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EASTERN CORRIDOR UPDATE

CINCINNATI - JULY 2015: HOT DOGS, MLB ALL-STAR GAME & OASIS PASSENGER RAIL

Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District
Passes Resolution to bring rail service to Cincinnati in
time for MLB's
All-Star Game in 2015

Cincinnati (February 25, 2013) - Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune introduced a resolution at Monday's Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District (HCTID) meeting to make passenger rail service a reality in Cincinnati by the 2015 MLB All-Star Game. The resolution passed unanimously.

"We have an extraordinary opportunity to extend the dynamic transformation that is already happening along our riverfront by bringing passenger rail service - and all of the economic and community benefits that come with it - to Greater Cincinnati," said Portune. "This resolution today is a clear and formal indication that this board will do everything in its power to make rail service a reality within the next two years."

During a regular meeting of the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District, board members challenged the region to get behind implementation of the Oasis Rail Transit project, part of the Eastern Corridor Program of multi-modal transportation improvement projects, to make it operational by July 2015 - in time for the Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Great American Ball Park.

"For the first time since 1988, Cincinnati will host Major League Baseball's All-Star Game," Portune, who is also chair of the HCTID, continued. "What a great opportunity to showcase our newly-revitalized riverfront and unveil our new state-of-the-art transit system while we have the national stage for the All-Star Game."

The Oasis Rail Transit line will be the first leg of a new regional rail system being planned now for the Greater Cincinnati region. Oasis will provide a new, much-needed transportation alternative for the Eastern Corridor area and will move 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 be a catalyst for what urban planners call Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) - compact, mixed-use community spaces that integrate housing, office, retail, entertainment and other amenities into walkable neighborhoods centered around transit stations.

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