicInvolvementMeetingSchedule.aspx>.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Fall 2011

Previous Public Meeting

2012-2013

Preliminary Design and
Environmental Studies

Summer 2014

Public Meeting and Select Preferred
Alternative

Fall 2014 – Fall 2015

Detailed Design
and Environmental Approvals

2015

Right-of-Way Acquisition Process

2016-2017

Project Construction