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ODOT Releases Preferred Alternative Implementation Plan for Red Bank Corridor

Plan outlines recommendations for moving forward and next steps

The Ohio Department of Transportation has released to the public recommendations for the Red Bank Corridor, a core project of the Eastern Corridor Program. The Preferred Alternative Implementation Plan, which outlines proposed roadway network improvements for the Red Bank Corridor, was developed in close coordination with local community, business and school representatives, interest groups and other area stakeholders.

The document is posted on the <u>Red Bank</u> <u>Corridor Project Documents</u> page of the Eastern Corridor website.

Included in the Plan is a summary of decisions made to date related to improvements in the project area, proposed components and steps

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needed to move forward. Additional studies will be conducted in upcoming months to further refine project components along with associated benefits and impacts.

Proposed improvements include:

Component 1: Reconstruct Old Red Bank Road, from Red Bank Drive to Red Bank Expressway

- Construct a new bridge over the Indiana & Ohio Railroad
- Maintain existing access points to Old Red Bank Road, including Tompkins Avenue and new connections with Hetzel Street
- Include accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians as appropriate

Component 2: Reconstruct Hetzel Street from Red Bank Expressway to Old Red Bank Road

- Relocate a portion of the City of Cincinnati Dunbar Public Services Center
- Include sidewalks and bicycle accommodations as appropriate

Component 3: Extend Babson Place to Red Bank Expressway at existing location of Hetzel Street

- Remove existing right-in, right-out access on Red Bank Expressway north of this intersection
- Maintain parking and access to Red Bank Plaza and Medvet
- When combined with Component 2, this connection will provide alternate access to and from Madison Road

Component 4: Reconstruct and realign intersection of Brotherton, Erie and Murray Avenues

- Relocate southern terminus of Old Red Bank Road to Erie Avenue from Red Bank Expressway
- Evaluate consolidation of intersections
- Provide accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians as appropriate

Component 5: Further evaluate a potential extension of Duck Creek Road to Madison Road near the intersection of Medpace Way in coordination with local stakeholders

- Minimize impacts to John P. Parker Elementary School property
- Modify intersection of Red Bank Expressway and Duck Creek Road for new four-legged configuration

Mainline Improvements to Red Bank Expressway: Widen Red Bank Expressway between I-71 and Hetzel Street

- Add an additional through lane in each direction, with additional turn lanes as needed at Duck Creek Road and Madison Road
- Adjust access patterns to existing businesses and roadways as needed
- Maintain existing grades with minor adjustments
- Add full-width shoulders to Red Bank Expressway north of Duck Creek Road

Bike and Pedestrian Improvements: Incorporate accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians into mainline and local roadway network improvements

- Specific details to be developed as part of upcoming project development efforts
- An advisory bike/pedestrian subcommittee, which includes community representatives and stakeholders, is being formed to provide recommendations

It is anticipated that the first project components to be implemented will focus on local roadway network improvements which will enhance maintenance of traffic and provide system relief. All components need further evaluation to ensure that each is properly designed relative to their influences on each other and the overall network.

This recommended program is dependent upon the availability of funding for construction. During upcoming months, project sponsors will be working to determine funding sources that best fit with the needs and goals of the community.

The recommended Red Bank Corridor project components are the result of much hard work and involvement by many dedicated individuals. Further studies, project development and community involvement will continue as part of the on-going effort to develop a transportation system for the Red Bank Corridor and adjoining communities that will support the area's current and future transportation needs.

More information about the components and maps illustrating each is provided in the Plan and its appendices. Additional information about the Red Bank Corridor project is

available at www.EasternCorridor.org. Questions about the Red Bank Corridor project can be submitted to Keith Smith, ODOT District 8 at Keith.Smith@dot.state.oh.us or (513) 933-6590.