



# Oasis Rail Project Fact Sheet

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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Oasis Rail Transit is a regional rail line designed to better connect people with the places they work, live and play.

Oasis will provide a new transportation alternative for the Eastern Corridor region, moving residents, workers and visitors between downtown Cincinnati and the City of Milford and the communities that lie in between. The rail corridor extends approximately 17 miles and will travel along a combination of existing and new tracks. Oasis rail stations will also serve as strong catalysts for local community enhancement and economic growth.

The Oasis line is a foundation upon which future passenger rail lines can be added, connecting communities throughout the Greater Cincinnati region.

For more information, visit  
**[www.EasternCorridor.org](http://www.EasternCorridor.org)**  
or call the Eastern Corridor  
hotline at **513.888.7625**.



## PROJECT ELEMENTS

The Oasis Rail Transit project is currently undergoing Tier 2 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and preliminary engineering. This study will:

- Evaluate track alignment options; identify locally-preferred alternatives
- Determine the type of trains to be used
- Develop ridership projections
- Prepare a conceptual operation plan (hours of operation, frequency of trains, number of stops, etc.)
- Evaluate and select station locations
- Develop conceptual land use and development plans for areas surrounding Oasis stations
- Determine community and public benefits
- Complete environmental studies
- Prepare construction and operation cost estimates
- Begin development of a financing plan

## PROJECT STATUS

The Oasis project's Tier 2 study began in 2010. To date, the project team has performed assessments of project corridor and facility conditions, identified possible rail vehicle technologies to be used on the line, and performed ridership projection studies. The team has also conducted environmental and demographic studies and economic modeling of the project corridor and has started the Station Area Planning process.

Currently, the Oasis team is working to identify preferred alternatives for the four Oasis route segments (see map on back), is completing further economic analyses and environmental studies, and is continuing Station Area Planning efforts. The Oasis Tier 2 study is scheduled to conclude in 2012.

## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT THROUGH STATION AREA PLANNING

The Station Area Planning (SAP) process identifies valuable opportunities to enhance and even create livable, sustainable districts and communities centered around rail transit stations. The process considers the current and future land use and economic development visions of the communities in which rail stations are located as well as those of the larger Eastern Corridor region. SAP can be used to reinforce and enhance existing neighborhoods; revitalize and redevelop by-passed properties and areas; and redefine or redirect new development and growth patterns around rail station locations.



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## PROPOSED RAIL STATIONS

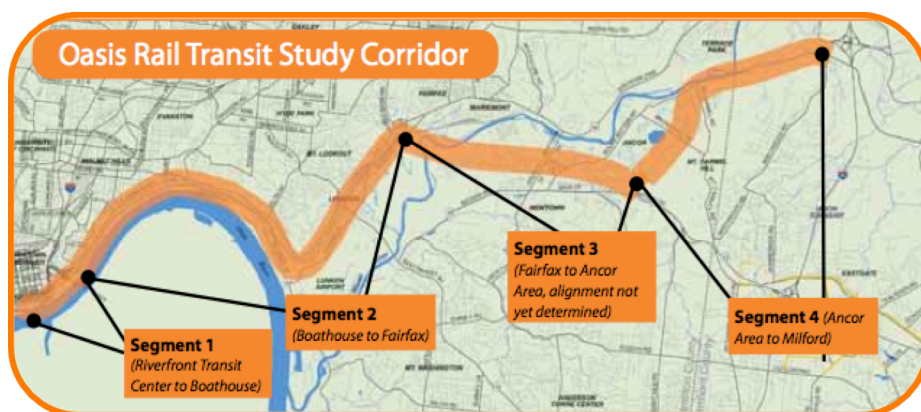
Ten possible station locations were identified in the 2005 Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). As part of current Tier 2 study efforts, these locations are being further evaluated and examined in detail:

- Riverfront Transit Center (*Downtown Cincinnati*)
- East Riverfront (*Adams Crossing area*)
- East End (*near Torrence Parkway*)
- Columbia Tusculum (*at Columbia Parkway and Delta Avenue*)
- Lunken Airport (*along Wilmer Avenue*)
- Beechmont Avenue (*at Wooster Pike*)
- Red Bank Road area (*south of Fairfax*)
- Newtown Area (*near Newtown Road*)
- Ancor/Broadwell Road Area (*slightly northeast of Newtown*)
- Milford (*near the I-275/US 50 interchange*)

Community input will be used to help determine which station locations will be advanced through the SAP process and selected for final design and construction. Input can be shared at public involvement meetings and submitted on the Eastern Corridor website, [www.EasternCorridor.org](http://www.EasternCorridor.org).

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public involvement has played a critical role in the planning and development of the Eastern Corridor Program. Public involvement will continue to be instrumental as the Oasis Transit project undergoes further evaluation and refinement. More information about public involvement opportunities is available at [www.EasternCorridor.org](http://www.EasternCorridor.org). Comments and questions can also be submitted at any time on the website under the Submit Feedback link.



## ABOUT THE EASTERN CORRIDOR PROGRAM

The Eastern Corridor is a program of integrated, multi-modal transportation investments. The Program will enhance our regional transportation network by improving travel and connections between central Cincinnati and the communities extending east through Hamilton County into western Clermont County. Program elements include improvements to existing road networks, new and expanded roadways, rail transit, expanded bus routes and improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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

- Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID)
- Clermont County Transportation Improvement District (CCTID)
- City of Cincinnati
- Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)
- Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA)
- Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)