

What is the Eastern Corridor?

- Multimodal transportation improvement program from downtown Cincinnati to east suburbs
- Highway, rail transit, expanded bus, bikeway and local network improvements
- Integrates land use, economic development and environmental stewardship

Why is the project needed?

- Limited mode choice in Greater Cincinnati with travel dominated by automobiles
- Traffic volumes on existing roadway network in excess of capacity
- Heavy congestion, long delays and high accident rates during peak travel times
- Poor connectivity to downtown Cincinnati from the east
- Inefficient movement of people and goods due to travel delays and poor connections

What's already been completed?

- Comprehensive evaluation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Tiered NEPA approach
- Tier 1 ROD completed in 2006 identified multimodal plan for further evaluation
- Context sensitive framework for environmental protection
- Local land use and green infrastructure framework

Eastern Corridor Milestones

Major Investment Study 2000	0
Land Use Vision Plan 2002	2
Tier 1 Draft EIS2004	4
Tier 1 Final EIS 200	5
Green Infrastructure Plan 200	5
Tier 1 Record of Decision200	6

What is the current work about?

- Tier 2 study administered by ODOT in cooperation with FHWA, FTA, Hamilton County, Clermont County, City of Cincinnati, SORTA/Metro and OKI
- Four projects in progress:
 - Red Bank Corridor capacity and access improvements from I-71 to US 50
 - Relocated SR 32 controlled access highway from US 50 to I-275 in Eastgate
 - SR 32 Eastgate new capacity on SR 32 in western Clermont County
 - Oasis Rail Transit new rail transit from Cincinnati Riverfront to Milford
- More detailed project studies to help identify a preferred alternative
- Coordination with other local projects (expanded bus transit, bikeways and local roads)
- Long-term public and private investment framework

For more information about the Eastern Corridor multimodal program and the four projects that are currently underway, please visit the updated project web site at <u>www.easterncorridor.org</u>