

SR 32 Eastgate Area Improvements

Eastgate Boulevard to Olive Branch-Stonelick Road

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



Public Open House September 28, 2011

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 various conceptual 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

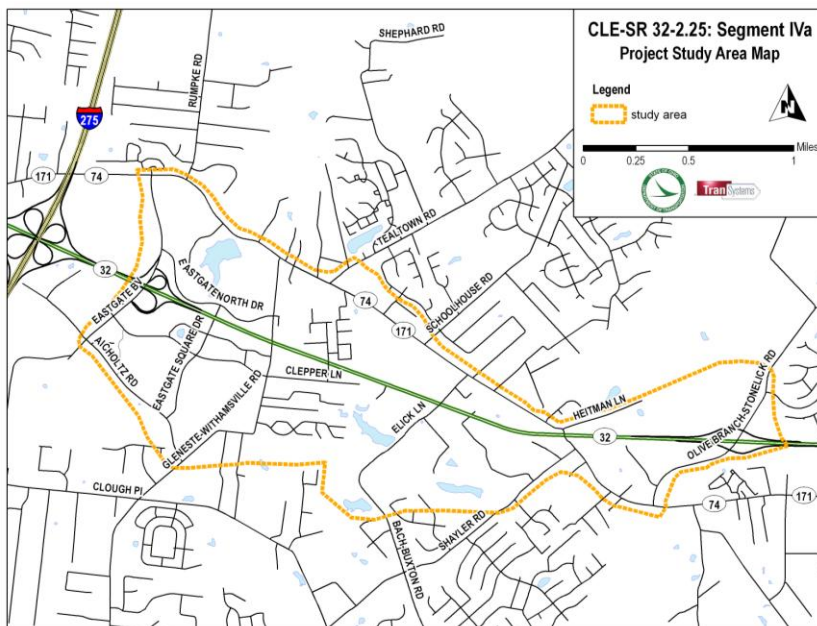
The current study is focused on SR 32 from the Eastgate Boulevard interchange to the Olive Branch-Stonelick Road interchange. Improvements to local roads or the construction of new local connectors may be included as part of the project. Therefore, the study area also includes areas north and south of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

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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.



Alternatives

Based on technical studies and public comment, five conceptual alternatives have been developed within the study area, including various locations for an interchange, overpasses, and various local network connections. These are as follows:

- **Alternative 1*** – Widen existing SR 32, including five through lanes, and added turn lanes at intersections.
- **Alternative 2** – Includes an interchange on SR 32 between Glen Este-Withamsville Road and the existing Elick Lane/Bach Buxton Road.
- **Alternative 3** – Includes an interchange on SR 32 interchange at the existing Elick Lane/Bach Buxton Road intersection.
- **Alternative 4** – Includes an interchange on SR 32 between the existing Elick Lane/Bach Buxton Road and Old SR 74.
- **Alternative 5** – No Build (do nothing alternative).

* Alternative 1 is not being recommended for further study.

Next Steps

The project team will collect public comments and continue to refine the alternatives. Additional design detail will be completed as well as environmental fieldwork and resource agency coordination. Expect another public involvement meeting sometime in 2012 to share the results of these studies and obtain your feedback on a preferred alternative.

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 conceptual alternatives presented at the public meeting? Do you prefer one alternative over another? 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 **October 26, 2011** to:

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Materials are available on the ODOT website, via a link at:
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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Spring 2009

Funding Identified and Programmed
thru TRAC

Spring 2010

ODOT Assembles Consultant Team
and Implementation Committee

Fall 2010 – Fall 2011

Technical Studies Conducted
and Alternatives Developed

Fall 2011 – Fall 2012

Preliminary Design
and Environmental Approvals

2013

Right-of-Way Acquisition Process

2014-2015

Project Construction